

(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.

### C. Authority

Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35.

Dated: December 19, 2019.

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*Department Reports Management Officer,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

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### Agency Information Collection Activities; Request for Comments; Department of the Interior Regional Climate Adaptation Science Centers

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) are proposing to renew an information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 3, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on this information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget's Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior by email at [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov); or via facsimile to (202) 395-5806. Please provide a copy of your comments to U.S. Geological Survey, Information Collections Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 159, Reston, VA 20192; or by email to [gs-info\\_collections@usgs.gov](mailto:gs-info_collections@usgs.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1028-0096 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Doug Beard, Chief of

the USGS National Climate Adaptation Science Center, by email at [dbeard@usgs.gov](mailto:dbeard@usgs.gov), or by telephone at 703-648-5212.

You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on October 17, 2019, 84 FR 55581. No comments were received.

We are again soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the USGS; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the USGS enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the USGS minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. 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.

**Abstract:** The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) manages eight Department of the Interior (DOI) Regional Climate Adaptation Science Centers (CASCs). Each CASC involves a cooperative agreement with a host institution. The host institution agreements are periodically re-competed, requiring collection of information from potential host institutions. In addition, this information collection addresses

quarterly and annual reporting required of host institutions.

**Title of Collection:** Department of the Interior Regional Climate Adaptation Science Centers.

**OMB Control Number:** 1028-0096.

**Form Number:** N/A.

**Type of Review:** Extension of currently approved collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:**

Institutions that are expected to propose to serve as CASC host or partner institutions include state, local government, and tribal entities, including academic institutions. Existing host institutions are state academic institutions.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:** USGS expects to request proposals for a maximum of three CASCs in any year, and to receive an average of 5 proposals per CASC-request, for a total of 15 proposals in any single year. The USGS expects to enter into hosting agreements with a minimum of eight CASC host institutions.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** The USGS would request quarterly financial statements and annual progress reports covering host agreements from eight institutions. In addition, the USGS expects to have in place approximately 40 cooperative agreements per year addressing specific research projects funded under these hosting agreements. Each of these 40 agreements requires quarterly financial statements and one annual progress report.

**Estimated Completion Time per Response:** Each proposal for CASC hosting is expected to take 200 hours to complete. The time required to complete quarterly and annual reports for any specific host cooperative agreement or research project agreement is expected to total 2.5 hours per report.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** A maximum of 3,120 hours in years when proposals are requested, and 120 hours in those years with only quarterly and annual reporting.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

**Frequency of Collection:** Information will be collected one time every five years (approximately) for each CASC, to enable re-competition of CASC hosting agreements. In addition, host institutions are required to fill four quarterly financial statements and one annual progress report.

**Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:** There are no "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this collection of information.

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 authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

**Thomas Beard,**

*Chief USGS, National Climate Adaptation Science Center.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Domestic Sheep Grazing Permit Renewals, Gunnison Field Office, Colorado

**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 Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Domestic Sheep Grazing Permit Renewals in the Gunnison Field Office and by this notice is announcing its availability.

**DATES:** The BLM will not issue a final decision on the proposal for a minimum of 30 days after the date that the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will issue a proposed decision, followed by a 15-day protest period and a 30-day appeal period for the final decision.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Final EIS for Domestic Sheep Grazing Permit Renewals are available for review at Gunnison Field Office, 210 West Spencer, Gunnison, CO 81230. Interested persons may also review the Final EIS on the internet at <https://go.usa.gov/xQTyQ>. Click the "Documents" link on the left side of the screen to find the electronic version of the document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kristi Murphy, Outdoor Recreation Planner, 970-642-4955; 210 West Spencer, Gunnison, CO 81230; email: [kmurphy@blm.gov](mailto:kmurphy@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 Ms. Murphy during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM Gunnison Field office is proposing to renew the permits on nine domestic sheep grazing allotments, totaling 65,710 acres in Gunnison, Hinsdale and Ouray counties in Colorado. In 2015, the BLM published a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS, initiating public scoping to identify issues through public participation and collaboration with partners. Initial scoping with internal staff, cooperating agencies, and the public identified the risk of contact and disease transmission between domestic sheep and Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep as the primary issue. Additional issues identified during scoping included potential impacts to threatened and endangered species, local and regional economics, cultural resources, Native American religious concerns, and public land health. The purpose of the action is to determine whether or not to authorize domestic sheep or goat grazing on nine BLM allotments, such that domestic sheep or goat grazing is in compliance with the Gunnison Resource Area Resource Management Plan, as amended, and BLM policy. The need for the action is to respond to permit applications for the nine allotments.

The BLM published a Notice of Availability on June 28, 2019, announcing the public comment period for the draft EIS (84 FR 31088). The draft EIS included alternatives that responded to the purpose and need, reduced the risk of contact and disease transmission, made progress in achieving land health standards, met objectives of the Canada Lynx Conservation Assessment and Strategy, and met the habitat and management guidelines of the Candidate Conservation Agreement for Gunnison Sage-Grouse and the draft Recovery Plan for Gunnison Sage-Grouse. The Draft EIS was available for a 45-day public comment period. The BLM hosted public meetings on July 17 and 18, 2019, in Montrose and Lake City, CO, respectively. The BLM received 31 comment submissions.

Alternatives analyzed in the EIS include the Proposed Action generated by the permittee applications. This alternative would provide grazing on nine allotments. Alternative B is the no-action alternative and would continue current management. Alternative C emphasizes a reduction in the risk of

contact between domestic sheep/goats and Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep by not authorizing domestic sheep/goat grazing in pastures that overlap with Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep summer range. Alternative D emphasizes reduction of risk by not authorizing domestic sheep/goat grazing in the overall range of Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep. Alternative E is the no-grazing alternative. The BLM completed a risk of contact model for each of the action alternatives to aid in analyzing the potential levels of sheep interaction.

The BLM did not identify a preferred alternative in the Draft EIS but has identified a preferred alternative in the Final EIS, as required by Council on Environmental Quality regulations. The BLM has identified Alternative C as the preferred alternative. Alternative C applies new Terms and Conditions and eliminates domestic sheep/goat grazing in Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep summer range, providing additional spatial and temporal separation of the species.

The BLM considered comments on the Draft EIS received from the public and internal BLM review, and made changes in the Final EIS as appropriate. Public comments resulted in the addition of clarifying text and correction of data discrepancies in the EIS, but did not significantly change the alternatives. (Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6, 40 CFR 1506.10)

**Jamie E. Connell,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

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#### Notice of Intent To Repatriate Cultural Items: State University of New York at Oswego, Oswego, NY

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The State University of New York at Oswego, in consultation with the appropriate Indian Tribes or Native Hawaiian organizations, has determined that the cultural items listed in this notice meet the definition of unassociated funerary objects. Lineal descendants or representatives of any Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization not identified in this notice that wish to claim these cultural items should submit a written request to the State University of New York at