

## ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

### Notice of Rescheduling Public Hearing on ACIR Preliminary Report, The Role of Federal Mandates in Intergovernmental Relations

**SUMMARY:** The Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR) will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 26, 1996, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and concluding no later than 4:00 p.m. in the Rayburn House Office Building, Room #2154, Independence Ave. and South Capitol St., SW Washington, DC 20250. The purpose of the hearing is to take testimony on the Commission's preliminary report, *The Role of Federal Mandates in Intergovernmental Relations*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, 800 K Street, NW., Suite 450, South Tower, Washington, DC 20575, phone: (202) 653-5540 / FAX: (202) 653-5429, Internet: ir002529@interramp.com.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As required by Section 302(c)(2), the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR) will hold a public hearing to take testimony on the Commission's preliminary report, *The Role of Federal Mandates in Intergovernmental Relations*. Copies of the report can be obtained by calling ACIR at (202) 653-5640, faxing a request to (202) 653-5429, or accessing the ACIR Internet home page ([www.access.gpo.gov/acir](http://www.access.gpo.gov/acir) or [www.access.gpo.gov/80/acir](http://www.access.gpo.gov/80/acir)).

The public hearing will be held on March 26, 1996, in the Rayburn House Office Building, Room #2154, Independence Ave. and South Capitol St., SW, Washington, DC 20250. To enter the Rayburn Building use the South Capitol Street entrance which is equipped with wheelchair access via ramp.

The hearing will be conducted beginning at 9:00 AM and concluding no later than 4:00 PM. Oral testimony will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Written testimony in lieu of an oral statement and/or to supplement an oral statement will be accepted at the hearing. Individuals who wish to be scheduled in advanced to testify should send a written request by mail or fax to: MacArthur C. Jones, ACIR, 800 K Street, NW, Suite 450, South Tower, Washington, DC 20575. The fax number is: (202) 653-5429. In the testimony request, please provide your name, address, telephone and fax or internet number, if available. Also, it would be helpful, if you included information

such as the organization being represented and/or the primary topic in the ACIR report upon which you wish to testify. Individuals with special needs (e.g. sign language interpreters for the hearing impaired) are requested to indicate such in their written request to testify. People submitting advance written requests to testify will be scheduled for testimony in order of request receipt.

Dated: March 13, 1996.  
William E. Davis,  
*Executive Director.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WO-320-1990-2-24 1A]

### Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection, OMB Approval Number 1004-0025

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is announcing its intention to request extension of approval to collect certain information from all owners of unpatented mining claims or mill sites who desire to apply for a mineral patent to their mining claim or mill site. Also included in this extension request are collections of information from any rival claimant with overlapping claims to the land applied for, or from anyone challenging the issuance of the patent upon alleged failure to follow law or regulation. BLM uses this information to determine the right to a mineral patent and to secure a settlement of all disputes concerning the property in order to issue the patent to the rightful owner.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by May 17, 1996, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Management Team (420), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW., Room 401LS, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: [W0140@attmail.com](mailto:W0140@attmail.com). Please include "ATTN: 1004-0114" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

Comments may be hand-delivered to the Bureau of Land Management Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Roger A. Haskins, Solid Minerals Group, (202) 452-0355.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), BLM is required to provide 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning a collection of information contained in current rules to solicit comments on (a) whether the collection of information is necessary 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 of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to 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. BLM will analyze any comments sent in response to this notice and include them with its request for extension of approval from the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Under the General Mining Law (30 U.S.C. 29, 30, and 39), those who explore for and locate valuable mineral deposits on the public domain are rewarded for their efforts by the opportunity to obtain legal title (patent) to the land. The patent process is implemented by BLM's regulations at 43 CFR Part 3860, which were revised into their current form in 1970 (35 FR 9754, June 13, 1970) and amended in 1973 (38 FR 30001, October 31, 1973). The implementing regulations require a patent applicant to provide the following information:

**Mineral survey application.** Under 43 CFR Subpart 3861, the holder of a claim who desires to obtain a patent must submit to BLM a mineral survey for all lode claims, most mill sites, and placer claims located upon unsurveyed public lands, as a pre requisite to applying for patent. BLM uses Bureau Form 3860-5 to collect the mining claim or site recording, chain-of-title, and geographic location information so that BLM can authorize a Deputy United States

Mineral Surveyor to survey the claims or sites.

**Mineral patent application.** Under 43 CFR Subparts 3862, 3863 and 3864, a mineral patent applicant must file certain proofs of ownership demonstrating clear title to the claim(s) or millsite(s), bonafides of development, and the existence of a commercial mineral deposit subject to the General Mining Law of 1872, as amended.

Under 30 U.S.C. 29 and 30 and 43 CFR Part 3870, any rival claimant with overlapping claims to the land applied for, or anyone challenging the issuance of the patent upon alleged failure to follow law or regulation, must file with BLM certain required statements and evidence supporting their challenge, or the challenge is statutorily dismissed.

BLM uses the information collected under these two Parts (43 CFR Parts 3860 and 3870) to determine if an applicant qualifies for a mineral patent to the claims or sites applied for under the Mining Law, to process legal challenges to such application by rival mining claimants, and to adjudicate protests and appeals filed against BLM actions concerning mineral patent applications.

The Mining Law specifies the information required of an applicant for mineral patent, a party filing an adverse claim, or a party filing a protest against a mineral patent application. If BLM did not collect this information, it could not adjudicate or issue mineral patents, or if it did, it might issue them erroneously to those who do not have a right to obtain them. In either case, the incentive for mineral exploration and development would be adversely affected.

Portions of this information collection were previously covered under OMB number 1004-0110 and are being consolidated under OMB number 1004-0025 in order to have all aspects of the mineral patent process under one collection authority.

Any interested member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of Bureau Form 3860-5 by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

Based on its experience administering the General Mining Law, BLM estimates the public reporting burden for completing the information collections described above as follows: mineral survey application—one hour, mineral patent application—80 hours, and adverse claim or protest—two hours. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time

needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

The respondents are owners of unpatented mining claims and mill sites located upon the public lands, reserved mineral lands of the United States, National Forests, and National Parks. The frequency of response is once for each mineral survey, each application for patent, and each filing of a protest or adverse claim. BLM estimates that 30 mineral survey applications, 112 mineral patent applications, two adverse claims and three protests will be filed each year. The total annual burden is 30 hours for mineral survey applications, 8,960 for mineral patent applications, four hours for adverse claims, and six hours for protests. The total annual burden for this consolidated information collection is 9,000 hours.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become part of the public record.

Dated: March 13, 1996.

Patrick W. Boyd,  
*Acting Chief, Regulatory Management Team.*  
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### **Emergency Closure of Public Lands; Klamath County, Oregon**

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

**ACTION:** Emergency closure of public lands and access roads in Klamath County, Oregon.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that certain public lands and access roads thereon in Klamath County, Oregon are temporarily closed to all public use, including but not limited to vehicle operation, camping, shooting, hiking, skiing, and sightseeing, from March 5, 1996 through November 30, 1998. The closure is made under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1.

The public lands affected by this emergency closure are specifically identified as follows:

Willamette Meridian, Oregon

T. 38 S., R. 5 E.,

Sec. 25-All;

Sec. 36-All.

T. 39 S., R. 5 E.

Sec. 1-All.

Sec. 3-All.

Sec. 11-All.

Sec. 13-All.

T. 39 S., R. 6 E.

Sec. 6 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Sec. 7-All.

Sec. 18 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

All roads on the public lands listed above are closed as specified above, including specifically BLM Roads Nos. 38-6E-32, 39-6E-5 and 40-5E-2.

The following persons, operating within the scope of their official duties, are exempt from the provisions of this closure order: Bureau employees; state, local and federal law enforcement and fire protection personnel; the holders of BLM road use permits that include roads within the closure area; the purchaser of BLM timber within the closure area and its employees and subcontractors. Access by additional parties may be allowed, but must be approved in advance in writing by the Authorized Officer.

Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this closure order may be subject to the penalties provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7, which include a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months, as well as the penalties provided under Oregon State law.

The public lands and roads temporarily closed to public use under this order will be posted with signs at points of public access.

The purpose of this emergency temporary closure is to protect persons from potential harm from logging operations, protect valuable public timber resources from unauthorized damage, and to facilitate authorized timber harvest operations.

**DATES:** This closure is effective from March 5, 1996 through November 30, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the closure order and maps showing the location of the closed lands and roads are available from the Klamath Falls Resource Area Office, 2795 Anderson Ave. building 25 Klamath Falls, OR 97603.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Barron Bail Klamath Falls Area Manager, Klamath Falls Resource Area Office, at (503) 883-6916.

Dated: March 5, 1996.

A. Barron Bail,

*Klamath Falls Resource Area Manager.*

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