

through a variety of mechanisms, including public meetings, electronic communication, and creation of a Trustee-wide public Web site and database to share information and receive public project submissions. The Trustees are considering a broad array of potential early restoration projects. Their key objective in pursuing early restoration is to secure tangible recovery of natural resources and natural resource services for the public's benefit while the longer-term process of fully assessing injury and damages is still underway. As the first step in this accelerated process, the Trustees are first proposing eight projects as set forth in this Phase I Draft Early Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment (DERP/EA) in accordance with OPA and NEPA. The projects proposed in this plan are not intended to, and do not fully, address all injuries caused by the spill or provide the extent of restoration needed to satisfy claims against BP.

In keeping with the Framework Agreement, the DERP/EA includes an estimate of the gains anticipated to result from each project, referred to as "Natural Resource Damage Offsets" (NRD Offsets). These NRD Offsets were identified consistent with the terms of the Framework Agreement. If these projects are approved, at the end of the NRDA process, the Trustees would credit these NRD Offsets generated by these early restoration projects towards the total restoration credits required based on the completed injury assessment. Further comprehensive restoration will still be required to fully compensate the public for natural resource losses from the oil spill.

Overview of the Phase 1 DERP/EA

Draft Early Restoration Plan Alternatives, Including Proposed Alternative

The DERP/EA describes two early restoration alternatives: No Action—Natural Recovery (required for consideration by OPA) and Proposed Action—Proposed Early Restoration Projects. Under the No Action alternative, the trustees would not implement early restoration projects as described in this DERP/EA. Rather, the trustees would rely, for the time being, solely on natural recovery processes to restore natural resources to their pre-spill conditions and would undertake no early actions to accelerate recovery or to help address interim resource losses.

Under the Proposed Action, the Trustees are considering eight projects that meet the selection criteria as described in the DERP/EA.

Proposed Action—Proposed Early Restoration Projects

The proposed projects are intended to provide services that will benefit injured marshes, coastal dune habitats, nearshore sediments, oysters, and human uses (on water recreation). Each of these projects provides benefits to natural resources and their services injured by the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill. The proposed projects are: (1) Lake Hermitage Marsh Creation, Louisiana; (2) Louisiana Oyster Cultch Project; (3) Mississippi Oyster Cultch Restoration; (4) Mississippi Artificial Reef Habitat; (5) Marsh Island (Portersville Bay, Alabama) Marsh Creation; (6) Alabama Dune Restoration Cooperative Project; (7) Florida Boat Ramp Enhancement Cooperative Project; (8) Florida Dune Restoration.

Next Step

After the public comment period ends, we will analyze and address the comments. After close of the public comment period, the Trustees will consider all input received before a Phase I Early Restoration Plan is finalized. As described above, a series of public meetings are scheduled to facilitate the public review and comment process. Upon completion of the Phase I Early Restoration Plan, negotiations with BP will be completed and approved projects will proceed to implementation, pending compliance with all applicable state and federal laws.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment including your personal identifying information, may be publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Administrative Record

The documents comprising the Administrative Record can be viewed electronically at the following location: <http://www.doi.gov/deepwaterhorizon>.

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Authority

The authority of this action is the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (33 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*), the implementing Natural Resource Damage Assessment

regulations found at 15 CFR Part 990, and the Framework Agreement for Addressing Injuries Resulting from the *Deepwater Horizon* Oil Spill.

Cynthia K. Dohner,

DOI Authorized Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Renewal of Agency Information Collection for the Bureau of Indian Education Adult Education Program; Request for Comments

AGENCIES: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of submission to OMB.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for renewal for the collection of information for the Adult Education Program. The information collection is currently authorized by OMB Control Number 1076–0120, which expires December 31, 2011.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before *January 17, 2012*.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the information collection to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at the Office of Management and Budget, by facsimile to (202) 395–5806 or you may send an email to: OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov. Please send a copy of your comments to Brandi Sweet, Bureau of Indian Education, 1849 C Street NW., MS–4141, Washington, DC 20240, fax (202) 208–3312; email: Brandi.Sweet@bie.edu.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brandi Sweet, Bureau of Indian Education, at (202) 208–5504. You may review the ICR online at <http://www.reginfo.gov>. Follow the instructions to review Department of the Interior collections under review by OMB.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) is seeking renewal of the approval for the information collection conducted under 25 CFR part 46 to manage program resources and for fiscal accountability and appropriate direct services documentation. Approval for this collection expires on December 31, 2011. This information includes an

annual report form. Minor changes were made to the form and instructions to provide respondents clear and concise instructions consistent with the annual report form. No changes are being made to the approved burden hours for this information collection. BIE published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** on August 23, 2011. (76 FR 52687). No comments were received in response to that notice.

II. Request for Comments

The BIE requests that you send your comments on this collection to the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Your comments should address: (a) The necessity of the information collection for the proper performance of the agencies, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of our estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways we could enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents, such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that an agency may not sponsor or conduct, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it has a valid OMB Control Number. Approval for this collection expires December 31, 2011. Response to the information collection is required to obtain a benefit.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section during the hours of 9 a.m.—5 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday except for legal holidays. Before including your address, phone number, email address or other personally identifiable information, be advised that your entire comment—including your personally identifiable information—may be made public at any time. While you may request that we withhold your personally identifiable information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 1076–0120.

Title: Bureau of Indian Affairs Adult Education Program Annual Report Form.

Brief Description of Collection:

Submission of this information allows BIE to manage program resources, for fiscal accountability and appropriate direct services documentation, and to prioritize programs. The information

helps manage the resources available to provide education opportunities for adult Indians and Alaska Natives to complete high school graduation requirements and gain new skills and knowledge for self-enhancement.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Individuals (Tribal Adult Education Program Administrators).

Number of Respondents: 70 per year, on average.

Total Number of Responses: 70 per year, on average.

Estimated Time per Response: 4 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost Burden to Respondents: \$200.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 280.

Dated: December 9, 2011.

Alvin Foster,

Assistant Director for Information Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Renewal of Agency Information Collection for the Bureau of Indian Education Information Collection Activities; Request for Comments

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) is seeking comments on renewal of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the collection of information for the Application for Admission to Haskell Indian Nations University (Haskell) and to Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI), authorized by OMB Control Number 1076–0114, the Student Transportation Form, authorized by OMB Control Number 1076–0134, and the Data Elements for Student Enrollment in Bureau-funded Schools, authorized by OMB Control Number 1076–0122. These information collections expire March 30, 2012.

DATES: Submit comments on or before February 13, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the information collection to Brandi Sweet, Program Analyst, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Education, 1849 C Street NW.,

Washington, DC 20240; email: Brandi.Sweet@bie.edu.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brandi Sweet, Program Analyst, (202) 208–5504.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

These collections help support the educational efforts for American Indian and Alaska Native students from elementary through post-secondary levels. The collections help fulfill the trust responsibility of the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, as delegated under 25 U.S.C. 2 and 9, and 209 DM 8.

Application for Admission to Haskell & SIPI

The BIE is requesting renewal of OMB approval for the admission forms for Haskell and SIPI. These admission forms are used in determining program eligibility of American Indian and Alaska Native students for educational services. These forms are utilized pursuant to the Blood Quantum Act, Public Law 99–228; the Snyder Act, Chapter 115, Public Law 67–85; and, the Indian Appropriations of the 48th Congress, Chapter 180, page 91, For Support of Schools, July 4, 1884.

Student Transportation Form

The BIE is requesting renewal of OMB approval for the Student Transportation Form. The Student Transportation regulations in 25 CFR part 39, subpart G, contain the program eligibility and criteria that govern the allocation of transportation funds. Information collected from the schools will be used to determine the rate per mile. The information collection provides transportation mileage for Bureau-funded schools, which determines the allocation of transportation funds.

Data Elements for Student Enrollment in Bureau-funded Schools

The BIE is requesting renewal of OMB approval for the Student Enrollment Application in Bureau-funded Schools. School registrars collect information on this form to determine the student's eligibility for enrollment in a Bureau-funded school, and if eligible, is shared with appropriate school officials to identify the student's base and supplemental educational and/or residential program needs. The BIE compiles the information into a national database to facilitate budget requests and the allocation of congressionally appropriated funds.