

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****[WO-350-1430-PF-24 1A]****Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Approval Number 1004-0004****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) requests the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend an existing approval to collect information from those persons who submit Form 2520-1 to apply for a desert-land entry to reclaim, irrigate, and cultivate arid and semiarid public lands in the Western United States. The BLM uses this information to determine if the applicant is eligible to make a desert-land entry under the appropriate land entry laws.

**DATES:** You must submit your comments to BLM at the address below on or before September 9, 2002. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail comments to: Regulatory Affairs Group (WO-630), Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Blvd., Springfield, Virginia 22153.

You may send comments via Internet to: [WOCComment@blm.gov](mailto:WOCComment@blm.gov). Please include "ATTN: 1004-0004" and your name and address with your comments.

You may deliver comments 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:** You may contact Alzata L. Ransom, Lands and Realty Group, on (202) 452-7772 (Commercial or FTS). 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. Ransom.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 5 CFR 1320.12(a) requires that we provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information to solicit comments on:

(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 assumption 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.

Congress passed the Desert Land Act of March 3, 1877 (19 Stat. 377; 43 U.S.C. 321-323), as amended by the Act of March 3, 1891 (26 Stat. 1096; 43 U.S.C. 231, 323, 325, 327-329) to encourage and promote the economic development of the arid and semiarid public lands. Through the Act, you may apply for a desert-land entry to reclaim, irrigate, and cultivate arid and semiarid public lands in the Western United States. The regulations in 43 CFR 2520 provide guidelines and procedures to obtain public lands under the Act.

You qualify to file a desert-land entry if you are a citizen of the United States; 21 years old; and a resident in the States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, or Wyoming (no residency is required in the State of Nevada).

You may apply for one or more tracts of public lands totaling no more than 320 acres. The lands must be surveyed or unsurveyed, unappropriated, non-mineral, and non-timber. The lands must be suitable for agricultural purposes and more valuable for that purpose than any other. The tracts of land must be sufficiently close to each other to manage satisfactorily as an economic unit.

You must locate lands you feel can be economically developed and determine the legal land description. You must contact the BLM State Office where the lands are located and verify the lands are available for desert-land entry application.

When BLM receives the application, we will examine your application for completeness and accuracy and classify the lands included in the application. BLM will approve your application if the lands are classified suitable for desert-land entry or reject your application if the lands are classified unsuitable for desert-land entry.

Based on past experience processing these applications, BLM estimates the public reporting burden for completing the Form 2520-1 is 90 minutes. BLM estimates that we receive approximately

20 applications annually, with a total annual burden of 30 hours.

Any member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of the BLM Form 2520-1 by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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

Dated: May 22, 2002.

**Michael H. Schwartz,**

*Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****[WO-350-1430-PE-24 1A]****Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Approval Number 1004-0010****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) requests the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend an existing approval to collect information from those persons who submit a Conveyance Affecting Color or Claim of Title Application (Form No. 2540-2) to apply for public lands under a color-of-title claim. The BLM uses the information to determine if the applicant is eligible to acquire public lands under the Color-of-Title Act of December 22, 1928.

**DATES:** You must submit your comments to BLM at the address below on or before September 9, 2002. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date.

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