

comment be provided during recovery plan development. Public review and comment is also sought for this supplement and amendment to an existing recovery plan. The Service will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of the supplement and amendment to the 1998 Final Sonoran Pronghorn Recovery Plan. The Service and other Federal agencies will also take these comments into account in the course of implementing recovery activities.

The Draft Supplement and Amendment to the 1998 Final Sonoran Pronghorn Recovery Plan updates selected biological sections of the Recovery Plan, addresses the five listing factors mandated by Section 4(a)(1) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, reassesses recovery criteria presented in the Final Recovery Plan, and where practicable, provides estimates of time necessary to carry out measures needed to effect recovery of Sonoran pronghorn as articulated in the Final Recovery Plan. The Draft Supplement and Amendment to the 1998 Final Recovery Plan was developed by the Service in coordination with an appointed Recovery Team that includes a group of scientists and agency biologists with expertise in the ecology of the Sonoran pronghorn. The Draft Supplement and Amendment to the Recovery Plan has undergone peer review by scientists, conservation biologists, range experts, and others experienced in reviewing recovery plans. This Draft Supplement and Amendment to the Recovery Plan incorporates their comments where applicable.

Public Comments Solicited

We solicit written comments on the Draft Supplement and Amendment to the 1998 Final Sonoran Pronghorn Recovery Plan. All comments received by the date specified above will be considered prior to approval of the plan.

Authority

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

Dated: September 13, 2001.

Geoffrey L. Haskett,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On June 15, 2001, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 32635), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by James A. Cummings for a permit (PRT-043611) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*), taken from the Lancaster Sound population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on August 28, 2001, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On June 14, 2001 a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 32371), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Brian Olson for a permit (PRT-043984) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the Norwegian Bay population, Canada for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on August 30, 2001, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Documents and other information submitted for these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone (703) 358-2104 or fax (703) 358-2281.

Dated: September 14, 2001.

Monica Farris,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has submitted for renewal the information collection for the Housing Assistance Application (1076-0084) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act. This program and the process of obtaining benefits are codified at 25 CFR Part 256. On May 10, 2001, the BIA published a notice in the **Federal Register** requesting comments on the proposed information collection. The comment period ended on July 10, 2001. The BIA received no comments from the public in response to the notice.

DATES: Submit comments on or before October 25, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Your comments and suggestions on the requirements should be made directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Desk Officer for Department of the Interior, Office of Management and Budget; 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20503. Please provide a copy of your comments to June Henkel, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, MS-4660-MIB, Washington, D.C., 20240. Telephone: (202) 208-3667.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the renewal of collection of information and related self-explanatory form may be obtained by contacting June Henkel, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-4660-MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240. E-mail: JuneHenkel@bia.gov. Fax: (202) 208-2648. Telephone: (202) 208-3667. (This is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The information is needed to establish whether an applicant is eligible to receive services under the HIP and to establish the priority order in which eligible applicants may receive services under the program. 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 OMB control number. The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on May 10, 2001 (66 FR 23948). OMB is required to respond to this request between 30-60 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. For maximum consideration, your comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days of publication.

II. Request for Comments

We specifically request your comments on the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the BIA, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the BIA's estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and,
4. How to minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical or other forms of information technology.

III. Data

Title of the Collection of Information: Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Housing Assistance Application.

OMB Number: 1076-0084.

Affected Entities: Individual members of Indian tribes who are living on or near a tribal service area, as defined by law or defined by the tribe and approved by the BIA.

Frequency of Response: Annually or less frequently, depending on length of waiting list, funding availability and dynamics of service population.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 3,500.

Estimated Time per Application: ½ hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,750 hours.

Dated: August 3, 2001.

Neal A. McCaleb,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Irrigation Rate Adjustment, Colorado River Irrigation Project

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Irrigation Operation and Maintenance Rate Adjustment.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) proposes to adjust the excess water rates assessed to customers of the Colorado River Irrigation Project for the 2001 irrigation season and subsequent years. We request your comments on the proposed rate adjustment.

DATES: Interested parties may submit comments on the proposed rate adjustment. Comments must be submitted on or before November 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: All comments concerning the proposed rate adjustment must be in writing and addressed to: Director, Office of Trust Responsibilities, Attn.: Irrigation and Power, MS-3061-MIB, Code 210, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Hikins, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Colorado River Agency, Rt. 1, Box 9-C, Parker, AZ 85334. Phone Number: (520) 669-7111.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Where Can Information on the Regulatory and Legal Citations in This Notice Be Obtained?

You can contact the Colorado River Irrigation Project office at the location stated above or you can use the internet site for the Government Printing Office at <http://www.gpo.gov>.

What Is the Purpose of This Notice?

This notice is to notify you that we propose to adjust the irrigation assessment rates for one of our irrigation projects. We are publishing the notice in accordance with the BIA's regulations governing its operation and maintenance of irrigation projects, specifically, sections 171.1(e) and 171.1(f) of part 171, subchapter H, chapter I of title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These sections provide for the fixing and announcing of the rates for annual operation and maintenance assessments and related information for BIA irrigation projects.

What Authorizes Us To Issue This Notice?

Our authority to issue this notice is vested in the Secretary of the Interior by 5 U.S.C. 301; the Act of August 14, 1914 (38 Stat. 583; 25 U.S.C. 385). The Secretary has in turn delegated this authority to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs in accordance with part 209 of the Department of the Interior's Departmental Manual, Chapter 8.1A and a memorandum dated January 25, 1994, from the Chief of Staff, Department of the Interior, to Assistant Secretaries, and Heads of Bureaus and Offices.

How Do We Calculate Our Irrigation Rate?

We calculate the assessment rate in accordance with section 171(f), subchapter H, chapter I of title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations by estimating the cost of normal operation

and maintenance at our irrigation project for which you receive service. Normal operation and maintenance means the expenses we incur to provide direct support or benefit for the irrigation project's activities for administration, operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation. These costs are then applied as stated in the rate table in this notice.

What Kinds of Expenses Are Included in Determining Our Estimated Cost of Normal Operation and Maintenance?

We include the following expenses:

(a) Personnel salary and benefits for the project engineer/manager and project employees under their management control;

(b) Materials and supplies;

(c) Major and minor vehicle and equipment repairs;

(d) Equipment, including transportation, fuel, oil, grease, lease and replacement;

(e) Capitalization expenses;

(f) Acquisition expenses;

(g) Maintenance of a reserve fund available for contingencies or emergency expenses for, and insuring, reliable operation of the irrigation system; and

(h) Other expenses we determine necessary to properly perform the activities and functions characteristic of an irrigation project.

When Should You Pay Your Irrigation Assessment?

We will mail you a bill for your irrigation assessment. You should pay your bill no later than the due date stated on the bill. The due date is normally based on locally established payment requirements at each of our projects.

What Information Must You Provide Us for Billing Purposes?

We must obtain certain information from you to ensure we can properly process, bill for, and collect monies owed the United States. At a minimum, this information is:

(a) Full legal name of person or entity responsible for paying the bill;

(b) Adequate and correct address for mailing or hand delivering our bill; and

(c) The taxpayer identification number or social security number of the person or entity responsible for paying the bill.

Why Are We Collecting This Information?

We need to collect enough information to properly bill the responsible party and service the account. We are also required to collect