

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is announcing its intention to request extension of an existing approval to collect certain information from applicants who wish to acquire a Land Use Authorization (Form 2920-1) on public lands under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976. The regulations at 43 CFR 2920 provide for non-Federal use of bureau administered land via lease or permit. Uses include agriculture, trade, or manufacturing concerns and business uses such as outdoor recreation concession. BLM will determine the validity of uses proposed by private individuals and other qualified proponents from information provided by the proponent on the Land Use Application and Permit Form.

DATES: You must submit your comments to BLM at the appropriate address below on or before February 9, 2001. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Affairs Group (630), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 401LS, Washington, DC 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: WOCComment@blm.gov. Please include "ATTN: 1004-0009" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

Comments may be hand-delivered to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Comments will be available for public review that the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alzata L. Ransom, Realty Use Group, on (202) 452-7772 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Ms. Ransom.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 5 CFR 1320.12(a) requires BLM to provide 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information contained in regulations found in 43 CFR 2920 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. BLM will receive and analyze any comments sent in response to this notice and include them with its request for approval from the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* The FLPMA of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1732, 1740), provides for issuance of land use authorization which may include leases or permits, to eligible proponents. The BLM has implemented the provisions of this requirement through the issuance of 43 CFR 2922.2-1 which provides for the submission of the "Land Use Application and Permit," or application, Form 2920-1. BLM uses the information collected on the application to identify the proposed land use and activities, describe all facilities for which authorization is sought, to identify the location, to determine a schedule for construction and to identify access requirements. Since the information collected is unique to each application, no other suitable means of information collection has been identified which could gather the information at a lesser burden. If the BLM fails to properly collect the required information, the BLM will reject the application. Based on BLM's experience administering the activities described above, we receive approximately 620 applications (577 Permits, 43 Leases) annually. It takes an average of 30 minutes for over 94 percent of the applicants to supply the needed information. For the other 6 percent of the applicants who are applying for leases, the average burden is 121 hours to supply the necessary information. The range in burden hours is due to the fact that a lease application, because of its nature, requires more time on the part of an applicant to supply the needed information. For example, a lease application to construct a multi-million dollar ski facility could involve construction drawings, site and facility plans, other Federal and State licenses and permits, and other pre-authorizing requirements involving many days to process. Conversely, a relatively routine application (permit) to use public lands for agricultural purposes could be processed in 30 minutes. The estimated total annual burden on new respondents is about 5,955 hours.

BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the

request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 5, 2000.

Michael Schwartz,

BLM Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Number 1004-0042

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 an existing approval to collect certain information from those individuals requesting to adopt a wild horse or burro (43 CFR 4750). BLM needs this information to determine whether or not individuals are qualified to provide humane care and proper treatment, including transportation, feeding and handling, to an adopted wild horse or burro.

DATES: You must submit your comments to BLM at the appropriate address below on or before February 9, 2001. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Affairs Group (630), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 401LS, Washington, DC 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: WOCComment@blm.gov. Please include "ATTN: 1004-0042" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

Comments may be hand-delivered to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bea Wade, on (775) 861-6583 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-

8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Ms. Wade.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 5 CFR 1320.12(a) requires BLM to provide 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information contained in regulations found in 43 CFR 4750 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. BLM will receive and analyze any comments sent in response to this notice and include them with its request for approval from the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Section 3(b)(2)(B) of the Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act requires that BLM provide health excess animals for adoption by individuals that the Secretary determines are qualified to provide humane care and proper treatment. The implementing regulations are found at 43 CFR Subpart 4750—Private Maintenance. Individuals must inform BLM of their interest and willingness to adopt. The adoption application requirement provides individuals with a mechanism to inform BLM of their interest and to submit their credentials for determining their qualifications. The Application for Adoption of Wild Horse(s) and Burro(s), Form 4710-10, is required by 43 CFR 4750.3.

BLM uses the information to determine whether individuals are qualified to provide humane care and proper treatment to one or more adopted animals. When BLM approves the application and the individual completes a Private Maintenance and Care Agreement, the individual may adopt one to four wild horses or burros at one time. There is no other source for the required information, and failure to furnish the required information will result in the applicant's not being able to adopt a wild horse or burro.

The collection of information is short and simple and not inconvenient to the applicant. Valuable dialogue normally

occurs during the approval process when BLM conducts an interview with the applicant to ensure that the applicant understands the obligations and prohibited acts and that the adopter is knowledgeable about horses and burros or has access to assistance from a knowledgeable individual. Based on BLM's experience in administering the activities described above, the public reporting burden is estimated at 10 minutes per response. The estimate number of respondents is 30,000 per year, for a total estimated burden of 5,000 hours to read the instructions, gather and supply the information and send the applications to BLM.

BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 5, 2000.

Michael Schwartz,

BLM Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Number 1004-0107

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 an existing approval to collect certain information from respondents identified in 43 CFR 2800 and 2880. This information is in addition to that collected on the Form SF-299, OMB No. 1004-0189, and is necessary for those large complex projects which require a right-of-way. On the multi-million dollar energy production and transmission projects, and complex communication sites for which a right-of-way is required, BLM needs information over and above that provided on the application form, such as construction and other plans; a more detailed map; specific certificates; permits and approvals from other agencies; and any other necessary information relative to the completion of the project.

DATES: You must submit your comments to BLM at the appropriate address below

on or before February 9, 2001. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Affairs Group (630), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 401LS, Washington, DC 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: WOCComments@blm.gov. Please include "ATTN: 1004-0107" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

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