

accordance with the PRA, HUD may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

B. Public Access, Documentation, and Disclosure. See Section VIII. G. of the 2008 General Section.

C. Environmental Impact. This NOFA provides funding under, and does not alter the environmental requirements of 24 CFR part 982. Accordingly, under 24 CFR 50.19(c)(5), the NOFA is categorically excluded from environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321). For environmental review of activities funded under this NOFA, see requirements described in section III.C.4 above.

Dated: November 18, 2008.

Paula O. Blunt,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Renewal of Information Collection: OMB Control Number 1091-0001, Applicant Background Survey

AGENCY: Office of Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Civil Rights, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior (DOI) announces the proposed extension of a public information collection and seeks public comments on the provisions thereof.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by *January 27, 2009*.

ADDRESSES: Send your written comments to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, Office of Civil Rights, Attn. John Burden, Deputy Director, 1849 C St. NW., MS 2607 MIB, Washington, DC 20240. Send any faxed comments to (202) 208-6112, attn. John Burden. Comments may also be emailed to *John_Burden@ios.doi.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information on this renewed information collection or its Applicant Background Survey Form should be directed to U.S. Department

of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, Office of Civil Rights, Attn. John Burden, Deputy Director, 1849 C St. NW., MS 2607 MIB, Washington, DC 20240. 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

DOI is below parity with the Relevant Civilian Labor Force representation for many mission critical occupations. The Department's Strategic Human Capital management Plan identifies the job skills that will be needed in its current and future workforce. The job skills it will need are dispersed throughout its eight bureaus and include, among others, making visitors welcome to various facilities, such as parks and refuges, processing permits for a wide variety of uses of the public lands, collecting royalties for minerals extracted from the public lands, rounding-up and adopting-out wild horses and burros found in the west, protecting archeological and cultural resources of the public lands, and enforcing criminal laws of the United States. As a result of this broad spectrum of duties and services, the Department touches the lives of most Americans.

The people who deal with the Department bring with them a wide variety of backgrounds, cultures, and experiences. A diverse workforce enables the Department to provide a measure of understanding to its customers by relating to the diverse background of those customers. By including employees of all backgrounds, all DOI employees gain a measure of knowledge, background, experience, and comfort in serving all of the Department's customers.

In order to determine if there are barriers in our recruitment and selection processes, DOI must track the demographic groups that apply for its jobs. There is no other statistically valid method to make these determinations, and no source of this information other than directly from applicants. The data collected is not provided to selecting officials and plays no part in the merit staffing or the selection processes. The data collected will be used in summary form to determine trends covering the

demographic make-up of applicant pools and job selections within a given occupation or organizational group. The records of those applicants not selected are destroyed in accordance with DOI's records management procedures.

II. Data

(1) *Title:* Applicant Background Survey.

OMB Control Number: 1091-0001.

Current Expiration Date: April 30, 2009.

Type of Review: Information Collection Renewal.

Affected Entities: Applicants for DOI jobs.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 13433.

Frequency of Response: Once per job application.

(2) *Annual reporting and record keeping burden:* Average reporting burden per application: 5 minutes.

Total annual reporting: 1119 hours.

(3) *Description of the need and use of the information:* This information is required to obtain the source of recruitment, ethnicity, race, and disability data on job applicants to determine if the recruitment is effectively reaching all aspects of relevant labor pools and to determine if there are proportionate acceptance rates at various stages of the recruitment process. Response is optional. The information is used for evaluating recruitment only, and plays no part in the selection of who is hired.

III. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide information to or for a federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to

a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information, and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

All written comments will be available for public inspection in the Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC during normal business hours, excluding legal holidays. For an appointment to inspect comments, please contact John Burden by telephone on (202) 208-3173, or by e-mail at John_Burden@ios.doi.gov. A valid picture identification is required for entry into the Department of the Interior.

Dated: November 14, 2008.

Sharon Eller,

Director, Office of Civil Rights, Office of the Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Hanford Reach National Monument; Adams, Benton, Franklin and Grant Counties, WA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of decision and availability of the record of decision.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce our decision and availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Hanford Reach National Monument (Monument) Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (Final CCP/EIS). The ROD documents our selection of Alternative C-1, the Preferred Alternative in our Final CCP/EIS, for implementation as the Monument's CCP. Alternative C-1 addresses the key issues identified during the planning process and will best achieve the purposes and goals of the Monument as well as the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS). The Monument is located in Adams, Benton, Franklin, and Grant Counties, Washington.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the ROD or Final CCP/EIS may be obtained from Greg Hughes, Project Leader, Mid-Columbia River National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 64 Maple Street, Burbank, Washington 99323, Telephone (509) 546-8300, or from the Monument's Web site: <http://hanfordreach.fws.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Greg Hughes, Project Leader, phone (509) 546-8300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Final CCP/EIS was released to the public and a Notice of Availability was published in the **Federal Register** on August 15, 2008 (71 FR 74929). A thorough analysis of the environmental, social and economic considerations was completed and presented in the Final CCP/EIS. In this notice, we announce our decision to implement Alternative C-1 as the CCP for the Monument, as documented in the ROD. The ROD was signed by the Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Director for the Pacific Region, on September 25, 2008.

The CCP will provide management guidance for conserving resources and providing public use activities. This decision includes adoption of stipulations and mitigation measures identified in Alternative C-1 and Appendix I in the Final CCP/EIS. Implementation of the CCP will occur over the next 15 years, depending on future staffing levels and funding.

Factors Considered in Making the Decision

The decision was based on a thorough analysis of the environmental, social and economic considerations presented in the Final CCP/EIS. During the decision-making phase of the CCP process, the Service reviewed and considered: the impacts identified in Chapter 4 of the Draft and Final CCP/EIS; the results of various studies and surveys conducted in conjunction with the Draft and Final CCP/EIS; relevant issues, concerns and opportunities; comments on the Draft CCP/EIS; and other relevant factors, including the purposes for which the Monument was established and statutory and regulatory guidance. Alternative C-1 incorporates several components addressing a variety of needs including fish and wildlife sanctuary, habitat restoration and protection, public safety, and the NWRS's six priority public uses. It is, however, the unique combination of these components that contributes most to achieving the Monument's purposes and goals. Alternative C-1 strengthens the monitoring of fish, wildlife, habitat, and public uses on the Monument, which will provide the means to better respond to rapidly changing conditions within the surrounding environment. Alternative C-1 was selected for implementation because it provides the greatest number of opportunities to contribute to the fish, wildlife and habitat needs of the Mid-Columbia River Basin.

Dated: October 21, 2008.

David J. Wesley,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of Approved Resource Management Plan Amendments/Record of Decision (ROD) for Oil Shale and Tar Sands Resources To Address Land Use Allocations in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming and Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA).

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Approved Resource Management Plan Amendments/Record of Decision for Oil Shale and Tar Sands Resources to Address Land Use Allocations in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming (PRMP Amendments) and Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (FPEIS).

ADDRESSES: The document will be available electronically on the following Web site: <http://ostseis.anl.gov>. Copies of the Record of Decision (ROD) are available for public inspection at the following BLM Office locations:

- Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, CO 80215.
- Utah State Office, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, UT 84101.
- Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone, Cheyenne, WY 82009.
- Vernal Field Office, 170 South 500 East, Vernal, UT 84078.
- Price Field Office, 125 South 600 West, Price, UT 84501.
- Richfield Field Office, 150 East 900 North, Richfield, UT 84701.
- Monticello Field Office, 435 North Main, P.O. Box 7, Monticello, UT 84535.
- White River Field Office, 220 E. Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641.
- Glenwood Springs Field Office, 2425 S. Grand Ave., Suite 101, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601.
- Grand Junction Field Office, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, CO 81506.