Environmental Assessment for the Pine Ridge Fire

This temporary closure affects public lands burned in the Pine Ridge Fire northeast of Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado. The public lands within the temporary closure are administered by the BLM, Grand Junction Field Office. The northern boundary of the temporary closure is located at Route 7729A; the western boundary of the temporary closure is located approximately 8 miles west of De Beque, Colorado; the eastern boundary of the temporary closure is located at Interstate 70 and the Colorado River; and the southern boundary of the temporary closure is located at Cottonwood Creek. The legal description of the affected lands is:

Colorado, Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 9 S., R. 97 W., Sections 18, 19, and 30; T. 9 S., R. 96 W., Sections 13 to 36, inclusive; T. 10 S., R. 98 W., Sections 1 to 3, inclusive; T. 9 S., R. 99 W., Sections 25 and 36.

This temporary closure is necessary due to the severe intensity of the Pine Ridge Fire. The fire destroyed much of the natural vegetation that held soils in place. A temporary closure of public land to vehicle and foot traffic within the burned area is necessary to stabilize soils, prevent erosion and protect public health and safety. The BLM spread a quick germinating, hybrid annual seed and plans to disperse native species seeds in the affected area. The dispersed seeds need to be undisturbed to create root structure and stabilize soils. Soil erosion prevention, re-seeding operations and damage surveys are required for successful stabilization and rehabilitation of the burn area. Public use of the burned area will hamper these efforts and delay rehabilitation.

The BLM will post closure signs at main entry points to the temporary closure area. The closure notice will be posted in the Grand Junction Field Office along with maps of the affected area and other documents associated with this closure including the Environmental Assessment for the Pine Ridge Fire (DOI–BLM–CO–130–2012–0048–EA). Under the authority of Section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733(a)), 43 CFR 8360.0–7 and 43 CFR 8364.1, the BLM will enforce the following rule on public land affected by the Pine Ridge Fire described as follows: You must not enter the Pine Ridge Fire Temporary Closure Area by any means of transportation, including by vehicle or foot.

The following persons are exempt from this order: Federal, state, and local officers and employees in the performance of their official duties; members of organized rescue or firefighting forces in the performance of their official duties; and persons with written authorization from the BLM. Any person who violates the above rule(s) and/or restriction(s) may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than $1,000, imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.

Helen M. Hankins,
BLM Colorado State Director.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing that the information collection request for its General provisions has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. This information collection request describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost.

DATES: OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection request but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB by December 10, 2012, in order to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Department of the Interior Desk Officer, via email at OIRA submission@omb.eop.gov, or by facsimile to (202) 395–5806. Also, please send a copy of your comments to John Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave NW., Room 203—SIB, Washington, DC 20240, or electronically to JTrelease@osmre.gov. Please reference 1029–0094 in your correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To receive a copy of the information collection request, contact John Trelease at (202) 208–2783. You may also contact Mr. Trelease at JTrelease@osmre.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities [see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)]. OSM has submitted the request to OMB to renew its approval for the collection of information found at 30 CFR part 700. OSM is requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this collection of information is 1029–0094, and may be found in OSM’s regulations at 30 CFR 700.10. Individuals are required to respond to obtain a benefit. As required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), a Federal Register notice soliciting comments on this collection was published on August 2, 2012 (77 FR 46121). No comments were received. This notice provides the public with an additional 30 days in which to comment on the following information collection activity:

Title: 30 CFR Part 700—General.
OMB Control Number: 1029–0094.
Summary: The information establishes procedures and requirements for terminating jurisdiction of surface coal mining and reclamation operations, petitions for rulemaking, and citizen suits filed under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. 

Bureau Form Number: None.
Frequency of Collection: Once.
Description of Respondents: State and Tribal regulatory authorities, private citizens and citizen groups, and surface coal mining companies.

Total Annual Responses: 3.
Total Annual Burden Hours: 50 hours.
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[OMB Number 1190–NEW]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested: Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices (OSC), Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice OSC Charge Form

ACTION: 60-Day Notice.

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Civil Rights Division, will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for “sixty days” until January 7, 2013. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

If you have comments especially on the estimated burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Seema Nanda, Deputy Special Counsel, USDOT–CRT–OSC, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW–NAY, Washington, DC 20530.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

—Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
—Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
—Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
—Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) Type of Information Collection: Extension of a currently approved collection.
(2) Title of the Form/Collection: OSC Charge Form.
(3) Agency form number: [Form OSC–1].
(4) Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract: General Public. Information is used to find jurisdiction to investigate the alleged discrimination, to seek whether a referral to another agency is necessary and to provide information needed to initiate investigation of the charge. Respondents are individuals.
(5) An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond: It is estimated that 300 respondents will complete each form annually; each response will be completed in approximately 30 minutes.
(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: There is an estimated 2000 total annual burden hours associated with this collection.

If additional information is required contact: Jerri Murray, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, Suite 3W–1407B, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: November 5, 2012.

Jerri Murray, Department Clearance Officer, PRA, Department of Justice.

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