

desiring acquisition of lands in trust status.

*Total Respondents:* 9,200.

*Total Annual Responses:* 9,200.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 36,800 hours.

*Reason for response:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs solicits comments in order to:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the bureau's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond. Any public comments will be addressed in the Bureau of Indian Affairs' submission of the information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget.

Dated: August 21, 2000.

**Kevin Gover,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

**Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the Information Collection Request for the Payment for Appointed Counsel in Involuntary Indian Child Custody Proceedings in State Courts has been submitted to OMB for review and renewal.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before September 27, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be directed to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at: Office of Information and Regulation, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503. A copy of all written comments should be sent to Chester J. Eagleman, Sr., Bureau of Indian Affairs (Bureau), Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Chester J.

Eagleman, Sr., 202-208-2721 (This is not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

A state court that appoints counsel for an indigent Indian parent or Indian custodian in an involuntary Indian child custody proceeding in a State court may send written notice to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (Bureau) when appointment of counsel is not authorized by State law. The cognizant Bureau Regional Director uses this information to decide whether to certify that the client in the notice is eligible to have his counsel compensated by the Bureau in accordance with the Indian Child Welfare Act, Public Law 95-608.

On May 16, 2000, the Department of the Interior published a notice in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 31186) requesting public comments on the proposed information collection. The comment period ended July 17, 2000. No comments were received.

**II. Method of Collection**

The following information is collected in a notice from State courts in order to certify payment of appointed counsel in involuntary Indian child custody proceedings. The information collection is submitted to obtain or retain a benefit; i.e., payment for appointed counsel: the reason for the collection are listed in the following table:

Information collected	Reason for collection
(a) Name, address and telephone number of attorney appointed .....	(a) To identify attorney appointed as counsel and method of contact.
(b) Name and address of client for whom counsel is appointed .....	(b) To identify indigent party in an Indian child custody proceeding for whom counsel is appointed.
(c) Applicant's relationship to child .....	(c) To determine if the person is eligible for payment of attorney fees as specified in Public Law 95-608.
(d) Name of Indian child's tribe .....	(d) To determine if the child is a member of a federally recognized tribe and is covered by the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA).
(e) Copy of petition or complaint .....	(e) To determine if this custody proceeding is covered by the ICWA.
(f) Certification by the court that State law does not provide for appointment of counsel in such proceedings.	(f) To determine if other State laws provide for such appointment of counsel and to prevent duplication of effort.
(g) Certification by the court that the Indian client is indigent .....	(g) To determine if the client has resources to pay for counsel.
(h) The amount of payments due counsel utilizing the same procedures used to determine expenses in juvenile delinquency proceedings.	(h) To determine if the amount of payment due appointed counsel is based on State court standards in juvenile delinquency proceedings.
(i) Approved vouchers with court certification that the amount requested is reasonable considering the work and the criteria used for determining fees and expenses for juvenile delinquency proceedings..	(i) To determine the amount of payment considered reasonable in accordance with State standards for a particular case.

*Proposed use of the information:* The information collected will be used by the respective Bureau Regional Director to determine:

(a) If an individual Indian involved in an Indian child custody proceeding is eligible for payment of appointed counsel's attorney fees;

(b) If any State statutes provide for coverage of attorney fees under these circumstances;

(c) The State standards for payment of attorney fees in juvenile delinquency proceedings; and,

(d) The name of the attorney, and his actual voucher certified by the court for the work completed on a preapproved case. This information is required for payment of appointed counsel as authorized by Public Law 95-608.

**III. Data**

(1) *Title of the Collection of Information:* Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Payment for Appointed Counsel in Involuntary Indian Child Custody Proceedings in State Courts.

*OMB Number:* 1076-0111.

*Expiration Date:* August 31, 2000.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Entities:* State courts and individual Indians eligible for payment of attorney fees pursuant to 25 CFR 23.13 in order to obtain a benefit.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 4.

*Proposed frequency of response:* 1.

(2) *Estimate of total annual reporting and record keeping burden that will result from the collection of this information:* 12 hours.

*Reporting:* 2 hours per response × 4 respondents = 8 hours.

*Recordkeeping:* 1 hour per response × 4 respondents = 4 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 12 hours.

*Estimated Annual Costs:* \$540.00 (12 hours × \$45.00 per hour).

(3) *Description of the need for the information and proposed use of the information:* Submission of this information is required in order to receive payment for appointed counsel under 25 CFR 23.13. The information is collected to determine applicant eligibility for services.

#### IV. Request for Comments

The Department of the Interior invites comment 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 agencies' estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) 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 collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

The comments, names and addresses of commenters will be available for

public view during regular business hours. If you wish us to withhold this information, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will honor your request to the extent allowable by law.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget control number.

Dated: August 9, 2000.

**Kevin Gover,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

(AZ030-1610-HN-00; AZA-31069)

#### Notice of Availability of Cane Springs Land Exchange Environmental Assessment/Plan Amendment and; Notice of Realty Action.

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and notice of realty action.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716), as amended and section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Bureau of Land Management, Kingman Field Office, Arizona, has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA)/Plan amendment to analyze the effect of a proposed land exchange and a proposed plan amendment to the Kingman Resource Management Plan. The EA addresses the effects of a proposal to exchange approximately 17,500 acres of public land for approximately 18,000 acres of private land. The proposed land exchange is entirely within Mohave County, Arizona. The amendment is needed because the Proponent selected public lands that were not identified for disposal through exchange in the Kingman Resource Management Plan. It is proposed to amend the Kingman Resource Management Plan to change 478.11 acres located in Lots 1, 2, NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, SE1/4 of section 31 in Township 22 North, Range 18 West from available for disposal through Recreation and Public Purpose Uses to available for disposal through exchange. There would be 158.25 acres in Lots 3,4, E1/2SW1/4 of section 31 of Township

22 North, Range 18 West for Recreation and Public Purpose Uses.

The Realty Action is in accordance with sections 1 and 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act, 43 U.S.C. 315 and 315f, the selected public lands described in the EA are hereby classified for disposal by exchange.

**DATES:** Written protests on the proposed plan amendment must be postmarked no later than September 27, 2000.

#### Plan Protest Procedures:

The BLM's planning process includes an opportunity for administrative review via a plan protest to the BLM Director. This plan protest procedure is only applicable to the proposed plan amendment.

The protest must specifically address the proposal to change 478.11 acres of land classified as available for disposal through Recreation and Public Purpose uses to a classification of available for disposal through exchange. Currently, no decision has been made on the overall exchange, so the exchange itself cannot be protested. Only the proposal to amend the Kingman RMP can be protested. To protest the proposed plan amendment, file a letter of protest with: Director, Bureau of Land Management, Attention: Ms. Brenda Williams, Protests Coordinator, WO-210/LS-1075, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240.

The overnight mail address is: Director, Bureau of Land Management Attention: Ms. Brenda Williams, Protests Coordinator (WO-210) 1620 L Street NW, Room 1075, Washington, DC 20036.

To expedite consideration, in addition to the original sent by mail or overnight mail, a copy of the protest may be sent by fax to (202) 452-5112 or e-mail to bhudgens@wo.blm.gov.

WO-210 will immediately acknowledge receipt of the protest and fax/e-mail a copy to the appropriate BLM State Director and the assigned field support staff. Protests filed late or filed with the BLM State Director or district, field or area manager shall be rejected by the BLM Washington Office (WO-210).

At minimum, the letter of protest must contain the following information.

1. The name, mailing address, telephone number and interest of the person filing the protest.

2. A statement of which parcel or parcels (by township, range and section) are being protested.

3. A copy of each document addressing the parcels proposed to be categorized as disposal lands, such as letters sent during the plan amendment