

(USGS) is proposing a new information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 7, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail 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–NEW—Flooding in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact John Warner by email at [jcwarner@usgs.gov](mailto:jcwarner@usgs.gov), or by telephone at 508–457–2237. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point of contact in the United States. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all information collections require approval. We may not conduct or sponsor, nor are you required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we invite the public and other Federal agencies 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.

We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

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

(4) How the agency might minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Abstract:** We will investigate social vulnerability to coastal-storm flooding in urban neighborhoods to assess inequities in the burden of flood risk. Recent flood disasters arising from severe coastal storms and hurricanes (*i.e.*, Hurricane Ida 2021) have demonstrated the critical importance of incorporating rainfall into assessments of coastal flood risk. Climate change is leading to both increasing rainfall intensity and higher water levels during floods, creating increased risk for residents of low-lying areas such as those living in basement apartments who are often low-income or from minority racial groups. We will collect data on vulnerability to flooding from rainfall and tidal flooding through interviews and household/small business surveys. Participants will be drawn from residents and businesses in the Jamaica Bay watershed in and around Brooklyn, New York, who have experienced rainfall and/or tidal flooding within the last four years. Interview participants will be identified through snowball sampling and contact with community leaders. We plan to interview or conduct focus group discussions (FGDs) with 20 residents and to interview 5 small business owners, with each interview or FGD lasting 1–2 hours. Participants will share their experiences, concerns, and responses to flooding events and risks. Interviews will be recorded and transcribed. Transcripts will then be analyzed using qualitative data analysis software such as Atlas.ti. We will survey 300 households and 150 small- to medium business owners, with each survey lasting about 30 minutes. We will select survey participants through stratified random sampling. We will use

regression analysis on the survey data to investigate indicators of vulnerability.

**Title of Collection:** Assessment of Flooding Impacts and Climate Inequities.

**OMB Control Number:** 1028–NEW.

**Form Number:** None.

**Type of Review:** New.

**Respondents/Affected Public:**

Residents and businesses in the Jamaica Bay watershed in and around Brooklyn, New York, who have experienced rainfall and/or tidal flooding during the last 4 years.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:** 475: 20 resident interviews or FGD participants, 5 small business interviews; 300 household surveys, 150 small business surveys.

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**Estimated Completion Time per Response:** 2 hours for resident interviews or FGDs, 1 hour or less for small business interviews, 0.5 hour for household surveys and 0.5 hours for small business surveys.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 270 Hours.

20 resident interviews/FGD × 2 hrs = 40 hrs

5 small business interviews × 1 hr = 5 hrs

300 household surveys × 0.5 hr = 150 hrs

150 small business surveys × 0.5 hr = 75 hrs

**Respondent's Obligation:** Voluntary.

**Frequency of Collection:** One time.

**Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:** None.

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The authority for this action is the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

**Jane Denny,**

*Acting Center Director, USGS Woods Hole Coastal and Marine Science Center.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

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### Assessment of Biodiversity and Climate Change; Request for Public Comment and Nomination

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) provides science to support the mission of the Department of the Interior. In the FY22 budget, Congress charged the USGS with developing an assessment of the linkages between biodiversity and climate change. The USGS, in collaboration with Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and Mexico's La Comisión Nacional para el Conocimiento y Uso de la Biodiversidad (CONABIO), and with assistance from the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation's John S. McCain III National Center for Environmental Conflict Resolution (National Center), will undertake a two-year (2023–2025) regional assessment of biodiversity and climate change, culminating in the first-ever assessment report addressing these two challenges together for the United States, Canada, Mexico, U.S. territories, and Freely Associated States. This notice announces the opportunity for the public to comment on the draft prospectus for the assessment, provide nominations for membership on the assessment authoring team (administered by the USGS), and provide expressions of interest in serving on the Biodiversity and Climate Change Assessment Guidance Committee (Guidance Committee) which will be convened by the National Center.

**DATES:**

- Comments regarding the draft prospectus must be submitted no later than July 7, 2023.
- Nominations for participation on the authoring team must be submitted no later than July 7, 2023.
- Expressions of interest or requests for additional information about the assessment Guidance Committee must be submitted no later than June 7, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** The draft prospectus may be viewed and downloaded electronically here: <https://contribute.globalchange.gov/>.

You may submit comments, nominations, an expression of interest, and/or a request for additional information, by any of the following methods: by email to [biodiversityclimatechange@usgs.gov](mailto:biodiversityclimatechange@usgs.gov) or through the portal at <https://contribute.globalchange.gov/>; or

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who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The assessment process and report production will be led by the USGS and will be authored by 130 scientists, policy experts, practitioners, and relevant knowledge-holders from government, universities, communities, and the private sector. Authoring-team roles include co-chairs, coordinating lead authors, lead authors, and review editors. The 35-member Guidance Committee, an independent, multidisciplinary stakeholder body with diverse policy and technical expertise, will be convened and facilitated by the National Center. Guidance Committee members will engage throughout the assessment process and report production to provide guidance and feedback regarding the policy relevance of the report content and ensure its messaging supports policymakers and other report audiences. The National Center will convene the Guidance Committee on a rolling basis, beginning early in the assessment process, to ensure that the Guidance Committee can provide multidisciplinary perspectives on the draft prospectus and assessment report drafts.

All authoring team and Guidance Committee members are expected to contribute meaningfully and substantially to the assessment process. The authoring team and Guidance Committee will comprise experts, knowledge-holders, and practitioners with experience in a number of areas, including (but not limited to) the physical sciences, biological sciences, social sciences, climate-change impacts, application of indigenous and local knowledge, valuation of biodiversity and ecosystem services (economic and non-economic), conservation decision-making and planning (local to national), and existing laws, policies, and policy tools relevant to biodiversity or climate change. Participants are sought from diverse backgrounds and sectors, including (but not limited to) academic institutions, governmental and non-governmental research institutions, government agencies concerned with natural-resource management (local to national), indigenous governments and communities, business and industry, non-governmental organizations, and the general public. The assessment

process is committed to an inclusive approach, with diverse representation among disciplines, perspectives, sectors, regions, expertise, and demographic backgrounds.

The assessment will build on the recently completed Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) global assessment and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change-IPBES co-sponsored scientific outcome report, scaling down to the continental, national, and subnational contexts. The resulting report will contribute to the National Nature Assessment, a 4-year undertaking led by the U.S. Global Change Research Program.

The authoring team and the Guidance Committee will meet periodically via virtual meetings from 2023 through 2025. The Guidance Committee and full authoring team will meet in person in Fall 2023. Likewise, the Guidance Committee and a subset of assessment authors (co-chairs, coordinating authors) will meet a second time in person in mid-2024.

Members of the Guidance Committee and assessment-authoring team (including review editors) serve as independent experts (*i.e.*, not representing their institution or organization) on a voluntary basis without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business, Guidance Committee members and assessment authors engaged in meetings associated with the development of this assessment report may be entitled to travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5703, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Federal Government service.

The USGS and its partners seek:

- public comments on a draft prospectus (<https://contribute.globalchange.gov/>) for the assessment of biodiversity and climate change,
- nominations of individuals to serve on the assessment's authoring team,
- and expressions of interest and requests for additional information concerning the assessment's Guidance Committee.

Each nomination for the authoring team and each expression of interest for the Guidance Committee should include (a) name, (b) phone number, (c) email address, and (d) affiliation (where relevant). Additional information may also be shared at the nominator's discretion.

Public comments on the prospectus should be accompanied by the commentor's name, phone number,

email address, and affiliation (at the commentor's discretion).

**Shawn Carter,**

*Chief Scientist, National Climate Adaptation Science Center.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Opportunity To Comment on Changes to the Proposed Four Rivers Field Office Resource Management Plan, Idaho

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

**ACTION:** Notice of significant change.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is soliciting comments on clarifications and significant changes (collectively 'changes') to the Proposed Four Rivers Field Office Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) released in February 2020. The environmental consequences of the proposed changes and clarifications have been analyzed as part of the RMP/EIS process. Following consideration of any comments on these changes, the BLM will issue a Record of Decision (ROD) for the Four Rivers Field Office RMP.

**DATES:** Written comments on the changes to the proposed plan will be accepted June 7, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *e-planning:* <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/1250/510>.
- *Fax:* (208) 384–3326.
- *Mail:* BLM Four Rivers Field Office, Attn: Lonnie Huter, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, ID 83705.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lonnie Huter, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, telephone: (208) 384–3300; address: BLM Four Rivers Field Office, 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, ID 83705; email: [Lhuter@blm.gov](mailto:Lhuter@blm.gov). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Mr. Huter. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make

international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published the Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Draft RMP and EIS on May 24, 2019, which initiated a 60-day public comment period. The EPA published the NOA for the Proposed RMP and Final EIS on February 14, 2020, which initiated a 30-day BLM protest period and 60-day Governor's consistency review period. The BLM received eight protest letters. In response to new information and based on additional policy discussions, the BLM has determined that it will clarify and make changes to the proposed plan.

The clarifications and changes will include separating the fluid mineral allocation management action into two allocation management actions—one for oil and gas and one for geothermal. The allocation will identify additional 'closed' areas for oil and gas leasing and development. In addition, one fluid mineral management action regarding prioritization of mineral leasing within high potential areas will be added. There are also other minor clarifications and editorial corrections. This notice initiates a 30-day public comment period on the changes and clarifications (43 CFR 1610.2(e)).

These changes will reduce the potential for speculative oil and gas exploration in areas with low or no potential for oil and gas. The Proposed RMP/EIS contains a Reasonably Foreseeable Development Scenario (RFDS) for oil and gas exploration, development, production, and reclamation activity. The RFDS provides the basis for the effects analysis described in the Draft and Proposed RMP. Since oil and gas development was projected to occur in high and moderate oil and gas potential areas, and since these areas retain the same allocation management action as in the Proposed RMP, the effects of the revised management actions are the same as those described within the effects analysis included in the Proposed RMP.

Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised 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. Further information regarding the changes can be found at [https://](https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/1250/510)

[eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/1250/510](https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/1250/510).

(Authority: 43 CFR 1610.2.)

**Karen Kelleher,**

*BLM Idaho State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability of the Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the 2015 Miles City Field Office Approved Resource Management Plan, Montana

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLMPA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment and Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the 2015 Miles City Field Office Approved RMP that is available for public review and comment.

**DATES:** This notice announces the opening of a 90-day comment period for the Draft RMP Amendment/Supplemental EIS beginning with the date following the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) publication of its Notice of Availability (NOA) in the **Federal Register**. The EPA usually publishes its NOAs on Fridays.

To afford the BLM the opportunity to consider comments in the Proposed RMP Amendment/Final EIS, please ensure your comments are received prior to the close of the 90-day comment period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later.

The BLM will be holding two public meetings on the following dates at the following locations:

- June 6, 2023, at the Miles City Field Office, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. MT.
- June 7, 2023, virtual meeting from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. MT. Registration for meeting in the ePlanning project website (see **ADDRESSES**).

**ADDRESSES:** The Draft RMP Amendment/Supplemental EIS is