

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments to the Department of the Interior, USGS, via:

- *E-mail:* atravnic@usgs.gov. Use Information Collection Number 1028–0078 in the subject line.
- *Fax:* (703) 648–7069. Use Information Collection Number 1028–0078 in the subject line.
- Mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; USGS Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, Reston, VA 20192. Please reference Information Collection 1028–0078 in your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Weir at (301) 497–5932 or the USGS information collection clearance officer at the phone number listed below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: North American Amphibian Monitoring Program.

OMB Control Number: 1028–0078.

Abstract: The collection of information referred herein applies to a USGS program that permits individuals to submit records of the number of calling amphibians at survey routes. This information is used by scientists and federal, state, and local agencies to monitor amphibian populations and detect population trends. Responses are voluntary. No questions of a “sensitive” nature are asked. Further information about the program can be obtained at the Web site <http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/naamp>.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: Approximately 500 volunteer observers.

Frequency of Responses: 3 times per year.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 1,500.

Total Annual burden hours: 4,500 hours.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping “Hour” Burden: We estimate the public reporting burden averages 3 hours per response. This includes the time for driving to/from the survey route locations, 5-minute listening period per sampling station (10 sampling stations per route) and data entry time to submit data to the NAAMP.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour Cost” Burden: Estimated “non-hour cost” burden includes one-time cost per respondent for the purchase of a thermometer, plus the operational cost of mileage for conducting the surveys. The thermometer is needed to record air temperature during the survey. The cost of such thermometers is approximately

\$15. The total operational costs consist of a mileage estimate in accomplishing a survey, calculated by using the mileage reimbursement rate of 40.5 cents per mile (as used in travel reimbursement for federal employees) times 15 miles (the approximate distance of a calling survey route), for a total of \$6.07 per survey.

- i. Total capital and start-up costs: \$15.00
- ii. Total operation and maintenance costs: \$6.07

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a current valid OMB control number.

Comments: Before submitting an ICR to OMB, PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) requires each agency “ * * * to provide notice * * * and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information * * * ” Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

To comply with the public consultation process, we publish this **Federal Register** notice announcing that we will submit this ICR to OMB for approval. This notice provides a required 60-day public comment period.

USGS Information Collection Clearance Officer: Alfred Travnicsek, 703–648–7231.

Dated: January 8, 2008

Susan D. Haseltine,

Associate Director for Biology.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO–320–1330–PB–24 1A]

Extension of Approval Information Collection, OMB Control Number 1004–0169

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Control Number 1004–0169.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) plans to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend an existing approval to collect information from mining claimants concerning use and occupancy of mining claims on public lands. The nonform information under 43 CFR subpart 3715 authorizes the BLM to manage the use and occupancy of public lands for developing the mineral deposits by mining claimants.

DATES: You must submit your comments to the BLM at the address below on or before March 25, 2008. The BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Mail Stop 401LS, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20045, “ATTN: 1004–0169”.

You may send comments via the Internet to WOComments@blm.gov. Please include “ATTN: 1004–0169” and your name and address in your Internet message. You may deliver comments to: The U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW., ATTN: Bureau Information Collection Clearance Officer (WO–630), Washington, DC, 20036 during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.) Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

All 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, except on Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may contact Roger Haskins at 202–452–0355 (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 leave a message for Mr. Haskins.

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 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.

The General Mining Law (30 U.S.C. 612), Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733), and the regulations is collected under 43 CFR 3715 authorize the BLM to manage use and occupancy of mining claims on public lands. The nonform information in the regulations is collected under 43 CFR part 3715, which authorizes the BLM to collect information concerning proposed mining development activities on public lands. Without this information, the BLM would not be able to analyze and approve mining claimants' proposed use and occupancy activities.

Mining claimants planning to occupy their mining claims on public lands under the mining laws must submit the following information to the BLM:

(1) A detailed map that identifies the site and shows the place of temporary and permanent structures for occupancy, the location of and reason for the structures intended to exclude the public, and the location of reasonable public passage or access routes through or around the area adjacent to public lands;

(2) A written description of the proposed occupancy that describes in detail how the proposed occupancy is reasonably incident to mining and how the proposed occupancy meets the conditions of 43 CFR 3715.2 and 3715.2-1; and

(3) An estimate of the period of use of the structures during which the public would be excluded, and a schedule for removing them and reclaiming the lands when the operations end.

Based upon the BLM's experience with mining claims use and occupancy activity, it estimates the public reporting information collection burden takes 2 hours to gather and complete. The respondents are mining claimants and operators of prospecting, exploration, mining, and processing operations. The estimated number of responses per year is 150 and the total annual burden is 300 hours. The BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 18, 2008.

Ted R. Hudson,

Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-030-08-1610-PH-24-1A]

Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee (GSENMAC) Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and The Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee (GSENMAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The GSENMAC will meet March 5 and 6, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The GSENMAC will meet at the Escalante Interagency Visitor Center, Conference Room, 755 W. Main Street, Escalante, UT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry Crutchfield, Public Affairs Officer, GSENM Headquarters Office, 190 East Center, Kanab, Utah 84741; phone (435) 644-4310, or e-mail larry_crutchfield@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting on March 5 will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 6 p.m.; the meeting on March 6 will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m.

The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee (GSENMAC) was first appointed by the Secretary of Interior on September 26, 2003, pursuant to the Monument Management Plan, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA) and was subsequently reappointed June 2, 2006. As specified in the Monument Management Plan, the GSENMAC will have several primary tasks: (1) Review evaluation reports produced by the Management Science Team and make recommendations on protocols and projects to meet overall objectives. (2) Review appropriate

research proposals and make recommendations on project necessity and validity. (3) Make recommendations regarding allocation of research funds through review of research and project proposals as well as needs identified through the evaluation process above. (4) Could be consulted on issues such as protocols for specific projects.

Topics to be presented and discussed by the GSENMAC include: Management updates to the GSENMAC, Ad Hoc Reports on Restoration and Information management, and discussion of science planning.

Members of the public are welcome to address the committee beginning at 5 p.m. local time on March 5, 2008, in Escalante, Utah, at the Interagency Visitor Center. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, a time limit could be established. Interested persons may make oral statements to the GSENMAC during this time or written statements may be submitted for the GSENMAC's consideration. Written statements can be sent to: Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Attn.: Larry Crutchfield, 190 E. Center Street, Kanab, UT 84741. Information to be distributed to the GSENMAC is requested 10 days prior to the start of the GSENMAC meeting.

All meetings are open to the public; however, transportation, lodging, and meals are the responsibility of the participating public.

Dated: January 18, 2008.

Rene Berkhoudt,

Acting Monument Manager, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-910-08-0777-XX]

Notice of Public Meeting, New Mexico Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting dates are March 5-7, 2008, at the Las Cruces District Office,