

COMMENT DUE DATE: Your comments are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before February 18, 2003.

Dated: December 12, 2002.

Charles W. Grim,

Assistant Surgeon General, Interim Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4739-N-49]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Applications for Housing Assistance Payments

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* February 18, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., L'Enfant Plaza Building, Room 8003, Washington, DC 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Willie Spearmon, Director, Office of Housing Assistance and Grant Administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-3000 (this is not a tollfree number) for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have

practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including the use of appropriate automated collection techniques of other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Applications for Housing Assistance Payments.

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2502-0182.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: Vouchers are submitted by owners/agents to HUD or their Contract Administrators (CA)/Performance Based Contract Administrators (PBCA) each month to receive assistance payments for the difference between the gross rent and the total tenant payment for all assisted tenants. In the instance of special claims, vouchers are submitted by owners/agents to HUD or their CA/PBCA to receive an amount of offset unpaid rents, tenant damages, vacancies, and/or debt service losses.

Agency form numbers, if applicable: HUD-52670; HUD-52670A, Part 1; HUD-52670A, Part 2; HUD-52671A/B/C/D.

Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: The estimated total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection is 178,585; the number of respondents is 43,064 generating approximately 394,821 annual responses; the frequency of response is on occasion and monthly; and the estimated time needed to prepare the response varies from 20 to 30 minutes.

Status of the proposed information collection: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: November 22, 2002

John C. Weicher,

Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-077-03-1430-ER-D025; IDI-33676]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/Land Use Plan Amendment

AGENCY: Burley Field Office, Upper Snake River District, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Cassia County, Idaho.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and to Amend the Cassia Resource Management Plan (RMP).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the BLM is proposing to prepare a land use plan amendment and environmental impact statement (EIS) to consider the proposed Cotterel Mountain Wind Energy Project (Project), located southeast of the town of Albion in Cassia County, Idaho. Windland, Inc. (Windland) of Boise, Idaho proposes to construct and operate the 200-megawatt (MW) wind-driven power generation facility. The EIS will analyze the potential environmental impacts of the construction and operation of the wind project itself, as well as related transmission facilities and roads. This planning activity would amend the Cassia RMP and deals with the 40,967 acres of public land in the Cotterel Mountain Management Area of the RMP and more specifically with approximately 4,600 acres running north and south along the ridge line of the mountain that would be directly affected by the proposed project. The planning process will comply with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). The BLM will work closely with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to the needs of the public. This collaborative process will take into account local, regional, and national needs and concerns. This notice initiates the public scoping process to identify specific issues and develop planning criteria. The scoping process will include an evaluation of the needs and interests of the public.

DATES: The scoping comment period will commence with the publication of this notice. Formal scoping will end 60 days after publication of this notice. Comments regarding issues and planning criteria should be received on or before the end of the scoping period at the address listed below. Public meetings or open houses will be held. In order to ensure local community

participation and input, public meetings will most likely be held in Albion, Burley and Boise, Idaho. Specific dates and locations for public participation will be published in local newspapers and broadcast on local community calendars. Meetings and open houses will provide opportunity for the public to work collaboratively with the BLM to identify issues to be addressed in the planning process.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding the proposed development of a wind-driven power generation facility should be sent to: Project Manager, Cotterel Mountain Wind Project, Bureau of Land Management, Burley Field Office, 15 East 200 South, Burley, Idaho 83318. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EIS. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Windland, Inc., a Boise based company, is proposing to install approximately 130 wind turbines, each having a generating capacity between 1.3 and 1.8 megawatts, on a site covering approximately 7 square miles on the Cotterel Mountains southeast of Burley, Idaho. The proposed project area is within the Burley Field Office, Upper Snake River District of the BLM. The 130 turbines situated on towers approximately 250 feet in height would produce a maximum of 200 megawatts of power, enough to provide electricity for 40,000 homes. Power from the project would be collected by an underground cable system and then fed into one of two proposed substations to be located on the project site. The fenced substation sites would occupy approximately two to four acres each. From the substation sites, power from the project would then be transported to one of two existing 138-kilovolt (kV) power transmission lines that are in the vicinity of the proposed project area, via new overhead transmission facilities. Other facilities

required as part of the proposed project are small pad mounted transformers located at the base of each wind turbine tower, access roads and one operation and maintenance building. The area permanently occupied by the project after final reclamation of disturbed areas would total approximately 68 acres. The project is scheduled to begin construction as early as June 2004, followed by commercial operation as early as November 2005 and would operate year-round for at least 30 years.

The purpose and need for the proposed project are to (1) provide wind-generated electricity from a site in Idaho to meet existing and future demands for electricity; and (2) to develop energy generation facilities that are consistent with the President's National Energy Policy which encourages the development of renewable energy resources, including wind energy, as part of an overall strategy to develop a diverse portfolio of domestic energy supplies for the nation's future.

Public Participation: Potential issues that have been identified to date include, but are not limited to the following general categories: Wildlife (including birds); vegetation (including weeds and invasive plant species); threatened, endangered and sensitive species; public access; visual concerns; cultural resources; Tribal concerns; rangeland resources; geology and soils; hydrology; recreation resources; hazardous materials; air quality; noise; and socio-economics. The BLM has established a 60-day scoping period during which, affected tribes, landowners, concerned citizens, special interest groups, local governments, and any other interested parties are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. Scoping will help the BLM identify the full range of issues that should be addressed in the EIS. The Draft EIS/ Draft plan amendment, which is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2003, will be circulated for public review and comment. The BLM will consider and respond in the Final EIS/ proposed planned amendment to comments received on the draft. The Final EIS and proposed plan amendment are expected to be published early in 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Barker, Project Manager, Burley Field Office, 15 East 200 South, Burley, Idaho 83318, telephone (208) 677-6678.

Dated: October 28, 2002.

Theresa Hanley,

Burley Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of data collection submission.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. § 3501 *et seq.*), the Bureau of Reclamation (we, our, or us) has forwarded a request for renewal (with revisions) of an existing approved information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Crop Acreage and Yields and Water Distribution (Water User Crop Census Report [Form 7-332], and Crop and Water Data [Form 7-2045]), OMB Control Number: 1006-0001. We request your comments on the revised Crop Acreage and Yields and Water Distribution Forms and specific aspects of the information collection.

DATES: Your written comments must be received on or before January 21, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. A copy of your comments should also be sent to Ms. Diana Trujillo, Bureau of Reclamation, Water Resources Office, D-5300, PO Box 25007, Denver, CO 80225.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or for a copy of the forms contact Diana Trujillo, Bureau of Reclamation, (303) 445-2914.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is notice that a request for review, comment, and approval of a revised currently approved collection has been forwarded to OMB. A **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on July 17, 2002 (67 FR 46998). No public comments were received by Reclamation.

We have revised the currently approved collection to reflect industry standards concerning units used to measure yields for certain crops (*i.e.*, using pounds instead of bales for cotton lint and using pounds instead of tons for hops). Other changes include:

- In Section II-e on both forms, "Acres irrigated by", we are adding the option to choose "Flood" along with the