

it meets the requirements for an ETP. Alternative 3 represents an example of a different development scenario PCW could present in a new application if the Service were to determine that the Phase I CCSM Project would meet all the criteria for issuing an ETP, but not at the scale proposed. Alternative 3 is for the Service to issue ETPs for the construction of Phase I infrastructure and the construction and operation of wind turbines only in the Sierra Madre Wind Development Area (WDA) (298 turbines total). The alternative includes avoidance and minimization measures, best management practices, and compensatory mitigation described in PCW's application as they apply to the Sierra Madre WDA.

**Alternative 4: No Action.** Under Alternative 4, the Service would deny PCW standard and programmatic ETPs for construction and operation of the Phase I CCSM Project. In addition to being a potential outcome of the permit review process, analysis of the No Action alternative is required by CEQ regulation (40 CFR 1502.14) and provides a baseline against which to compare the environmental impacts of the Proposed Action and other reasonable alternatives. ETPs are not required in order for PCW to construct and operate the project; therefore, if we deny the ETPs, PCW may choose to construct and operate the Phase I CCSM Project without ETPs and without adhering to an ECP. Alternative 4 analyzes both a "No Build" scenario and a "Build Without ETPs" scenario.

### National Environmental Policy Act Compliance

Our decision whether to issue standard and programmatic ETPs to PCW triggers compliance with NEPA, which requires the Service to analyze the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the CCSM Phase I project before we make our decision, and to make our analysis available to the public. We have prepared the draft EIS to inform the public of our proposed permit action, alternatives to that action, the environmental impacts of the alternatives, and measures to minimize adverse environmental effects.

### EPA's Role in the EIS Process

The EPA is charged under section 309 of the Clean Air Act to review all Federal agencies' EISs and to comment on the adequacy and the acceptability of the environmental impacts of proposed actions in the EISs.

EPA also serves as the repository (EIS database) for EISs prepared by Federal agencies and provides notice of their availability in the **Federal Register**. The

EIS database provides information about EISs prepared by Federal agencies, as well as EPA's comments concerning the EISs. All EISs are filed with EPA, which publishes a notice of availability on Fridays in the **Federal Register**.

For more information, see <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html>. You may search for EPA comments on EISs, along with EISs themselves, at <https://cdxnodengn.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-public/action/eis/search>.

### Public Comment Procedures

In accordance with CEQ's regulations for implementing NEPA and DOI's NEPA regulations, the Service requests public comments on the draft EIS. Timely comments will be considered by the Service in preparing the final EIS.

Written comments, including email comments, should be sent to the Service at one of the addresses given in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. Comments should be specific and pertain only to issues relating to the proposals. The Service will include all comments in the administrative record.

If you would like to be placed on the mailing list to receive future information, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

### Public Availability of Submissions

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the office where the comments are being submitted.

### Authorities

This notice is published in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the CEQ's regulations for implementing NEPA, 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508; and the Department of the Interior's NEPA regulations, 43 CFR part 45.

### Matt Hogan,

*Regional Director, Mountain-Prairie Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

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### Agency Information Collection Activities: Request for Comments

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of a renewal of a currently approved information collection (1028-0092).

**SUMMARY:** We (the U.S. Geological Survey) will respectfully request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) renew the information collection (IC) and/or data detailed below. To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and perspective recipient burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the IC. This collection is scheduled to expire on 9/30/2016.

**DATES:** To ensure that your comments are considered, we must receive them on or before June 28, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on this information collection to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive MS 807, Reston, VA 20192 (mail); (703) 648-7197 (fax); or [gs-info\\_collections@usgs.gov](mailto:gs-info_collections@usgs.gov) (email). Please reference 'Information Collection 1028-0092, The National Map: Topographic Data Grants Program' in all correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anthony Martin, National Geospatial Program, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Mail Stop 511, Reston, VA 20192 (mail); 703-648-4542 (phone); or [amartin@usgs.gov](mailto:amartin@usgs.gov) (email). You may also find information about this ICR at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Abstract

The National Geospatial Program (NGP) of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) contributes funding for the collection of geospatial data which increases the development of *The National Map* and other national geospatial databases. NGP will accept applications from State, local or tribal governments to offset present data collection programs in order to meet the growing and present need for current and accurate geospatial data. To submit a proposal a completed project narrative and application must be submitted via [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov). Recipients who are selected

for grants must supply a final technical report at the end of the project period. All application instructions and forms are available on the Internet through Grants.gov (<http://www.grants.gov>). Hard/paper submissions will not be accepted under any circumstances. All reports will be accepted electronically via email.

## II. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 1028-0092.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Title:* The National Map: Topographic Data Grants Program.

*Type of Request:* Renewal of existing information collection.

*Affected Public:* State, Local, Tribal Government.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Frequency of Collection:* Annually.

*Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses:* 40 applications and 20 final reports.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) foresees 60 hours of time will be needed to complete the necessary submissions which will include the narrative and supporting documentation. We believe that reading the requirements as well as development, proposal writing, reviewing and submission of the proposal application via Grants.gov will require 47 hours. Quarterly and final project reports must be submitted by the award recipient. The prior quarter's progress must be submitted within the report 7 days following the start of the new quarter. The quarterly report will take at least 1 hour to prepare. The final report must be submitted within 90 calendar days of the end of the project period. USGS estimates that approximately 10 hours will be needed to complete the final report.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 2,140 Hours per response.

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost"*

*Burden:* There are no "non-hour cost" burdens related to the collection of this data.

*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 currently valid OMB control number and current expiration date.

## III. Request for Comments

We are soliciting comments as to: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the

burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) how to minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that the comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your personal mailing address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personally identifiable information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personally identifiable information from public view, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Julia Fields,**

*Deputy Director, National Geospatial Program.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

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### Rate Adjustments for Indian Irrigation Projects

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of rate adjustments.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) owns, or has an interest in, irrigation projects located on or associated with various Indian reservations throughout the United States. We are required to establish irrigation assessment rates to recover the costs to administer, operate, maintain, and rehabilitate these projects. We are notifying you that we have adjusted the irrigation assessment rates at several of our irrigation projects and facilities to reflect current costs of administration, operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation.

**DATES:** The irrigation assessment rates are current as of January 1, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For details about a particular BIA irrigation project or facility, please use the tables in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section to contact the regional or local office where the project or facility is located.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A Notice of Proposed Rate Adjustment was published in the **Federal Register** on June 11, 2015 (80 FR 33279) to propose adjustments to the irrigation assessment rates at several BIA irrigation projects. The public and interested parties were provided an opportunity to submit written comments during the 60-day period that ended August 10, 2015.

### Did BIA defer or change any proposed rate increases?

Yes. Rate increases were deferred on the Crow Irrigation Project—Two Leggins Unit and the Wind River Irrigation Project—Riverton Valley Irrigation District.

### Did BIA receive any comments on the proposed irrigation assessment rate adjustments?

Yes. The BIA received sixteen (16) letters with comments. All comments received were associated with the Flathead Indian Irrigation Project's (FIIP) proposed rate adjustment for Calendar Year (CY) 2016.

### What issues were of concern to the commenters?

Comments received relate specifically to the proposed rate increase for CY 2016 and other activities associated only with the FIIP.

The BIA's summary of commenters' issues and BIA's response are provided below.

*Comment:* Three commenters requested the rate increase be postponed until:

- Two court cases (one case in State court challenging an alleged illegal vote of the state legislature and one case in Federal court concerning the re-assumption of operations and maintenance of the FIIP by the Bureau of Indian Affairs) are resolved.
- The Confederated and Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) Water Compact is ratified by Congress.
- Western Montana is no longer in a federally designated "Severe Drought" condition.

*Response:* The final rate for the FIIP in 2016 will remain the same as 2015.

*Comment:* How can the request for increased rates be warranted when those alleging the need are not fully qualified to do so?

*Response:* The final rate for the FIIP in 2016 will remain the same as 2015.

*Comment:* The BIA Solicitor's Office spent large amounts of Cooperative Management Entity (CME) O&M funds traveling back and forth from Portland, OR and Washington, DC to Montana, conducting private meetings while the project manager was spending a large