

CFR Parts 1500–1508, the Bureau of Land Management, Elko Field Office, has prepared a Draft EIS on the effects of three multiple use decisions on sensitive avian species in Elko County, Nevada.

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public review period. Written comments on the Draft EIS will be accepted for 45 days following the date this Notice of Availability is published in the **Federal Register**. An Open-House Public Meeting will be held at the Bureau of Land Management Elko Field Office at 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada. The date and time of this public meeting will be announced through public notices, media news releases and/or mailing. This meeting will be scheduled no sooner than 15 days following the publication of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: [lw@nv.blm.gov](mailto:lw@nv.blm.gov)
- Fax: (775) 753-0255
- Mail: Send to the attention of the Sensitive Species EIS Project Manager, BLM Elko Field Office, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801. For those desiring a copy of the draft, a limited number of copies can be obtained from this address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Lorrie West, EIS Team Co-Lead, at the Elko Field Office, 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801. Telephone: (775) 753-0200. E-mail: [lw@nv.blm.gov](mailto:lw@nv.blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM is preparing this EIS to comply with a minute order issued by the Honorable Howard D. McKibben, U.S. District Judge, District of Nevada, on August 18, 2004 (CV–N–03–197–HDM(VPC)). The order followed a hearing on a complaint against three final multiple use decisions (Western Watersheds Project and Committee for the High Desert vs. Clinton R. Oke, Assistant Field Manager, Elko Field Office, et al.). The final decisions, which were left intact by the judge, are for the Sheep Complex Allotment, Big Springs Allotment and Owyhee Allotment. The Sheep Complex Allotment and Big Springs grazing allotments are located in the southeastern portion of Elko County, NV, and the Owyhee Allotment is in the northwest portion of Elko County.

The order was to prepare the EIS with respect to burrowing owls, raptors and sage grouse on the Sheep Complex and the Owyhee Allotment, and sage grouse on the Big Springs Allotment. The issues analyzed included the impacts of livestock grazing proposed by the multiple use decisions and alternatives to the extent applicable to these sensitive bird species and considering

springs, seeps, riparian areas and upland habitat.

A range of alternatives (including the no-action alternative) was developed to address the issues.

Comments received on the Draft EIS, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Elko Field Office during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday except holidays, and will be published as part of the Final 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 and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: November 3, 2005.

**Helen Hankins,**

*Field Office Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

#### Change in Discount Rate for Water Resources Planning

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of change.

**SUMMARY:** The Water Resources Planning Act of 1965 and the Water Resources Development Act of 1974 require an annual determination of a discount rate for Federal water resources planning. The discount rate for Federal water resources planning for fiscal year 2006 is 5.125 percent. Discounting is to be used to convert future monetary values to present values.

**DATES:** This discount rate is to be used for the period October 1, 2005, through and including September 30, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karl J. Stock, Economist, Contract Services Office, Denver, Colorado 80225; telephone: 303–445–2929.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that the interest rate to be used by Federal agencies in the formulation and evaluation of plans for water and related land resources is 5.125 percent for fiscal year 2006.

This rate has been computed in accordance with Section 80(a), Pub. L. 93–251 (88 Stat. 34) and 18 CFR 704.39, which: (1) Specify that the rate shall be based upon the average yield during the preceding fiscal year on interest-bearing marketable securities of the United States which, at the time the computation is made, have terms of 15 years or more remaining to maturity (average yield is rounded to nearest one-eighth percent); and (2) provide that the rate shall not be raised or lowered more than one-quarter of 1 percent for any year. The Treasury Department calculated the specified average to be 4.6434 percent. This average value is then rounded to the nearest one-eighth of a point, resulting in 4.625 percent. This exceeds the permissible one-quarter of 1 percent change from the fiscal year 2005 rate of 5.375 percent. Therefore, the change is limited to a one-quarter percent decrease.

The rate of 5.125 percent shall be used by all Federal agencies in the formulation and evaluation of water and related land resources plans for the purpose of discounting future benefits and computing costs or otherwise converting benefits and costs to a common-time basis.

Dated: November 8, 2005.

**Roseann Gonzales,**

*Director, Office of Program and Policy Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of Disability Employment Policy

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of approved data collection.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation process to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This process helps ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burdens are minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently the Office

of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) is soliciting comments concerning an already approved data collection for the following Employer Assistance Referral Network (EARN) forms: EARN Provider Enrollment Form; EARN Employer Enrollment Form; EARN Employer and Provider Surveys. A copy of the approved information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the address section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office shown in the address section below on or before February 21, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Richard Horne, U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Suite S-1303, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 693-7880. This is not a toll-free number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Horne, telephone: (202) 693-7880, e-mail: [horne.richard@dol.gov](mailto:horne.richard@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The Employer Assistance Referral Network (EARN) is a nationwide service designed to provide employers with a technical, educational, and informational resource to simplify and encourage the hiring of qualified workers. Historically, disability programs required employers to do much of the work in the finding and hiring of people with disabilities. The Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) of the Department of Labor has designed EARN to alleviate these

barriers and do much of the work for the employer.

EARN is a service from the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) of the Department of Labor. This referral service links employers with providers who refer appropriate candidates with disabilities. The service is provided by means of a nationwide toll-free Call Center.

EARN is a service of the Office of Disability Employment Policy which was established pursuant to section 1(a)(1) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001 (Pub. L. 106-554) H.R. 5656, see Title I, ("Departmental Management") 29 U.S.C. 551 *et seq.*; 5 U.S.C. 301; and Executive Order 13187, "The President's Disability Employment Partnership Board (PDEPB)" (January 10, 2001).

This service, and the data collection component is authorized pursuant to Public Law 106-554 which direct the Office of Disability Policy to provide initiatives such as EARN to "further the objective of eliminating employment barriers to the training and employment of people with disabilities".

**II. Desired Focus of Comments**

The Department is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- 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 submissions of responses.

**III. Current Action**

This extended ICR covers four forms: EARN Provider Enrollment Form, EARN Employer Enrollment Form, EARN Employer Survey and EARN Provider Survey. The enrollment forms (Employer Enrollment and Provider Enrollment) will be used to enroll provider and employers who wish to participate and use this service. The surveys (Employer Survey and Provider Survey) will collect quantitative data on participants' levels of satisfaction with individual service elements and their satisfaction with the service as a whole. The surveys will also solicit free-text comments from participants regarding the service.

*Agency:* Office of Disability Employment Policy.

*Titles:* EARN Provider Enrollment Form, EARN Employer Enrollment Form, EARN Employer Survey, EARN Provider Survey.

*OMB Number:* 1230-0003.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; Farms; Government; and State, local, or tribal government.

*Number of Respondents:* 13,500.

Form	Estimated number of annual responses	Average response time (hours)	Estimated burden hours
EARN Provider Enrollment Form .....	6,000	0.33	1,980
EARN Employer Enrollment Form .....	7,500	0.33	2,475
EARN Employer Survey .....	300	0.33	99
EARN Provider Survey .....	300	0.33	99
Total .....	14,100	.....	4,653

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* \$0.

*Description:* These surveys are designed to collect data from service providers and employers. For each provider, we will collect Point of Contact (POC) information and information about the types of clients the provider serves. We also request

information about the size of the provider organization, whether a fee is charged for placement services, and employer references. For each employer, we will collect information about the number of employees, geographic location, industry, specific jobs offered, and Point of Contact (POC) information. The Employer Survey and Provider Survey will collect quantitative data on participants' levels of satisfaction with

individual service elements and their satisfaction with the service as a whole. The surveys will also solicit free-text comments from participants regarding the service. We will present survey data in the aggregate for all Employers and Providers. We will combine survey data with system-generated data reports containing demographic data for the sample groups as well as performance data for the Call Center.

Signed at Washington, DC, this December 14, 2005.

**Roy Grizzard,**

*Assistant Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

December 13, 2005.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor. To obtain documentation contact Ira Mills on 202-693-4122 (this is not a toll-free number) or E-mail: [Mills.Ira@dol.gov](mailto:Mills.Ira@dol.gov).

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for ETA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, 202-395-7316 (this is not a toll free number), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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 responses.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration (ETA).

*Type of Review:* Revision of currently approved collection.

*Title:* Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Information and Reporting System.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0420.

*Frequency:* Quarterly and Annually.

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

*Type of Response:* Recordkeeping; Reporting.

*Number of Respondents:* 53.

*Annual Responses:* 265.

*Average Response time:* 1,040 hours per State.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 709,145.

*Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs:* \$1,791.

*Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$23,047.

*Description:* Respondents are State governments. Selected standardized information pertaining to participants in WIA Title IB programs will be collected and reported for the purposes of general program oversight, evaluation and performance assessment.

**Ira L. Mills,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer/Team Leader.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

December 13, 2005.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35). A copy of each ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting Darrin King on 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or e-mail: [king.darrin@dol.gov](mailto:king.darrin@dol.gov).

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Employment Standards Administration (ESA), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, 202-395-7316 (this is not a toll-free number), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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 responses.

*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration.

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

*Title:* Notice of Final Payment or Suspension of Compensation Benefits.

*OMB Number:* 1215-0024.

*Form Number:* LS-208.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Type of Response:* Reporting.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 500.

*Annual Responses:* 22,722.

*Average Response Time:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 5,681.

*Total Annualized capital/startup costs:* \$0.

*Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services):* \$16,140.00.

*Description:* The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs administers the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act. The Act provides benefits to workers injured in maritime employment on the navigable waters of the United States or in an adjoining area customarily used by an employee in loading, unloading, repairing, or building a vessel. Under section 914(g) of the Longshore Act, the employer or its insurance carrier must file a report of the compensation paid to a claimant at the time final payment is made. The Act requires that the form must be filed within 16 days of the final payment of compensation with the District Director in the compensation district in which the injury occurred. Form LS-208 requests information regarding the beginning and ending dates of compensation payments, compensation rates, reason payments were terminated and types and amounts of compensation payments.

*Agency:* Employment Standards Administration.

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