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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alzata L. Ransom, Lands and Realty Group, 202-452-7772.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), the 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 proposed 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 proposed 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.

The Color-of-Title Act of December 22, 1928 (45 Stat. 1069), as amended by the Act of July 28, 1953 (67 Stat. 227), (U.S.C. 1068-1068b), was passed by Congress to provide for transferring legal title to the public lands from the United States to eligible individuals, groups, or corporations who have a valid color-of-title claim. The regulations in 43 CFR 2540 provide guidelines and procedures to file a color-of-title claim. These regulations were adopted on June 13, 1970 (35 FR 9592).

Any individual, group, or corporation who has evidence giving the appearance of having title to public lands which are administered by the BLM and legal title to the lands remains vested in the United States may file a color-of-title application.

The two claims recognized by the Act are referred to as Class 1 and Class 2. A Class 1 claim is one which has been held in good faith and peaceful, adverse possession by a claimant, his ancestors or grantors, under claim or color-of-title for a minimum of 20 years, on which valuable improvements have been placed, or on which some part of the land has been reduced to cultivation under claim or color-of-title, and upon which the claimant or predecessors in interest have placed valuable improvements, or on which some part of

the land has been reduced to cultivation. A Class 2 claim is one which has been held in good faith and peaceful, adverse possession by a claimant, his ancestors or grantors, under claim or color-of-title for the period commencing not later than January 1, 1901, to the date of application, during which time they have paid taxes levied on the land by State and local governmental units. A claim is not held in good faith where held with knowledge that the land is owned by the United States. A claim is not held in peaceful, adverse possession where it was initiated while the land was withdrawn or reserved for Federal purposes.

The Information collected on Conveyances Affecting Color of Title Form No. 2540-2 is required by the regulations in 43 CFR 2540 to process requests to acquire legal title to the public lands under the provisions of the Act of December 22, 1928, as amended by the Act of July 28, 1953. If you believe you have a valid color-of-title claim you may file an application with the BLM Office having responsibility for the public lands you desire to acquire legal to. The following information is collected on the form: (1) Applicant's name; (2) legal description of the lands claimed; (3) itemized data relating to all record and non-record title conveyances in chronological order, and (4) certification by the proper county official or an abstractor.

After receiving your application, the BLM will analyze the information on your application, conduct an on-site field examination of the lands, and prepare reports. The BLM will approve your application if you meet the requirements of a Class 1 or Class 2 claim or reject your application if you do not meet the requirements of a Class 1 or Class 2 claim. Class 2 claims are discretionary and may be rejected if the public interest in retention of the lands clearly outweighs the interest of the applicant.

The BLM estimates that approximately 37 applications (Form 2540-2) are received annually. Based on the BLM's experience in processing an application, it will take an average of one hour for an applicant to supply the requested information. Based on the estimated 37 applications the BLM receives annually and the average time of one hour it takes an applicant to supply the requested information, the total annual burden is collectively 37 hours.

Any interested member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of Conveyances Affecting Color or Claim of title Form 2540-2 by

contacting any BLM Office or 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 15, 2000.

Carole Smith,

BLM Information Collection Officer.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection; OMB Approval Number 1004-0011

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 submit a Color-of-Title Tax Levy and Payment Record Application (Form No. 2540-3) to apply for public lands under a color-of-title claim. The BLM uses the information to determine if the applicant is eligible to acquire public lands under the Color-of-Title Act of December 22, 1928.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by May 19, 2000, 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, D.C. 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: WOCComment@blm.gov. Please include "Attn: 1004-0029" 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, D.C. 20036.

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The Information collected on Color-of-Title Tax Levy and Payment Record Form No. 2540-3 is required by the regulations in 43 CFR 2540 to process requests to acquire legal title to the public lands under the provisions of the Act of December 22, 1928, as amended by the Act of July 28, 1953. If you believe you have a valid color-of-title claim you may file an application with the BLM Office having responsibility for the public lands you desire to acquire legal to. The following information is collected on the form: (1) Applicant's name; (2) legal description of the lands claimed; (3) itemized data relating to all recorded tax payments in chronological order, and; (4) certification by the proper county official.

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Bureau of Land Management

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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 States and local government agencies, and from qualified nonprofit corporations and associations who submit an Application for Land for Recreation or Public Purposes (Form 2740-1) to obtain public lands and benefits for recreational and public purposes. The BLM uses the information to determine if an applicant meets the requirements of the Recreation and Public Purpose Act (R&PP) of June 14, 1926.

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