

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Indian Affairs**

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Number 1076-0104]

**Agency Information Collection  
Activities; Submission to the Office of  
Management and Budget for Review  
and Approval; Federal  
Acknowledgment as an Indian Tribe,  
25 CFR 83**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs,  
Interior.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the  
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we,  
the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs  
(AS-IA) are proposing to renew an  
information collection with revisions.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to  
submit comments on or before  
November 8, 2021.

**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 R.  
Lee Fleming, Director, Office of Federal  
Acknowledgment, Assistant Secretary—  
Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street NW, MS-  
4071 MIB, Washington, DC 20240;  
facsimile: (202) 219-3008; email:  
[Lee.Fleming@bia.gov](mailto:Lee.Fleming@bia.gov). Please reference  
OMB Control Number 1076-0104 in the  
subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To  
request additional information about  
this ICR, contact R. Lee Fleming, (202)  
513-7650. You may also view the ICR  
at [http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/  
PRAMain](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 provides  
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 May 20,

2021 (86 FR 27464). 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  
AS-IA; (2) will this information be  
processed and used in a timely manner;  
(3) is the estimate of burden accurate;  
(4) how might the AS-IA enhance the  
quality, utility, and clarity of the  
information to be collected; and (5) how  
might the AS-IA 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:** Submission of this  
information allows the Office of Federal  
Acknowledgment (OFA), within the  
Office of the Assistant Secretary—  
Indian Affairs, to review groups'  
documented petitions for the Federal  
acknowledgment as an Indian tribe. The  
acknowledgment regulations at 25 CFR  
83 contain seven criteria that  
unrecognized groups seeking Federal  
acknowledgment as Indian tribes must  
demonstrate that they meet. Information  
collected from petitioning groups under  
these regulations provide  
anthropological, genealogical, and  
historical data used by the AS-IA to  
establish whether a petitioning group  
has the characteristics necessary to be  
acknowledged as a continuously  
existing Indian tribe. Federal  
acknowledgment establishes a  
government-to-government relationship  
with the United States. Respondents are  
not required to retain copies of the  
information submitted to OFA but will  
probably maintain copies for their own  
use; therefore, there is no recordkeeping  
requirement included in this  
information collection.

**Proposed Revisions to This Information  
Collection**

We are no longer planning to revise  
this information collection to include  
collections of information related to  
petitions for Federal acknowledgment

under 25 CFR part 82, for entities in  
Alaska that were not recognized as  
bands or Tribes before 1936, as stated in  
the proposed rule published in the  
**Federal Register** of January 2, 2020 (85  
FR 26902) and May 5, 2020 (85 FR  
26902).

**Title of Collection:** Federal  
Acknowledgment as an Indian Tribe, 25  
CFR 83.

**OMB Control Number:** 1076-0104.

**Form Number:** BIA-8304, BIA-8305,  
and BIA-8306.

**Type of Review:** Revision of a  
currently approved collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Groups  
petitioning for Federal acknowledgment  
as Indian Tribes.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual  
Respondents:** 1 per year, on average.

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Responses:** 1 per year, on average.

**Estimated Completion Time per  
Response:** 1,516 hours, on average.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual  
Burden Hours:** 1,516 hours.

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

**Frequency of Collection:** Once.

**Total Estimated Annual Nonhour  
Burden Cost:** \$2,100,000.

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.*)

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*Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs and  
Collaborative Action—Indian Affairs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey; New  
Mexico**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management,  
Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of official filing.

**SUMMARY:** The plats of survey of the  
following described lands are scheduled  
to be officially filed in the Bureau of  
Land Management (BLM), New Mexico  
State Office, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 30  
days after the date of this publication.  
The surveys announced in this notice  
are necessary for the management of  
lands administered by the agency  
indicated.