

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.

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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 personal identifying 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: 1076–0185.

Title: Tribal Education Department Grant Program.

Brief Description of Collection: The Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Indian Education, may solicit grant proposals from Federally-recognized tribes and their Tribal Education Departments (TEDs) for projects defined under 25 U.S.C. 2020. These funds are necessary to assist TEDs to improve educational outcomes for students and improve efficiencies and effectiveness by planning and coordinating all educational programs for Bureau-funded schools for the respondent to receive or maintain a benefit.

Type of Review: Revision to a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Federally-recognized tribes and their Tribal Education Departments (TEDs).

Number of Respondents: 13.

Total Number of Responses: 63.

Frequency of Response: One time proposal submission, quarterly, and annual reports.

Obligation to Respond: Response required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Estimated Time per Response: One time proposal submission is 111 hours, 1 hour to prepare a quarterly report, and 2 hours to prepare an annual report.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 1,503 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Non-Hour Dollar Cost: \$5,359.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Renewal of Agency Information Collection for Leases and Permits

AGENCY: 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 Affairs (BIA) is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for approval for the collection of information for Leases and Permits. The information collection is currently authorized by OMB Control Number 1076–0155, which expires November 30, 2015.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 30, 2015.

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_Submission@omb.eop.gov*. Please send a copy of your comments to: Ms. Sharlene Round Face, Office of Trust Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street NW., Mailstop 3642—MIB, Washington, DC 20240; email: *Sharlene.Roundface@bia.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sharlene Round Face, Office of Trust Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street NW., Mailstop 3642—MIB, Washington, DC 20240; email: *Sharlene.Roundface@bia.gov*. 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 Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is seeking renewal of the approval for

information collection conducted under 25 CFR 162, Leases and Permits, for the review and approval of leases and permits on land the United States holds in trust or restricted status for individual Indians and Indian Tribes. This information collection allows BIA to review applications for leases and permits, modifications, and assignments, and to determine:

- (a) Whether or not a lease may be approved or granted;
- (b) The value of each lease;
- (c) The appropriate compensation to landowners; and
- (d) Provisions for violations of trespass.

A response is required to obtain or retain a benefit.

II. Request for Comments

On September 14, 2015, BIA published a notice announcing the renewal of this information collection and provided a 60-day comment period in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 55146). There were no comments received in response to this notice.

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.

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III. Data

OMB Control Number: 1076–0155.

Title: Leases and Permits, 25 CFR 162.

Brief Description of Collection: Generally trust and restricted land may be leased by Indian land owners, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, except when specified by statute. Submission of this information allows BIA to review applications for obtaining, modifying and assigning leases and permits of land that the United States holds in trust or restricted status for individual Indians and Indian Tribes. The information is used to determine approval of a lease, amendment, assignment, sublease, mortgage or related document. A response is required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Individual Indians and Indian Tribes seeking to lease their trust or restricted land and businesses that lease trust and restricted land.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 99,340.

Frequency of Response: In general, once per approval per lease. Some collections occur upon request for modification or assignment or upon a trespass violation, which occur, on average, fewer than once per lease. Additionally, rent payments occur, on average, once per month.

Obligation To Respond: Response required to obtain a benefit.

Estimated Time per Response: Ranges from 15 minutes to 3 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 82,913 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Non-Hour Dollar Cost: \$1,813,000.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Copper Flat Copper Mine Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Sierra County, NM

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft

EIS) for the Copper Flat Copper Mine and by this notice is announcing the opening of the comment period.

DATES: To ensure comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Copper Flat Copper Mine Draft EIS within 45 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will announce future meetings or hearings and any other public involvement activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media releases, and/or mailings.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments related to the Copper Flat Copper Mine by any of the following methods:

- *Email:*

BLM NM LCDO Comments@blm.gov.

- *Fax:* (575) 525-4412.

- *Mail:* BLM Las Cruces District Office, Attention: Doug Haywood, 1800 Marquess Street, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

Copies of the Copper Flat Copper Mine Draft EIS are available at the Las Cruces District Office at the above address and public libraries in Hillsboro, New Mexico, at 158 Elenora Street, and Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, at 325 Library Lane. The Draft EIS and supporting documents are also available electronically on the Copper Flat Project (Project) Web site at: www.blm.gov/nm/copperflateis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Doug Haywood, telephone (575) 525-4498; address 1800 Marquess Street, Las Cruces, NM 88005; email dhaywood@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Copper Flat Copper Mine is the proposed reestablishment of a poly-metallic mine and processing facility located near Hillsboro, New Mexico, that would produce copper, gold, silver, and molybdenum. The Proposed Action is to approve the Project as proposed, consisting of an open pit mine, flotation mill, tailings impoundment, waste rock disposal areas, a low-grade ore stockpile, and ancillary facilities. In most respects, the facilities, disturbance, and operations would be similar to the former operation. The Project is owned and operated by the New Mexico Copper Corporation (Copper Corporation), a wholly owned subsidiary of THEMAC

Resources Group Limited. The Project is comprised of 963 acres (841 acres of proposed disturbance and 122 acres undisturbed) of private land and 1,227 acres (745 acres of proposed disturbance and 482 acres undisturbed) of public land, for a total of 2,190 acres. The proposed mining plan of operations was submitted by the Copper Corporation to the BLM in June 2011 and is based upon the plan of development that Quintana Mineral Corporation used in the previous operation of Copper Flat mining activities in 1982. The Project includes upgrades and modifications based on current engineering designs and regulations and was intentionally developed to re-use the existing foundations, production wells, and water pipeline that were employed by the previous Quintana operation. Four Alternatives are analyzed: No Action, Proposed Action, Alternative A, and Alternative B. The Preferred Alternative (Alternative B) is different than the Proposed Action in that ore would be processed at a faster rate, therefore shortening the mine life of the Project.

Under the Proposed Action, the BLM would approve the Copper Corporation's plan to process 17,500 tons per day of copper ore over a mine operations period of 16 years, resulting in 100 million tons of ore processed over the mine life. Alternative A would process 25,000 tons per day of copper ore over a mine operations period of 11 years, resulting in 103 million tons of ore processed over the mine life. Alternative B would process 30,000 tons per day of copper ore over a mine operations period of 12 years, resulting in 125 million tons of ore processed over the mine life.

Mitigation of impacts are proposed in the mining plan of operations for reducing water quality effects; reducing the effects of the spread of nonnative vegetation and noxious weeds; providing protection to special-status bird species; pre-development surveying for bat species; developing measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate the adverse effects to historic properties; reducing adverse impacts on historic properties; informational signing for mining as a resource to reduce visual impacts; fencing to prevent injury or loss of livestock from mining operations; reducing "boom and bust" socioeconomic impacts; reducing public concerns about potential company bankruptcy; and reducing effects to environmental justice populations.

The scoping period began on January 9, 2012, and ended on March 9, 2012. Scoping meetings were held in Hillsboro and Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, on February 22 and 23,