

response to this notice should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure their maximum consideration.

Please note that all comments are available for public review during regular office hours. If you wish to have your name and/or address withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will honor your request to the extent allowed by law. All comments from businesses or representatives of businesses will be open for public review.

III. Data

Title: The Adult Vocational Training and Employment Assistance Program Application Form.

OMB approval number: 1076-0062.

Summary of Collection of Information: The collection of information provides pertinent data concerning the individual's training and employment background to determine eligibility for program services.

Frequency: Annually.

Description of respondents: Individual tribal members residing on or near reservations seeking training and employment assistance services.

Estimated completion time: ½ hour.

Number of Annual responses: 4,900.

Annual Burden hours: 2,450 hours.

Dated: January 17, 2003.

Aurene M. Martin,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-010-1990-EX]

Notice of Availability of Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement; Betze Project Dewatering, Eureka and Elko Counties, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability (NOA) of final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act, 40 CFR parts 1500-1508 and 43 CFR part 3809, notice is given that the Elko Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management has prepared a final SEIS for Barrick Goldstrike's dewatering operations for the Betze/Post Project in northeastern Nevada.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The final SEIS will be distributed and made available to the

public following publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The period of availability for public review for the final SEIS ends 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the final SEIS can be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Elko Field Office; Attn: Kirk Laird, SEIS Coordinator; 3900 E. Idaho Street; Elko, NV 89801. The final SEIS may also be downloaded from the Elko Field Office Internet site at <http://www.nv.blm.gov/elko>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kirk Laird, SEIS Coordinator, at the above Elko Field Office address or telephone (775) 753-0200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SEIS supplements the analysis of dewatering for the Betze Project originally analyzed for an Environmental Impact Statement completed in 1991. The SEIS analysis is based on updated data, changes in the dewatering program, and improved hydrogeologic modeling. The draft SEIS analyzed a proposed additional water pipeline, which has been canceled, is no longer subject to analysis, and thus is not part of the final SEIS. The SEIS analyzes the potential impact of ongoing dewatering by Barrick's Goldstrike Mine, approved by the State of Nevada, and proposed dewatering by other mines along the Carlin Trend and analyzes updated mitigation measures. An abbreviated final SEIS has been produced. The abbreviated final SEIS contains copies of comment letters received on the draft SEIS, responses to those comments, and an errata section with specific modifications and corrections to the draft in response to the comments.

Dated: January 10, 2003.

Helen Hankins,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

60-Day Notice of Intention To Request Clearance of Collection of Information; Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: National Park Service, the Department of Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR part 1320, this notice announces the National Park Service (NPS)

intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection used in the Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program administered by the NPS. The NPS also is asking for comments on the practical utility of the information being gathered; the accuracy of the burden hour estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and ways to minimize the burden to respondents, including use of automated information collection techniques or other forms of information technology. This program will measure performance in meeting goals as required by the 1995 Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA).

DATES: Public comments on this notice will be accepted on or before April 1, 2003, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: *Send Comments to:* Sharon C. Park, Heritage Preservation Services, National Park Service, 1849 C St., NW., Org. code 2255, Washington, DC 20240-0001.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record. Copies of the information collection can be obtained from Sharon C. Park, Chief, Technical Preservation Services, National Park Service, 1849 C St., NW., Org. code 2255, Washington, DC 20240-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon C. Park, (202)-354-2033.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Historic Preservation Certification Application.

OMB Number: 1024-0009.

Expiration Date of Approval: May 31, 2003.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Section 47 of the Internal Revenue Code requires that the Secretary of the Interior certify to the Secretary of the Treasury upon application by owners of historic properties for Federal tax benefits, (a) the historic character of the property, and (b) that the rehabilitation work is consistent with that historic character. The NPS administers the program in partnership with the Internal Revenue Service. The Historic Preservation Certification Application is used by the NPS to evaluate the condition and historic significance of buildings undergoing rehabilitation for continued use, and to evaluate whether the rehabilitation work meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

Respondents: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit entities.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: 7,500 hours.

Estimated average burden hours per response: 2.5 hours.

Estimated average number of respondents: 3,000 annually.

Estimate frequency of response: 3,000 annually.

Dated: January 6, 2003.

Leonard E. Stowe,

Acting Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service, WAPC.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments on information collection regarding National Park Service mining regulations.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the National Park Service's (NPS) intention to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) extend and revise the currently approved information collection budget for the NPS's minerals management regulatory program inside park boundaries. Under 36 CFR part 9, the NPS regulates mineral development activities in parks associated with mining claims located under the 1872 Mining Law, and with non-Federal oil and gas rights.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the NPS invites public comments on (1) the need for the information including whether the information has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the reporting burden estimate; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by April 1, 2003.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Contact Edward Kassman, Jr., Regulatory Specialist, Policy and Regulations Branch, Geologic Resources

Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 25287, Lakewood, Colorado 80225, (303) 969-2146.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: NPS/Minerals Management Program/Mining Claims and Non-federal Oil and Gas Rights.

OMB Number: 1024-0064.

Expiration Date of Approval: June 30, 2003.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection budget for NPS minerals management regulatory program.

Abstract: While surprising, outstanding mineral rights exist in many units of the National Park System. In most cases, these rights predate the establishment of the units. Currently, 1,749 mining claims, which were located under the 1872 Mining Law, 30 U.S.C. 21, *et seq.*, exist in a total of 19 park units. The majority of these claims are located in Mojave National Preserve that was added to the National Park System through the California Desert Protection Act of 1994, 16 U.S.C. 410aaa. With respect to non-Federal oil and gas rights in park units, 703 non-Federal oil and gas operations exist in 12 park units. The potential for additional hardrock mining and non-Federal oil and gas operations in additional units is tied to market forces and the quality and quantity of hardrock minerals and oil and gas reserves in park boundaries that coincide with the presence of private rights.

The NPS regulates mineral development activities inside park boundaries on mining claims and on non-Federal oil and gas rights under regulations codified at 36 CFR part 9, subpart A ("9A regulations"), and 36 CFR part 9, subpart B ("9B regulations"), respectively. The NPS promulgated both sets of regulations in the late 1970's. In the case of mining claims, the NPS promulgated the 9A regulations pursuant to congressional authority granted under the Mining in the Parks Act of 1976, 16 U.S.C. 1901 *et seq.*, and individual park enabling statutes. For non-Federal oil and gas rights, the NPS regulates development activities pursuant to authority under the NPS Organic Act of 1916, 16 U.S.C. 1 *et seq.*, and individual enabling statutes. As directed by Congress, the NPS developed the regulations in order to protect park resources and visitor values from the adverse impacts associated with mineral development in park boundaries.

The heart of the regulations is the approved "plan of operations" requirement. Essentially, a plan of

operations is a prospective operator's blueprint setting forth all intended activities from access to extraction to reclamation related to developing a particular mineral right in a given park unit. The information required in a plan of operations is set forth in NPS regulations. Before an operator can commence development activities in a park unit, the NPS must approve the plan of operations and the operator must secure a bond in an amount sufficient to cover the cost of reclamation to the Federal Government in the event the operator defaults on his/her obligations.

Usually, an approved plan of operations covers the life of the mine or well, from development and production to reclamation. Under NPS regulations, such plans may be revised. No set form is required for a plan of operations. Each plan is tailored to the intended activities of an operator and the particulars of the environment, *e.g.*, hardwood forest or desert, presence of endangered species or cultural resources, location and extent of water resources including wetlands.

Because of the variability among plans of operations and the duration of such plans, assessing the annual paperwork burden of complying with the NPS's mining regulations is difficult. Below is the NPS's best estimate, pro-rated on an annual basis, as to the number of respondents and number of hours involved in complying with the Service's regulations governing mining claims and non-Federal oil and gas rights.

Respondents: 1/4 medium to large publicly owned companies and 3/4 private entities.

Estimate of Number of Respondents: On an annual basis, the NPS estimates that it receives a range of between 13 to 20 plans of operations under its regulations: 3 to 5 plans of operations for mining claims, and 10 to 15 plans of operations for non-Federal oil and gas rights. For analysis purposes, the NPS used an overall estimate of 17 plans of operations per year: 4 plans of operations for mining claims, and 13 plans of operations for non-Federal oil and gas rights.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: to conduct mineral development operations in park units, a prospective operator must submit a proposed plan of operations to the NPS for review and approval. Once approved, such a plan covers the life of the operation. If the plan is for geophysical work associated with private oil and gas rights it may only cover a period of a few months. In contrast, a plan for an oil and gas well