

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 22, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent directly to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. Send a copy of your comments to Duane Bird Bear, Chief, Division of Tribal Government Services, Office of Tribal Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street, NW., MS-4660-MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn Newman, 202-208-2473.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A 60-day notice for public comments was published in the **Federal Register** on November 21, 2001 (66 FR 58514). No comments were received on the workload burden or the form itself (OMB Control No. 1076-0160) during this public comment period. Comments were received on January 28, 2002, but they concerned substantive requirements for descendants of members of federally recognized Indian tribes but who were not themselves enrolled members of the tribe. This issue will be addressed during rule revision.

I. Abstract

The purpose of the Indian Preference Form is to encourage qualified Indians to seek preference in employment with the BIA and the IHS. BIA collects information under the proposed regulations to ensure compliance with Indian preference hiring requirements. The information collection relates only to individuals applying for employment with the BIA and the IHS. The tribe's involvement is limited to verifying membership information submitted by the applicant. The collection of information allows certain persons who are of Indian descent to receive preference when appointments are made to vacancies in positions with the BIA and IHS as well as in any unit that has been transferred intact from the BIA to a Bureau or office within the Department of the Interior, or the Department of Health and Human Services and that continues to perform the functions formerly performed as part of the BIA or the IHS. You are eligible for preference if (a) you are a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe; (b) you are a descendant of a member and you were residing within the present boundaries of any Indian reservation on June 1, 1934; (c) you are an Alaska Native; or (d) you possess one-half degree Indian blood derived

from tribes that are indigenous to the United States. The information is submitted in order to obtain or retain a benefit, namely, preference in employment with the BIA and the IHS.

II. Request for Comments

The Department of the Interior invites 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 (including the hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumption 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.

The Office of Management and Budget has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days; therefore, comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure their maximum consideration. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. If you wish us to withhold any information, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will honor your request to the extent allowable by law. Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless a currently valid OMB control number is displayed. You may request copies of the information collection forms and our submission to OMB from the person listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

III. Data

Title: Verification of Indian Preference for Employment in the BIA and the IHS, BIA Form 4432.

OMB approval number: 1076-0160.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Description of respondents: Qualified Indians who are seeking preference in employment with the BIA and IHS. Approximately a total of 5,000 applications for preference in

employment are received annually by the BIA field offices.

Frequency: On occasion as needed.

Estimated completion time: The average burden of submitting an Indian Preference Form is 30 minutes including time for reviewing instructions, searching data sources and assembling the information needed.

Total annual burden: $5,000 \times \frac{1}{2}$ hour = 2500 hours.

Estimated cost: There are no costs to consider, except postage and the cost of duplicating the original verification form, because verification of the information is already available for other reasons. The form will be used by an applicant to seek documentation of Indian descent or membership from either a tribal official or the BIA.

Dated: March 4, 2002.

Neal A. McCaleb,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Availability of a Draft Recreation Area Management Plan for the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area and Associated Draft Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of a Draft Recreation Area Management Plan (DRAMP) for the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA) and associated Draft Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

SUMMARY: The DRAMP and Draft Amendment to the CDCA Plan provide direction and guidance for the management of public lands and resources of the ISDRA, including goals and management objectives, management prescriptions in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, management direction specific to discrete areas within the ISDRA, and monitoring and evaluation requirements. The DEIS evaluates the DRAMP and alternatives to the DRAMP, including necessary amendments to the CDCA Plan.

DATES: Written comments on the DRAMP, Draft Amendment to the CDCA Plan and DEIS will be accepted until

June 28, 2002. Six (6) public meetings will be held between 7–10 p.m.

The dates and locations of the public meetings are as follows:

- April 9, 2002, El Centro, CA, City Council Chambers, 1275 Main Street, El Centro, CA.
- April 11, 2002, Long Beach, CA, The Grand, 4101 East Willow Street, Long Beach, CA.
- April 15, 2002, Phoenix, AZ, Phoenix College, 1202 West Thomas Road, Phoenix, AZ.
- April 18, 2002, Brawley, CA, Brawley City Council, 225 A Street, Brawley, CA.
- April 23, 2002, Yuma, AZ, Yuma Civic and Convention Center, 1440 W Desert Hills Drive, Yuma, AZ.
- April 25, 2002, San Diego, CA, Marriott Mission Valley, 8757 Rio San Diego Drive, San Diego, CA.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Greg Thomsen, Field Manager, El Centro Field Office, California Desert District, Bureau of Land Management, 1661 South 4th Street, El Centro, CA 92243. Comments also may be sent by e-mail to: rtrost@ca.blm.gov. Comments on the DRAMP, Draft Amendment to the CDCA Plan and DEIS, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the El Centro Field Office during normal working hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., except holidays), and may be published as part of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Amendment to the CDCA Plan. Individuals may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety. The planning documents and direct supporting record for the analysis and DRAMP will be available for inspection at the El Centro Field Office during normal working hours. Some important historical records may also be posted on the BLM Internet site to facilitate public access.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roxie Trost, Bureau of Land Management, 1661 South 4th Street, El Centro, CA 92243; (760) 337-4420.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ISDRA project area, trending generally for 40 miles from the southeast to northwest, comprises approximately 208,284 acres of public lands bounded approximately to the west by the Old Coachella Canal, to the east by the

Union Pacific Railroad, to the North by Mammoth Wash, and to the south by Interstate 8 and the California/Mexico border. The primary activities conducted in the ISDRA include recreational camping and use of Off-Highway Vehicles. Issues addressed in the DRAMP and DEIS include: recreation resources; biological resources (wildlife and botany); cultural resources and paleontology; land ownership and management; geology and soils; socioeconomic; and public health and safety. The DEIS also addresses water; noise; mineral resources; hazardous materials; solid waste; visual resources; energy; access; climate; topography; and air quality.

Greg Thomsen,

Field Manager, El Centro Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

[OMB Control Number 1010-0123]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection, Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of an extension of a currently approved information collection.

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, we are inviting comments on a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request (ICR) is titled "Issuing Orders Requested by Indian Lessors."

DATES: Submit written comments on or before May 21, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to Carol P. Shelby, Regulatory Specialist, Minerals Management Service, Minerals Revenue Management, P.O. Box 25165, MS 320B2, Denver, Colorado 80225. If you use an overnight courier service, MMS's courier address is Building 85, Room A-614, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol P. Shelby, telephone (303) 231-3151, FAX (303) 231-3385.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Issuing Orders Requested by Indian Lessors.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0123.
Bureau Form Number: None.

Abstract: The Department of the Interior (DOI) is responsible for matters relevant to mineral resource development on Federal and Indian lands and the Outer Continental Shelf. The Secretary of the Interior is responsible for managing the production of minerals from Federal and Indian lands and the OCS, collecting royalties from lessees who produce minerals, and distributing the funds collected in accordance with applicable laws. The Secretary also has an Indian trust responsibility to manage Indian lands and seek advice and information from Indian beneficiaries. The MMS performs the royalty management functions and assists the Secretary in carrying out DOI's Indian trust responsibility.

Section 101(a) of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982, as amended, requires that the Secretary "establish a comprehensive inspection, collection, and fiscal and production accounting and auditing system to provide the capability to accurately determine oil and gas royalties, interest, fines, penalties, fees, deposits, and other payments owed, and collect and account for such amounts in a timely manner." In order to accomplish these tasks, Indian lessors need a procedure for requesting the Secretary to issue orders for payments or reports. The MMS developed a proposed rule, published January 12, 1999 (64 FR 1930), to add Subpart C—Requests from Indian Lessors for MMS to Issue an Order to 30 CFR Part 242—Orders. The subpart explained how Indian lessors could formally request that MMS issue an order to persons concerning the reporting of production and the reporting and payment of royalties and other payments due under their leases. A final rule codifying these provisions has not been published yet. Because OMB approval of this information collection expires April 30, 2002, we are seeking OMB approval to renew these reporting requirements until a final rule is published.

This information collection covers the hour burden associated with submitting requests to MMS to issue an order. Submission of the information in this collection is necessary for MMS to determine the validity of the request and investigate the reasons for perceived errors or underpayments. Proprietary information that is submitted is protected, and there are no questions of a sensitive nature included in this information collection.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: 12 Indian lessors.