

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Geological Survey**

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**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Ferrous Metals Surveys**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is proposing to renew an Information Collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 27, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on this Information Collection Request (ICR) by mail to U.S. Geological Survey, Information Collections Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 159, Reston, VA 20192; or by email to [gs-info\\_collections@usgs.gov](mailto:gs-info_collections@usgs.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1028–0068 Ferrous Minerals Survey in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Elizabeth S. Sangine by email at [escottsangine@usgs.gov](mailto:escottsangine@usgs.gov) or by telephone at 703–648–7720. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the PRA, (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all information collections require approval. We may not conduct or sponsor, nor are you required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we invite the public and other federal agencies to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize

the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

- (1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- (2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) How the agency might minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Abstract:** Respondents to these forms supply the USGS with domestic production and consumption data for 13 ores, concentrates, metals, and ferroalloys, some of which are considered strategic and critical, to assist in determining National Defense Stockpile goals. These data and derived information will be published as chapters in Mineral Yearbooks, monthly Mineral Industry Surveys, annual Mineral Commodity Summaries, and special publications for use by government agencies, Congressional offices, educational institutions, research organizations, financial institutions, consulting firms, industry, academia, and the general public.

**Title of Collection:** Ferrous Metals Surveys.

**OMB Control Number:** 1028–0068.

**Form Number:** Various (15 USGS forms).

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Businesses or other for-profit institutions; U.S. nonfuel mineral producers and consumers of ferrous and related metals.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:** 980.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 2,718.

**Estimated Completion Time per Response:** For each form, we will include an average burden time ranging from 10 minutes to 1 hour.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 1,364.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Voluntary.  
**Frequency of Collection:** Monthly or Annually.

**Total Estimated Annual Non-hour Burden Cost:** There are no “non-hour cost” burdens associated with this ICR.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, nor is a person required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authorities for this action are the PRA, the National Materials and Minerals Policy, Research and Development Act of 1980 (30 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*), the National Mining and Minerals Policy Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 21(a)), the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98 *et seq.*), and the Defense Production Act (50 U.S.C. 2061 *et seq.*).

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting for the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, Oregon**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** On behalf of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and subject to valid existing rights, the Secretary of the Interior proposes to withdraw 199.90 acres of public lands from appropriation under the public land laws, including location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, for up to 100 years to protect and reserve the land for management as part of the Malheur

National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) located in Harney County, Oregon. This notice temporarily segregates these lands for up to 2 years and announces to the public an opportunity to comment and request a public meeting on the proposed withdrawal.

**DATES:** Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by December 28, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments and meeting requests should be sent to the BLM Oregon/Washington State Director Attn: Malheur NWR Withdrawal Notice, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208. The BLM will not consider comments via telephone calls. The application and case file are available for public examination by interested persons by appointment at the BLM Public Room, 1220 SW 3rd Ave., 11th Floor, Portland, Oregon 97208 during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday except holidays. Please call 503-808-6001 to make an appointment.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Luke Poff, Realty Specialist, BLM Oregon/Washington State Office, 503-808-6249, email at [lpoff@blm.gov](mailto:lpoff@blm.gov), or you may contact the BLM office at the address noted above. The FWS can be reached at the Region 1 Regional Office, 911 NE 11th Ave. Portland, Oregon 97232 or through Sequoia Williams, Realty Specialist, at 503-956-7691, or by email at [sequoia\\_williams@fws.gov](mailto:sequoia_williams@fws.gov). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, blind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FWS filed a petition/application requesting that the Secretary of the Interior withdraw the following described public lands from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, for up to 100 years to protect and reserve the land for wildlife refuge purposes:

**Willamette Meridian, Oregon**

*Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, Addition*

T. 25 S., R. 33 E.,

Sec. 34, lot 10.

T. 26 S., R. 33 E.,

Sec. 3, lots 2, 4, and 10, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 10, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The areas described aggregate 199.90 acres.

The Secretary of the Interior approved the FWS's petition. Therefore, the petition/application constitutes a withdrawal proposal of the Secretary of the Interior (43 CFR 2310.1-3(e)).

The use of a right-of-way, interagency agreement, or cooperative agreement would not provide adequate protection of the wildlife refuge. There are no suitable alternative sites since these lands are located within the Malheur NWR.

No water is necessary to fulfill the purpose of the proposed withdrawal.

Comments will be available for public review. 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 personally identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask the BLM in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

An opportunity for a public meeting may be afforded in connection with the application for withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the application for this withdrawal must submit a written request to the State Director, BLM Oregon/Washington State Office at the address in the **ADDRESSES** section, within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. If the authorized officer determines that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the date, time, and place will be published in the **Federal Register** and local newspapers and posted on the BLM website at [www.blm.gov](http://www.blm.gov) at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

For a period of two years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or cancelled or if the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The temporary uses that may be permitted during this segregation period are leases, licenses, permits, rights-of-way, and disposal of mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

The withdrawal application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

(Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1714)

**Barry R. Bushue,**

*BLM Oregon/Washington State Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Temporary Closure of Public Lands for the 2023–2027 Laughlin Off-Highway Vehicle Races, Clark County, NV**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of temporary closure.

**SUMMARY:** The Las Vegas Field Office announces the temporary closures of certain public lands under its administration for three annual off-highway vehicle (OHV) races that occur in Laughlin, Nevada. This area is used by OHV recreationists, and the temporary closures are needed to limit their access to the race area and to minimize the risk of potential collisions with spectators and racers.

**DATES:** One event will take place between January and March and two races will occur between October and December from 2023 through 2027. Each race will span a 2-day period. The closure dates will be listed on [www.blm.gov/nevada](http://www.blm.gov/nevada) 30 days prior to each event.

**ADDRESSES:** The temporary closure order, communications plan, and map of the temporary closure area for each event will be posted at the BLM Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130, and on the BLM website: [www.blm.gov/nevada](http://www.blm.gov/nevada). These materials will also be posted at the access point of the Laughlin race area and surrounding areas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Braden Yardley, Outdoor Recreation Planner, (702) 515-5089, or [byardley@blm.gov](mailto:byardley@blm.gov). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This action is being taken to help ensure public safety during the official permitted races in the Laughlin area. The public lands affected by this closure are described as follows:

**Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada**

T. 32 S., R. 66 E.,

Sec. 8, lots 2 thru 33;

Sec. 9;