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Availability of Documents

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to: Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax (703) 358–2280.

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Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs
[DR.5B811.A000913]

Renewal of Agency Information Collection for Tribal Energy Resource Agreements

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of submission to OMB.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs is seeking comments on the renewal of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the collection of information titled “Tribal Energy Resource Agreements” (TERAs) under the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development Office (IEED) authorized by OMB Control Number 1076–0167. This information collection expires June 30, 2013.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 22, 2013.

ADDRESS: 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_Submission@omb.eop.gov. Please send a copy of your comments to David Johnson, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, 1951 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 20–SIB, Washington, DC 20240; email DavidB.Johnson@bia.gov or facsimile: (202) 208–4564.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Johnson, (202) 208–3026. You may review the information collection request 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 Energy Policy Act of 2005, 25 U.S.C. 3504 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to approve individual Tribal Energy Resource Agreements (TERAs). The intent of these agreements is to promote tribal oversight and management of energy resource development on tribal lands and further the goal of Indian self-determination. A TERA offers a tribe an alternative for development of energy-related business agreements and awarding leases and granting rights-of-way for energy facilities without having to obtain further approval from the Secretary.

This information collection conducted under TERA regulations at 25 CFR part 224 will allow IEED to determine the capacity of tribes to manage the development of energy resources on tribal lands. Information collection:

• Enables IEED to engage in a consultation process with tribes that is designed to foster optimal pre-planning of development proposals and speed up the review and approval process for TERA agreements;
• Provides wide public notice and opportunity for review of TERA agreements by the public, industry, and government agencies;
• Ensures that the public has an avenue for review of the performance of tribes in implementing a TERA;
• Creates a process for preventing damage to sensitive resources as well as ensuring that the public has fully communicated with the tribe in the petition process;
• Ensures that a tribe is fully aware of any attempt by the Department of the Interior to resume management authority over energy resources on tribal lands; and
• Ensures that the tribal government fully endorses any relinquishment of a TERA.

II. Request for Comments

The BIA requests your comments on this collection concerning: (a) The necessity of this information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the agency’s 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.
Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the ADDRESSES section. Before including your address, phone number, email address or other personally identifiable information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made 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.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 1076–0167.

Title: Tribal Energy Resource Agreements, 25 CFR 224.

Brief Description of Collection: Submission of this information is required for Indian tribes to apply for, implement, reauthorize, or rescind a TERA that has been entered into in accordance with the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and 25 CFR part 224. This collection also requires the tribe to notify the public of certain actions. A response is required to obtain a benefit.

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

Respondents: Federally recognized Indian tribes.

Number of Respondents: 14.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Time per Response: Ranges from 32 hours to 1,080 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 10,752 hours.

Estimated Total Non-hour Cost Burden: $48,200.

Dated: June 17, 2013.

John Ashley,
Acting Assistant Director for Information Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

[DR.SC611.IA003213]

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Strategies To Benefit Native Species by Reducing the Abundance of Lake Trout in Flathead Lake, Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as the lead Federal agency, with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation as a Cooperating Agency, intends to file a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) titled: Proposed Strategies to Benefit Native Species by Reducing the Abundance of Lake Trout in Flathead Lake, Montana. This notice also announces that the DEIS is now available for public review and that a public meeting will be held to solicit comments on the draft document.

DATES: The date and location of the public meeting will be published 15 days prior to the meeting in the following local newspapers: The Lake County Leader, the Daily Interlake, the Flathead Beacon, the Valley Journal, the Missoulian, and on the following Web site: www.mackdays.com. Written comments on the DEIS must arrive 45 days after EPA publishes its Notice of Availability in the Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: You may mail, email, hand carry, or telefax written comments to Mr. Les Evarts, Fisheries Program Manager, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, P.O. Box 278, Pablo, Montana 59855; fax (406) 883–2848; email lese@cskt.org. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for instructions on submitting comments and locations where the DEIS is available for review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barry Hansen, Fisheries Program Manager, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, P.O. Box 278, Pablo, Montana 59855; telephone (406) 883–2888, ext. 7282; email barryh@cskt.org.


Stakeholders from the Flathead Basin comprise an interdisciplinary team that includes Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Geological Survey, local fishing and anglers, Trout Unlimited, University of Montana, and Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. The team has met since 2010 to draft issues, develop alternatives, and analyze impacts.

The range of alternatives in the DEIS includes: No action (maintain the status quo of lake trout harvest from general harvest and fishing contests), reduce lake trout numbers to 25 percent of 2010 population levels, reduce lake trout numbers to 50 percent of 2010 population levels, and reduce lake trout numbers to 75 percent of 2010 population levels.

Proposed alternatives would employ a combination of tools to achieve proposed lake trout reduction targets such as general harvest, fishing contests, bounties, and targeted gill and trap netting. Proposed action alternatives would be implemented indefinitely into the future to achieve and maintain lake trout population reductions. Proposed action alternatives would include implementation and effectiveness monitoring so that harvest strategies can be adapted to future conditions, and would employ a range of methods to minimize by-catch mortality of non-target fish species. Annual lake trout harvest levels have been derived from an age-structured stochastic simulation model based on decades of local population data. Proposed annual harvests are 84,000 lake trout for 25 percent reduction, 112,000 lake trout for 50 percent reduction, and 143,000 lake trout for 75 percent reduction.

Issues addressed in the DEIS include: (1) Biological resources (lake trout, bull trout, westslope cutthroat trout, lake whitefish, yellow perch, and invertebrates including Myysis shrimp); (2) fishing opportunity; and (3) fishing economy. Also addressed are cultural resources, grizzly bears, environmental justice and Indian trust resources.

Directions for Submitting Comments: Please include your name, return address and the caption “DEIS Comments, Proposed Strategies to Benefit Native Species by Reducing the Abundance of Lake Trout in Flathead Lake, Montana.”

Locations where the DEIS is Available for Review: The DEIS may be found on the following Web sites: www.mackdays.com under the DEIS Tab and www.flatheadlakeeis.net. Hard copies of the document will be available for viewing at the office of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Fisheries Program located at 418 6th Ave. E, Polson, Montana. Individual paper copies of the DEIS will be provided upon payment of applicable printing costs and an additional fee for the number of copies requested. To obtain a compact disk of the DEIS please provide your

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