

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Indian Affairs****Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review under the Paperwork Reduction Act**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Reinstatement.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has submitted the proposed information collection request for the Application for Assistance/Services under the Financial Assistance and Social Services Program, OMB NO. 1076-0017 for reinstatement under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). On June 5, 1998, the BIA published a Notice in the **Federal Register** (Volume 63, No. 108, page 30771) requesting comments on the proposed information collection. One public comment was received during the 60 day comment period. The respondent recommended that the application form be divided into two separate forms, enlarging the print, and that Self-Governance Tribes be provided flexibility to develop their own forms. In response to the suggestions, the BIA stated that prior to 1992, there were two separate application forms. Based on the recommendations of a majority of tribes for brevity and ease of application, the forms were combined. The print is small because of the volume of information requested, but has been determined readable by users and caseworkers alike. Therefore, one comment was not sufficient to change the format. In response to the recommendation that the Self-Governance Tribes not be required to use the form, the BIA agrees that there is no statutory requirement for the Self-Governance Tribes to use the form. However, if the Tribes choose a different form, it should collect comparable data so that the information can be used for reporting and budget preparation purposes.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Copies of the collection of information may be obtained by contacting Larry Blair, Office of Tribal Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, MS-4603-MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240. Telephone: (202) 208-2479.

**DATES:** OMB is required to respond to this request within 60 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, but may respond after 30 days; therefore, your comments should be

submitted to OMB by January 20, 1999 (to assure maximum consideration).

**ADDRESSES:** Your comments and suggestions on the requirements should be made directly to the attention of: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20503. Telephone: (202) 208-3667. Please provide a copy to Mr. Larry Blair, Office of Tribal Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, MS-4603-MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240. Telephone: (202) 208-2479.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

The information collection is in compliance with 25 CFR Part 20, for the purpose of applying for annual welfare assistance funds which includes general assistance, child welfare assistance, and miscellaneous assistance to determine eligibility for services and funding. In addition, the BIA uses this data to measure program performance and for gathering data to prepare the annual program budget justification.

**II. Request for Comments**

We specifically request your comments be submitted to OMB at the address provided above with a copy to the BIA within 30 days concerning the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the BIA, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the BIA's estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and,
4. How to minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical or other forms of information technology.

**III. Data**

**Title of the Collection of Information:** Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Application for Financial Assistance and Social Services Program.

**OMB Number:** 1076-0017.

**Affected Entities:** Members of Indian tribes and their members who are living on a reservation or near-reservation.

**Frequency of Response:** Annual.

**Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 200,000 applicants.

**Estimated Time per Application:** 15 minutes.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** 50,000 hours.

Dated: December 7, 1998.

**Kevin Gover,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Indian Affairs****Distribution of Fiscal Year 1999 Welfare Assistance Funds**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of method of distribution of Fiscal Year (FY) 1999 Welfare Assistance Funds within Part 20—Financial Assistance and Social Services Program.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this announcement is to issue the Bureau of Indian Affairs (Bureau) administrative procedures for distribution of Welfare Assistance Funds (funds utilized within 25 CFR 20). These administrative procedures are designed to provide Bureau personnel and tribal contractors/compactors with assistance in carrying out their responsibilities when distributing welfare assistance funds. These procedures are not regulations establishing program requirements.

**DATES:** The Mid-Year Analysis of Funds Reports are due on April 30, 1999. For Bureau and tribal programs on fiscal year systems, this report will include actual expenditures and caseload for 6 months and projections for the remaining 6 months. Those tribal programs on calendar year systems will include actual expenditures and caseload for 3 months and projections for the remaining 9 months. Area offices will notify Bureau Agencies and tribes of due dates and locations for transmission of these reports. In addition, the Office of Self-Governance will notify tribes of due dates and locations for transmission of these reports.

**ADDRESSES:** Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Self-Governance, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-2548-MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240. Telephone: (202) 219-0240. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Tribal Services, Division of Social Services, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-4603-MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240. Telephone: (202) 208-2479.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A total of \$94,010,000 is available to meet welfare

assistance requirements (general assistance, TWEP, child welfare assistance, and miscellaneous assistance) during FY 1999.

#### Method of Distribution

There will be two distributions of welfare assistance funds in FY 1999. The first distribution will be an amount equal to 75 percent of projected expenditures for FY 1998 minus prior year unliquidated balances. The second and final distribution of welfare assistance will be made on or about June 1, 1999. This distribution will be based upon submission and analysis of the Mid-Year Analysis of Funds Report for all Bureau operated programs and tribal contractors/compactors. If the nationwide Mid-Year Analysis of Funds Report indicates that the undistributed balance will not be sufficient to cover the entire need for welfare assistance, this amount will be distributed pro rata, so that all programs (Bureau, contractors and compactors), will receive the same percentage level of funds.

Area offices are responsible for collecting data and providing technical assistance to all non-compact tribes (Pub. L. 93-638 contract and Pub. L. 102-477 grant) and agencies on completion of the Mid-Year Analysis of Funds Report. Self-Governance tribes will submit their reports through the Office of Self-Governance in Washington, D.C. The area offices will collect these reports from all Bureau offices and tribes operating programs within their jurisdiction with the exception of the Self-Governance tribes. The area offices will consolidate the data including the expenditures and cases into one report for the entire area. Those locations which do not submit reports will not receive any additional funds. The area offices and the Office of Self-Governance will submit their consolidated reports with all individual tribe and agency reports to the Office of Tribal Services by May 15, 1999. Area offices and the Office of Self-Governance should also provide a short narrative explaining significant changes in caseload and expenditures or other circumstances affecting program operation. An example would be action by a State resulting in termination of Indian clients formerly served by the State Temporary Assistance For Needy Families program.

Dated: December 11, 1998.

**Kevin Gover,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Closure of Public Lands; Arizona

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

**ACTION:** Temporary Closure of Selected Public Lands in La Paz County, Arizona, during the operation of the 1999 Whiplash Parker 400K (kilometer) Desert Race.

**SUMMARY:** The Lake Havasu Field Office Manager announces the temporary closure of selected public lands under its administration in La Paz County, Arizona. This action is being taken to help ensure public safety and prevent unnecessary environmental degradation during the official permitted running of the 1999 Whiplash Parker 400K Desert Race.

**DATES:** January 8, 1999, through January 10, 1999.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Specific restrictions and closure periods are as follows:

#### Designated Course

1. The portion of the race course comprised of BLM lands, roads and ways located 2 miles either side of:

(a) Shea Road from the eastern boundary of the Colorado River Indian Tribes Reservation to the junction with Swansea Road and 2 miles either side of Swansea Road from its junction with Shea Road to the eastern bank of the Central Arizona Project Canal.

(b) Swansea Road from its junction with Shea Road to the Four Corners intersection.

(c) The unpaved road that runs from "Midway", north to Mineral Wash and then west to the CAP Canal is closed to public use from 6:00 a.m. Friday morning, January 8, 1999, to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, January 10, 1999.

2. The entire designated race course is closed to all vehicles except authorized and emergency vehicles.

3. Vehicle parking or stopping in areas affected by the closure is prohibited except in the designated spectator areas. Emergency parking for brief periods of time is permitted on roads open for public use.

4. Spectator viewing (on public land) is limited to the designated spectator areas located South and North of Shea Road, as signed, app. 7 miles east of Parker, Arizona.

5. The following regulations will be in effect for the duration of the closure: Unless otherwise authorized, no person shall:

a. Camp in any area outside of the designated spectator areas.

b. Enter any portion of the race course or any wash located within the race course, including all portions of Osborne Wash.

c. Spectate or otherwise be located outside of the designated spectator areas.

d. Cut or collect firewood of any kind, including dead and down wood or other vegetative material.

e. Firearms must be unloaded and cased, and are not to be used during the closure.

f. Fireworks are prohibited.

g. Operate any vehicle (other than registered event vehicles), including an off-highway vehicle (OHV), which is not legally registered for street and highway operation, including operation of such a vehicle in spectator viewing areas, along the race course, and in designated pit areas.

j. Park any vehicle in violation of posted restrictions, or in such a manner as to obstruct or impede normal or emergency traffic movement or the parking of other vehicles, create a safety hazard, or endanger any person, property or feature. Vehicles so parked are subject to citation, removal and impoundment at the owner's expense.

k. Take any vehicle through, around or beyond a restrictive sign, recognizable barricade, fence or traffic control barrier.

l. Fail to keep their site free of trash and litter during the period of occupancy or fail to remove all personal equipment, trash, and litter upon departure.

m. Violate quiet hours by causing an unreasonable noise as determined by the authorized officer between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Mountain Standard Time.

n. Allow any pet or other animal in their care to be unrestrained at any time. Signs and maps directing the public to the designated spectator areas will be provided by the Bureau of Land Management and/or the event sponsor. The above restrictions do not apply to emergency vehicles and vehicles owned by the United States, the State of Arizona or to La Paz County. Vehicles under permit for operation by event participants must follow the race permit stipulations. Operators of permitted vehicles shall maintain a maximum speed limit of 35 mph on all La Paz County and BLM roads and ways. Authority for closure of public land is found in 43 CFR 8340, Subpart 8341; 43 CFR 8360, Subpart 8364.1, and 43 CFR 8372. Persons who violate this closure order are subject to arrest and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than