

by the closing date to ensure consideration.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the Recovery Plan can obtain a paper or CD copy from the Rio Grande Silvery Minnow Coordinator, Southwest Regional Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103; telephone 505/248-6920, facsimile 505/248-6788, e-mail: Jennifer_Parody@fws.gov. The Recovery Plan may also be obtained from the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/endangered> by selecting "Species Search" from the left-side menu bar and entering the species' name in the "Search Species" text box. If you wish to comment on the Recovery Plan, you may submit your comments and materials to the Rio Grande Silvery Minnow Coordinator.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Parody, Rio Grande Silvery Minnow Coordinator, at the Albuquerque address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of species, establish criteria for downlisting or delisting them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a Plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. The Service and other Federal agencies will also take these comments into account in the course of implementing recovery plans.

The document submitted for review is the Recovery Plan for the Rio Grande silvery minnow. Currently, the Rio Grande silvery minnow is believed to occur in a 280 km (174 mi) reach of the Rio Grande in New Mexico, from

Cochiti Dam to the headwaters of Elephant Butte Reservoir. Its current habitat is limited to about 7 percent of its former range. The species was listed as federally endangered in 1994 (July 20, 1994, 59 FR 36988). Critical habitat was designated in 2003 (68 FR 8088). Throughout much of its historic range, the decline of the Rio Grande silvery minnow may be attributed in part to destruction and modification of its habitat due to dewatering and diversion of water, water impoundment, and modification of the river (channelization). Competition and predation by introduced non-native species, water quality degradation, and other factors may also have contributed to its decline.

The Recovery Plan includes scientific information about the species and provides criteria and actions needed to downlist and delist (recover) the species. Downlisting for the Rio Grande silvery minnow may be considered when three populations (including at least two that are self-sustaining) have been established within the historical range of the species and have been maintained for at least five years. Delisting of the species may be considered when three self-sustaining populations have been established within the historical range of the species and have been maintained for at least ten years. Recovery actions designed to achieve these criteria include: (1) Develop a thorough knowledge of the Rio Grande silvery minnow's life history, ecology, and behavior, and the current status of its habitat; (2) restore, protect, and alter habitats as necessary to alleviate threats to the Rio Grande silvery minnow; (3) ensure the survival of the Rio Grande silvery minnow in its current habitat and reestablish the species in suitable habitats within its historical range; (4) implement and maintain an adaptive management program so that appropriate research and management activities are implemented in a timely manner to achieve recovery of the Rio Grande silvery minnow; and (5) design and implement a public awareness and education program.

The original Rio Grande Silvery Minnow Recovery Plan was finalized in 1999. The draft revised Recovery Plan differs from the original plan by including: (1) A Tribal Perspectives document prepared by representatives of six Rio Grande Pueblos; (2) updated objective and measurable criteria for downlisting and delisting; and, (3) identification of how the plan's recovery criteria and recovery actions address the five listing factors and specific threats to the species.

The Recovery Plan is being submitted for review to all interested parties. Peer review will be conducted concurrent with public review. A peer review plan is posted on the Service's Southwest Region Web site, at: <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/science/peerreview.html>. After consideration of comments received during the public and peer review period, the Recovery Plan will be submitted for final approval.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the Recovery Plan described. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of the final Recovery Plan.

Authority

The authority for this action is Section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: November 9, 2006.

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Acting Regional Director, Region 2.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Submission to Office of Management and Budget—Information Collection, OMB Control Number 1004-0194

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) has submitted a request for an extension of an approved information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval.

DATES: The OMB is required to respond to this request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. Submit your comments to OMB at the address below by February 20, 2007 to receive maximum consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the OMB, Interior Department Desk Office (1004-0194), at OMB-OIRA via e-mail OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov or via facsimile at (202) 395-6566. Also please send a copy of your comments to BLM via Internet and include your name, address, and ATTN: 1004-0194 in your Internet message to comments_washington@blm.gov or via mail to: U.S. Department of the Interior,

Bureau of Land Management, Mail Stop 401LS, 1849 C Street, NW., ATTN: Bureau Information Collection Clearance Officer (WO-630), Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may contact Shirlean Beshir to obtain copies and explanatory material on this information collection at (202) 452-5033. Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) on 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Ms. Beshir.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 6, 2006, the BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 11224) requesting comments on the information collection. The comment period closed on May 5, 2006. The BLM did not receive any comments. We are soliciting comments on the following:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of our estimates of the information collection burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title: Surface Management (43 CFR subpart 3809).

OMB Control Number: 1004-0194.

Abstract: Under the General Mining Law, a citizen may enter onto public domain lands that are subject to the law to prospect and explore for valuable mineral deposits. They may do so without seeking the government's permission beforehand. The rights to a deposit of a valuable mineral are granted through the act of discovering the mineral deposit. After making a discovery, a prospector may choose to

locate and record a mining claim to protect investments in exploration and to have a secure tenure to discovered valuable mineral deposits. Locating a mining claim is not a prerequisite for conducting operations on the public lands, nor is it even a requirement for carrying out mining operations. The BLM uses the regulations at 43 CFR subpart 3809 to govern hardrock mineral exploration and development on the public lands and Federal interests in the lands. The hardrock minerals are subject to the provisions of the 1872 General Mining Law (30 U.S.C. 22, *et seq.*, as amended).

BLM collects form and nonform information on surface management activities from mining claimants and operators.

Burden Estimate Per Form: The following chart lists form and non-form information collection requirements that are submitted quarterly, monthly, on occasion, and annually to the BLM by the private sector.

43 CFR Citation	Subpart	Forms	Number of responses	Hours/\$	Burden hours	Burden/(\$)
Non-Forms:						
3809.21/.301	Notice Level .....	.....	386	32 hr @ 75	12,352	926,400
3809.330	Notice Level Modification .....	.....	108	32 hr @ 75	3,456	259,200
3809.333	Notice Extension .....	.....	169	30 minutes @ 75	85	6,253
3809.11/.401	Plan of Operations .....	.....	54	245 hr @ 90	13,230	1,190,700
	EIS .....	.....	6	4960 hr @ 205	29,760	6,100,800
	EA-Standard .....	.....	16	890 hr @ 90	14,240	1,281,600
	EA-Exploration/Simple .....	.....	35	320 hr @ 70	11,200	784,000
3809.430	Plan Modification .....	.....	96	245 hr @ 90	23,520	2,116,900
	EIS .....	.....	2	4960 hr @ 205	9,920	2,033,600
	EA-Standard .....	.....	29	890 hr @ 90	25,810	2,322,900
	EA-Exploration/Simple .....	.....	62	320 hr @ 70	19,840	1,388,800
Forms:						
3809.500	Financial Guarantee	3809-1	67	8 hours @ 40	536	21,440
		3809-2	270	8 hours @ 40	2,160	86,400
		3809-4	13	8 hours @ 40	104	4,160
		3809-4a	10	8 hours @ 40	80	3,200
3809.116	Operator Change	3809-5	46	8 hours @ 40	368	14,720
Total .....	.....	.....	1,369	.....	166,661	18,537,273

Annual Responses: 1,369.

Application Fee Per Response: 0.

Annual Burden Hours: 166,661.

Dated: January 11, 2007.

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Bureau of Land Management, Acting Division Chief Regulatory Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Submission to Office of Management and Budget—Information Collection, OMB Control Number 1004-0073

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) has submitted a request for an extension of an approved information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval.

DATES: The OMB is required to respond to this request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. Submit your comments to OMB at the address below by February 20, 2007, to receive maximum consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the OMB, Interior Department Desk Officer (1004-0073), at OMB-OIRA e-mail OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov or via