

for the Refuge would include a total of 6,000 acres in 22 counties in four states as described in a Land Protection Plan (Appendix J of the Final EIS). The 3,400 acres specified in this alternative is the estimated acreage that would be protected within the 15-year life of the CCP given anticipated levels of willing sellers, funding, and Refuge personnel.

*Alternative C—Habitat Protection, Increased Management, and Integrated Wildlife-dependent Recreation (Preferred Alternative).* Under this alternative the focus would be on the permanent protection of endangered species habitat and additional algific slopes through land acquisition and active management of endangered species habitat. New information and threats increase the need for active management. Fewer acres acquired in this alternative would allow limited Refuge resources to address all impacts to the habitat. The total expanded acquisition area for the Refuge would include 6,000 acres in 22 counties in four states as described in a Land Protection Plan (Appendix J of the Final EIS). The 2,275 acres specified in this alternative is a realistic estimate of the acreage that would be protected within the 15-year life of the CCP given anticipated levels of willing sellers, funding, and the need to accomplish other Refuge objectives in this alternative. The Service has selected Alternative C, the Preferred Alternative, for the Refuge. Alternative C addresses the key issues identified during the planning process and will best achieve the purposes and goals of the Refuge as well as the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System. This decision includes adoption of Comprehensive Conservation Plan Chapters (Appendix A), and the Land Protection Plan (Appendix J of the Final CCP/EIS). Implementation of the CCP will occur over the next 15 years and will depend on future staffing levels, funding, and willing sellers.

*The Service's Basis for the Decision:* Alternative C is the most environmentally preferable alternative. Alternative C is likely to lead to the delisting of the Iowa Pleistocene snail and significant progress in the recovery of Northern monkshood and Leedy's roseroot, as well as beneficial effects for other trust species. Algific talus slopes are more likely to benefit under the management proposed in Alternative C than the other alternatives. Alternative C is also expected to lead to more public support and more public opportunities than the other alternatives. Alternative A was not selected because it would not lead to reaching recovery goals or delisting of species. Alternative B was

not selected because minimal management would likely lead to negative effects on algific talus slopes and delisting of species might not occur. The rationale for choosing the selected alternative as the best alternative for the CCP/EIS is based on the impact of this alternative on the issues and concerns that surfaced during the planning process. The environmental impacts of the three alternatives were analyzed as to how they would impact: (1) Habitat management; (2) visitor services; (3) refuge expansion; and (4) species assessments. Because all practicable means to avoid or minimize environmental harm have been incorporated into the preferred alternative, no mitigation measures have been identified.

Dated: May 1, 2006.

**Charles M. Wooley,**

*Acting Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Submission of Information Collection to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is submitting the information collections titled Tribal Colleges and Universities Annual Report Form, 25 CFR 41.9, OMB Control No. 1076-0105, and the Tribal Colleges and Universities Grant Application Form, 25 CFR 41.8, OMB Control No. 1076-0018, to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before June 26, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent directly to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, by e-mail to [OIRA\\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov) or by facsimile to (202) 395-6566.

Please send a copy of your comments to Kevin Skenandore, Acting Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Indian Education Programs, 1849 C Street, NW., Mail Stop 3609-MIB, Washington, DC 20240-0001. You may

also send comments via facsimile to 202-208-3271.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may request further information or obtain copies of the information collections request submission from Keith Neves, (202) 208-3601 or Chris Redman, (202) 208-4397, Education Planning Specialists.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Each tribal college and university receiving financial assistance under the Tribally Controlled College or University Assistance Act of 1978 (Act) is required by the Act, and by 25 CFR Part 41, to provide an accounting of amounts and purposes for which financial assistance was expended for the preceding academic year. A request for comments on this information collection request was published in the **Federal Register** on January 3, 2006 (71 FR 126). No comments were received regarding these information collection forms.

#### Request for Comments

You are invited to comment on the following items to the Desk Officer at OMB at the citation in the **ADDRESSES** section:

(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, such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that an agency may not sponsor or request, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it has a valid OMB Control Number.

OMB is required to make a decision concerning this information collection request between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment will receive the best consideration by OMB if it is submitted early during this comment period.

In this notice, the Bureau of Indian Affairs is soliciting comments to the following information collection:

**(1) Tribal Colleges and Universities Annual Report Form**

*Title of Collection:* Tribal Colleges and Universities Annual Report Form, 25 CFR 41.9.

*OMB Control Number:* 1076-0105.

*Type of review:* Renewal.

*Brief description of collection:* The information, a report on how grant funds were used, is mandatory by Public Law 95-471 for the respondent to receive or maintain a benefit, specifically grants for students.

*Respondents:* Tribal College and University administrators.

*Number of Respondents:* 25.

*Estimated time of respondents:* 6 hours.

*Frequency of response:* Annually.

*Total annual burden to respondents:* 150 hours.

**(2) Tribal Colleges and Universities Grant Application Form**

*Title of Collection:* Tribal Colleges and Universities Grant Application Form, 25 CFR 41.8.

*OMB Control Number:* 1076-0018.

*Type of review:* Renewal.

*Description of Collection:* The information, application for grant funds, is mandatory by Public Law 95-471 for the respondent to receive or maintain a benefit, i.e., grants for students.

*Respondents:* Tribal College and University administrators.

*Number of Respondents:* 25.

*Estimated time of respondents:* 6 hours.

*Frequency of response:* Annually.

*Total annual burden to respondents:* 150 hours.

Dated: May 22, 2006.

**Michael D. Olsen,**

*Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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

[CO-921-06-1320-EL; COC 69881]

**Notice of Invitation for Coal Exploration License Application, Colorado**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Invitation for Coal Exploration License Application, Juniper Coal Company, COC 69881, Colorado.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, as

amended by section 4 of the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, 90 Stat. 1083, 30 U.S.C. 201(b), and to Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, subpart 3410, all interested qualified parties, as provided in 43 CFR 3472.1 are hereby invited to participate with Juniper Coal Company on a pro rata cost sharing basis in a program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America containing the following described lands in Routt County, Colorado.

T. 5 N., R. 89 W., 6th P.M.

Sec. 9, lots 5-8, inclusive, 9-13, inclusive;

Sec. 10, lots 5-15, inclusive;

Sec. 11, lots 6, 16, and 17;

Sec. 14, lots 10, and 15-17, inclusive, Tr.

52, lot 10, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,

E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and

E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 15, lots 1-16, inclusive;

Sec. 16, lots 1-10, inclusive;

Sec. 21, all;

Sec. 22, all;

Sec. 23, all;

Sec. 24, all;

Sec. 25, all;

Sec. 26, all;

Sec. 27, all;

Sec. 28, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 35, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

sec. 36, N $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The area described contains approximately

7,033.53 acres.

**DATES:** Written Notice of Intent To Participate in Exploration License COC 69881 should be addressed to the attention of the following persons and must be received by them 30 days after publication of this Notice of Invitation in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Karen Zurek, CO-921, Solid Minerals Staff, Division of Energy, Lands and Minerals, Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215; and Jerry Nettleton, Environmental Manager, Juniper Coal Company, 29515 Routt County, Rd. #27, Oak Creek, Colorado 80467.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen Zurek at (303) 239-3795.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The application for coal exploration license is available for public inspection during normal business hours under serial number COC 69881 at the Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, and at the Little Snake Field Office, 455 Emerson St., Craig, Colorado 81625. The proposed exploration program is fully described and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the Bureau of Land Management. The authority for this notice is 43 CFR 3410.2-1(c)(1).

Dated: April 14, 2006.

**Karen Zurek,**

*Solid Minerals Staff, Division of Energy, Lands and Minerals.*

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

[ID-933-1430-EU; IDI-2400C, IDI-32131]

**Termination of Desert Land Entry Classification, Idaho**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice terminates a non-suitable Desert Land Entry classification on 3.09 acres, so the land can be patented under sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* May 26, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cathie Foster, BLM Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709, (208) 373-3863.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 29, 1969, 3.09 acres were classified as non-suitable for entry under the Desert Land Act of March 3, 1877, as amended and supplemented (43 U.S.C. 321, *et seq.*). The classification is hereby terminated and the segregation for the following described lands is hereby terminated:

T. 11 N., R. 18 E., B.M.  
Section 35: Lot 5.

The area described above aggregates 3.09 acres in Custer County.

At 9 a.m. on May 26, 2006, the Desert Land Entry classification identified above will be terminated. The lands will remain closed to location and entry under the public land laws and the mining laws, as they are currently segregated for direct sale.

**Jimmie Buxton,**

*Chief, Branch of Lands, Minerals and Water Rights, Resource Services Division.*

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