

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force, established under the authority of the Klamath River Basin Fishery Resources Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 460ss *et seq.*). The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 1996, and from 8:00 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 1996.

PLACE: The meeting will be held at the B.P.O.E. Elks Lodge, 25 Hawkins Street, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Ronald A. Iverson, Project Leader, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1006 (1215 South Main), Yreka, California 96097-1006, telephone (916) 842-5763.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The principal agenda items at this meeting will be a review of the National Biological Survey jurisdictional analysis regarding water management in the Klamath River Watershed; a decision on elements of a water quantity model as part of an instream flow study for the Klamath River Basin; a decision on adoption of a draft Upper Basin Amendment to the Long Range Plan for the Klamath River Basin Conservation Area Fisheries Restoration (KR) Program; consideration of TF comments on the Long Term Klamath Project Operation Plan; a decision on Task Force priorities given a limited budget; a decision on revision of Request for KR Program Proposals and proposal ranking procedures; and the recommendation to recognize private landowners or groups for restoration efforts in the Klamath River Basin.

For background information on the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force, please refer to the notice of their initial meeting that appeared in the Federal Register on July 8, 1987 (52 FR 25639).

Dated: March 21, 1996.

Donald V. Friberg,

Acting Regional Director.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection; OMB Approval Number 1004-0004

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 for the collection of information from those persons who apply for a desert-land entry to reclaim, irrigate, and cultivate arid and semiarid public lands in the Western United States. The BLM uses the information to determine if the applicant is eligible to make a desert-land entry under the Desert Land Act of 1877.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by May 28, 1996, to be considered.

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: !WO140@attmail.com. Please include "Attn: 1004-0004" and your name and address in your Internet message.

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

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: Alzata L. Ransom, Realty Use Group, at (202) 452-7772.

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 published 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 has 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 technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The Desert Land Act of March 3, 1877 (19 Stat. 377; 43 U.S.C. 321-323), as amended by the Act of March 3, 1891 (26 Stat. 1096; 43 U.S.C. 231, 323, 325, 327-329), was passed by the Congress to encourage and promote the economic development of the arid and semiarid public lands. Under the Act, U.S. citizens may apply for a desert-land entry to reclaim, irrigate, and cultivate arid and semiarid public lands in the Western United States. The regulations in 43 CFR 2520 provide guidelines and procedures to obtain public lands under the Act. These regulations were adopted on June 13, 1970 (35 FR 9581).

You qualify to file a desert-land entry if you are: (a) a Citizen of the United States; (b) 21 years old; and (c) a resident of the State of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, or Wyoming (no residency is required in the State of Nevada).

You may apply for one or more tracts of public lands totaling no more than 320 acres. The lands are located in the States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. The lands must be surveyed, unreserved, unappropriated, non-mineral, non-timber, and incapable of producing an agricultural crop without irrigation. The lands must be suitable for agricultural purposes and more valuable for that purpose than any other. The tracts of land must be sufficiently close to each other to be managed satisfactorily as an economic unit.

You must find lands that you believe can be economically developed and determine the legal land description. You must contact the BLM State Office where the lands are located and verify the lands are available for desert-land application. If the lands are available for desert-land application, you may obtain a desert land entry application (Form 2520-1) from the BLM State Office.

The information collected on Form 2520-1 is required by the regulations at 43 CFR Part 2520 to process requests for public lands under the provisions of the Desert Land Act. The following information is collected on the form: (a) Description of the lands you are applying for; (b) evidence of your legal right to the use of water for irrigation; (c) a permit from the State Department of Water Administration; (d) detailed description of soil characteristics, irrigation requirements, and economic

feasibility; and (e) full disclosure of your plans, arrangements (financial and otherwise), pertaining to the development and operation of your desert-land entry.

BLM uses the information you provide to (a) determine your eligibility to make a desert-land entry, (b) classify the lands included in the application, and (c) ensure that the requirements of the Desert Land Act and implementing regulations are met. If BLM did not collect this information, beneficial development of desert lands would be precluded. This collection of information is short, simple, and limited to the information necessary for efficient operation of the program. The information, which is required by law, is a voluntary, non-recurring submission necessary to receive a benefit. There is no other source for the information, and failure by the applicant to furnish the required information will result in the applicant not being allowed to reclaim, irrigate and cultivate desert lands.

Based on its experience administering the program, BLM estimates that approximately 20 applications are received annually and that it takes an average of 90 minutes for a applicant to supply the requested information. The frequency of response is once per entry. Based on the estimated number of applications BLM receives annually and the average time it takes an applicant to supply the requested information, the total annual burden is collectively 30 hours.

Any interested member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of the desert land entry application (Form 2520-1) by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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 25, 1996.

Annetta L. Cheek,

Chief, Regulatory Management Team.

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Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection; OMB Approval Number 1004-0010

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 for the collection of information from those persons seeking to acquire title to public land under the color-of-title authority. The BLM collects information to assure that statutory requirements for conveyance of title under the Color-of-Title Act have been met.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by May 28, 1996, to be considered.

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

Comments may be sent via Internet to: !WO140@attmail.com. Please include "Attn: 1004-0011" and your name and return address in your Internet address.

Comments may be hand delivered to the Bureau of Land Management Administrative Record, Room 401, L Street NW., Washington, DC 20036.

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: Vanessa R. Engle, Realty Use Group, (202) 452-7776.

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 published 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 has 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 receive and analyze any comments sent in response to this notice and include them with its request for approval from the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

The Color-of-Title Act of December 22, 1928, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1068, 1068a, 1068b), provides for the issuance

of a land patent (deed) to eligible individuals, groups, or corporations who believe they have a valid claim to public lands under color-of-title. The information collected on Conveyances Affecting Color or Claim of Title Form 2540-2, is required by Departmental regulations 43 CFR 2541.2 (35 FR 9592, June 13, 1970), and is used by the agency to identify information concerning conveyances of title and related matters.

Any individual seeking to acquire a title to public land under the color-of-title authority must make application and provide information essential to compliance with law, regulations, and procedures. As required by the Color-of-Title Act and 43 CFR 2541.2 (b) and (c), information provided on Form 2540-2 is used to certify the applicant's claim for land property title rights from the Federal government. Without this conveyance information, the BLM cannot finalize the claim.

Form 2540-2 may be submitted in person or by mail to the proper BLM office. The following is an explanation of specific items of information requested on Conveyances Affecting Color of Claim of Title 2540-2, pursuant to 43 CFR 2541.2 (b) and (c): (1) the name of applicant is needed to identify the person/entity filing a claim; (2) the legal description of the claimed land must be listed as recorded in public records of the county concerned; (3) grantor-grantee recorded ownership for each conveyance of the subject property as required by law; and (4) certification from the public official administering the county records or a certified abstracter must be provided to determine the validity of the application. Response is mandatory if the color-of-title claimant wishes to obtain the benefits of the statute and gain clear title to the claimed property. Failure to provide the necessary information results in the rejection of the color-of-title application.

If the information on Conveyances Affecting Color or Claim of Title Form 2540-2 was not collected, the BLM would be unable to carry out the mandate of the Color-of-Title Act and the responsibilities for implementing 43 CFR 2540 and 2541. Form 2450-2 requires only the minimal information necessary to determine claim validity. Based on its experience processing Color-of-Title applications, the BLM estimates the public reporting burden for completing Conveyances Affecting Color or Claim of Title Form 2540-2 is one hour. It is estimated that approximately 37 Color-of-Title applications are filed annually for a total annual burden of 37 hours.