

Wildlife Service by Toledo Zoological Gardens, Toledo, OH, for a permit (PRT-014704) to import one captive born polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) for the purpose of public display.

Notice is hereby given that on March 16, 2000, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Dated: April 7, 2000.

Kristen Nelson,

Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-880-9500-PF-24-1A; OMB Approval Number 1004-0109]

Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection; Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The proposed renewal for information collection OMB approval number 1004-0109 has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). On January 24, 2000, BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 3731) requesting comments on this information collection. The comment period ended on March 24, 2000. BLM received no comments from the public in response to that notice. Copies of the information collection and related forms may be obtained by contacting the BLM information clearance officer at the telephone number listed below.

OMB is required to respond to this request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. For maximum consideration, you comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made within 30 days directly to the Office of Management and Budget, Interior Department Desk Officer (1004-0109), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Bureau Information Clearance Officer (WO-630), 1849 C Street, NW, Mail Stop 401LS, Washington, DC 20240.

Nature of Comments: We specifically request your comments on the following:

1. Whether the collection information is necessary for the proper functioning of BLM, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. The accuracy of BLM's estimate of the burden of collecting the information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. The quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. How to minimize the burden of collecting the information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Statement of Federal Land Payments (43 CFR 1881). OMB approval number 1004-0109.

Abstract: The BLM is proposing to renew the approval of an information collection for 43 CFR 1881. This allows BLM to collect information that is statutorily required to compute payments due units of general local government under the PILT Act. The Act requires the governor of each State to furnish a statement as to the amounts paid to units of general local government under 11 receipt sharing statutes in the prior fiscal year.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency: Annually.

Description of Respondents:

Respondents are State governments.

Estimated completion time: 20 hours.

Annual Responses: 50.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,000.

Information Clearance Officer: Carole Smith, (202) 452-0367.

Dated: March 27, 2000.

Carole Smith,

Bureau of Land Management, Information Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK990-2000-5101-NH-FL07-262F]

Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has submitted a proposed information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The proposed information collection is the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System Survey of the Employee Concerns Program. On November 17,

1999, BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** requesting comments on the proposed information collection (64 FR 62684). The comment period closed on January 18, 2000. We received no public comments as a result of that notice.

You can obtain copies of the proposed information collection and explanatory material by contacting BLM's Clearance Officer at the telephone number listed below. OMB must complete its review within 60 days, but may complete it after 30 days. For a maximum consideration, your comments and suggestions on the requirements should be made within 30 days directly to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, (1004-NEW), 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503.

Nature of Comments

We specifically request your comments on the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of BLM, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. The accuracy of BLM's estimate of the burden associated with collecting the information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. The quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. How to minimize the burden of collecting the information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, and other forms of information technology.

Title: Trans-Alaska Pipeline System Survey of the Employee Concerns Program.

OMB Approval Number: 1004-(NEW).

Abstract: Testimony at Congressional hearings in 1992 and 1994 indicted that Alyeska, the contractor what operates the Trans-Alaska Pipeline system (TAPS), maintains a repressive, retaliatory atmosphere to discourage workers from raising concerns about operation of the pipeline. Congress requested that Alyeska take steps to change the culture of the pipeline work environment and asked the Joint Pipeline Office (JPO) to monitor and report on progress. JPO will use this survey to gather opinions from Alyeska and other contractors' employees and supervisors about how well the Employee concerns Program (ECP) is working. JPO will use the results to measure, compare, and report on employee satisfaction with the ECP as a way to assess whether repressive culture is changing.

Frequency: Annually.
Description of respondents:
 Employees of Alyeska Pipeline Service Company and contractors.
Estimated completion time: 15 minutes for each survey.
Annual responses: 1,100.
Estimated burden hours: 550 per year.
Bureau Clearance Officer: Carole Smith, 202/452-0367.

Dated: April 7, 2000.

Carole J. Smith,

Bureau Information Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-046-1610-00]

Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment (EA)/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for a Proposed Plan Amendment to the Vermilion Management Framework Plan (MFP)

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Utah, Kanab Field Office has completed an EA/FONSI for a proposed plan amendment to the Vermilion MFP, updating management of the Coral Pink Sand Dunes, Moquith Mountain, and surrounding area. The proposed plan amendment would: (1) Implement the Conservation Agreement and Strategy for the Coral Pink Sand Dunes Tiger Beetle; (2) implement updated scientific information for management of the threatened Welsh's milkweed; (3) implement off-highway vehicle (OHV) management in the area; (4) implement other recreation activities as directed by the Moquith Mountain WSA Management Guidance and Schedule; (5) provide guidance for development of additional recreation related facilities; (6) improve public safety; and (7) coordinate management of the area with the State of Utah, Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park. The Coral Pink Sand Dunes and Moquith Mountain area is located in Kane County, Utah and consists of approximately 21,000 acres.

DATES: The 30 day protest period for the proposed plan amendment will commence with the publication of this notice. Protests must be received on or before May 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Protests must be addressed to the Director (W-210), Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Brenda Williams, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC

20240 within 30 days after the date of publication of this Notice of Availability.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Verlin Smith, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Kanab Field Office, at 318 North, First East, Kanab, Utah 84741 (telephone: 435-644-2672 ext. 2646) or Ronald Bolander, Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, 324 South State Street, PO Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155 (telephone: 801-539-4065). Copies of the proposed plan amendment/EA/FONSI are available for review at the BLM Kanab Field Office and BLM Utah State Office. In addition, copies are available for review at the State of Utah, Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84114, contact person Jamie Dalton (telephone: 801-538-7311), and at the State of Utah, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation, Southwest Region Office, 585 North Main, Cedar City, Utah 84721-1079 contact person Gordon W. Topham (telephone: 435-586-4497), or on the Internet at <http://www.blm.gov/utah/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action is announced pursuant to section 202(a) of the Federal Land Policy Management Act (1976) and 43 CFR part 1610. This proposed amendment is subject to protests by any party who has participated in the planning process. Protests must be specific and contain the following information:

- The name, mailing address, phone number, and interest of the person filing the protest.
- A statement of the issue(s) being protested.
- A statement of the part(s) of the proposed amendment being protested and citing pages, paragraphs, maps, etc., of the proposed plan amendment.
- A copy of all documents addressing the issue(s) submitted by the protestor during the planning process or a reference to the date when the protestor discussed the issue(s) for the record.
- A concise statement as to why the protestor believes the proposed decision of the BLM State Director is incorrect.

Robert Bennett,

Acting State Director, Utah.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-030-00-1020-24]

Sierra Front/Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting Location and Time

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting location and time for the Sierra Front/Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (Nevada).

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Sierra Front/Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (Nevada) will be held as indicated below. Topics for discussion will include issues related to the BLM geothermal resource leasing program in Nevada; a review of the BLM Nevada program for emergency fire rehabilitation; the BLM Great Basin Restoration Initiative; BLM management actions in support of recovery efforts for the Sage Grouse; BLM NV wild horse and burro gather strategy for FY2000 and beyond; collaborative BLM/Carson City management plan for the Silver Saddle Ranch; and other topics the council may raise. No field trip is planned as part of this two day meeting.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written and/or comments to the council. The public comment period for the council meeting will be at 4 p.m. on Monday, May 1st. The agenda will be available on the internet by April 12, 2000, at www.nv.blm.gov/rac; hard copies can also be mailed or sent via FAX. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, or who desire a hard copy of the agenda, should contact Mark Struble, Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701, telephone (775) 885-6107 no later than April 19, 2000.

DATES & TIMES: The council will meet on Monday, May 1, 2000, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, May 2, 2000, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in the Main Conference Room of the BLM Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701. Public comment on individual topics will be received at the discretion of the Council Chairperson, as meeting moderator, with a general public comment period on Monday, May 1, 2000, at 4 p.m.