DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
[Docket No. FR–7001–N–45]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Energy and Performance Information Center (EPIC)

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD submitted the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 30 days of public comment.

DATES: Comments Due Date: September 19, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax:202–395–5806, Email: OIRA Submission@omb.eop.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QMAC, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; email Colette.Pollard@hud.gov, or telephone 202–402–3400. This is not a toll-free number. Person with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A. The Federal Register notice that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 60 days was published on April 19, 2018 83 FR 17424.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Energy and Performance Information Center (EPIC).

OMB Approved Number: 2577–0274.

Type of Request: Revision of currently approved collection.

Form Number: N/A—all information collected electronically

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The EPIC data system automates the previous paper collection of the five-year plan and annual statement forms from grantees. These are required forms were collected in hard copy on Forms HUD 50075.1 and HUD 50075.2 under collection OMB control number 2577–0157. These forms also collect data on the eventual, actual use of funds; this data will be gradually collected electronically through the EPIC data system as well. Electronic collection will enable the Department to aggregate information about the way grantees are using Federal funding. Additionally, PHA grantees will be able to submit Replacement Housing Factor fund plans, the mechanism by which PHAs are allowed to accumulate special funds received based on units removed from the inventory from year to year. This information is presently collected in hard copy at the field office level; the EPIC data system will automate and centralize this collection in order to streamline the process and improve transparency. Furthermore, the EPIC data system will be loaded with Physical Needs Assessment (“PNA”) data. This data being in the system coupled with the electronic planning process will streamline grantee planning. The EPIC data system will collect information about the Energy Performance Contract (“EPC”) process, including the energy efficiency improvements. As the Department moves to shrink its energy footprint in spite of rising energy costs, clear and comprehensive data on this process will be crucial to its success. Tracking of the use of Federal funds paid through the Public Housing Capital Fund, the only Federal funding stream dedicated to the capital needs of the nation’s last resort housing option, is crucial to understanding how the Department can properly and efficiently assist grantees in meeting this goal as well as assessing the Department’s own progress. The EPIC data system will track development of public housing with Federal funds and through other means, including mixed-finance development.

Respondents (i.e., affected public): Members of Affected Public: State, Local or Local Governments and Non-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,950.

Estimated Number of Responses: 22,149.78.

Frequency of Response: 7.5084.

Average Hours per Response: 1.83724.

Total Estimated Burdens: 40,694.46 hours.

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) 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;

(2) The accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond: Including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.


Dated: August 8, 2018.

Colette Pollard,
Department Reports Management Office, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the approved Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Recreational Target Shooting in the Sonoran Desert National Monument (SDNM) in Arizona.

DATES: This decision became operative on March 5, 2018.

ADDRESSES: The complete text of the ROD, along with the EIS and supporting
documents, is available on the BLM website at https://go.usa.gov/xnFJm. Copies of the ROD for Recreational Target Shooting in the SDNM have been sent to affected Federal, State, and local government agencies and to other stakeholders, and are available for public inspection at Lower Sonoran Field Office 21605 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85027.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Darrel Wayne Monger, Monument Manager, telephone: 623–580–5683; address: Lower Sonoran Field Office, 21605 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85027; email: blm_az_sdnm@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. FRS 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 planning area covers nearly 496,400 surface acres of south-central Arizona and lies within Maricopa and Pinal Counties. Population centers adjacent to the planning area include metropolitan Phoenix, and the communities of Ajo, Goodyear, Buckeye, Gila Bend, Mobile, and Maricopa. The planning area encompasses Federal- and State-administered lands as well as private lands. The BLM’s authority is limited to BLM-managed public lands and federally-owned minerals within the planning area. The BLM manages 486,400 surface acres of public lands in the planning area, as well as 461,000 acres of (sub-surface) mineral estate. The State of Arizona manages 3,900 surface acres in the planning area, with the remaining 6,100 surface acres being privately owned land.

The BLM prepared the Proposed RMP Amendment/Final EIS to address management of recreational target shooting in the SDNM. The Proposed RMP Amendment/Final EIS was required to analyze recreational target shooting in the SDNM due to a ruling by the U.S. District Court-District of Arizona that vacated portions of the 2012 ROD, Approved RMP, and Final EIS related to recreational target shooting throughout the SDNM, and remanded the decision to the BLM for reconsideration. The Court also required the BLM to ensure the Final EIS analyzed mitigation measures and cumulative impacts consistent with the order, with a deadline of March 5, 2018, to issue the ROD. The BLM Arizona State Director signed the ROD on March 5, 2018.

The Proposed RMP Amendment/Final EIS evaluated five alternatives in detail, including the No Action Alternative (Alternative A) and four action alternatives (Alternatives B, C, D, and E), based on public input and on analysis of the impacts of each of the alternatives. The five alternatives ranged from making the entire monument available for target shooting to making the entire monument unavailable for target shooting. All alternatives required compliance with a hierarchy of mitigation that includes: (1) Avoiding impacts to the maximum extent compatible with the goals of the alternative; (2) Minimizing any impacts that are not avoidable; and (3) Providing a range of responses commensurate with the level of unavoidable impacts. Alternative C was the BLM’s proposed amendment. The Proposed RMP Amendment and Final EIS were published in the Federal Register on October 20, 2017 (84 FR 48847).

As a result of continued work with stakeholders and in response to comments from the public and cooperating agencies, the BLM determined that approximately 2,600 acres of additional land in the area is suitable for recreational target shooting. As such, the ROD approves a modified version of Alternative C, which identifies approximately 435,700 acres of land as available for recreational target shooting in the SDNM. The additional approximately 2,600 acres are located along the northern boundary of the SDNM within the Juan Bautista de Anza Recreation Management Zone, and were analyzed in Alternative A as available for recreational target shooting.

During the 30-day protest period, the BLM Director received five protest letters. All protests were resolved prior to issuance of the ROD.

No comments regarding potential inconsistencies with State and local plans, programs, and policies were received from the Governor’s Office during the Governor’s Consistency Review process.

(BLM) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. FRS 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: On May 11, 2017, the State filed an application (FF–97215) for an RDI pursuant to Section 315 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and the regulations contained in 43 CFR Subpart 1864 for the lands underlying the Fortymile River System.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Application for a Recordable Disclaimer of Interest for Lands Underlying the Fortymile River System, Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The State of Alaska (State) has filed an application with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for a Recordable Disclaimer of Interest (RDI) from the United States in those lands underlying the Fortymile River System located in the upper Yukon subregion, Alaska. The State asserts that the Fortymile River System was navigable and unreserved at the time of Alaska Statehood in 1959.

DATES: The BLM should receive all comments to this action on or before November 19, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by mail or email on the State of Alaska’s application for an RDI or on the BLM draft “Summary Report on Federal Interest in Lands underlying the Fortymile River System in Alaska.” (Report) To file comments by mail, send to: RDI Program Manager (AK–942), Division of Lands and Cadastral, BLM Alaska State Office, 222 West 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513. To submit comments by email, send to anichols@blm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angie Nichols, RDI Program Manager, 222 West 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513; 907–271–3359; anichols@blm.gov; or visit the BLM RDI website at https://www.blm.gov/basic/programs-lands-and-realty-alaska-rdi-fortymile-fortymile-river.

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