

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

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Number 1076-0104]

**Agency Information Collection
Activities; Submission to the Office of
Management and Budget for Review
and Approval; Federal
Acknowledgment as an Indian Tribe,
25 CFR 83**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection;
request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we,
the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs
(AS-IA) are proposing to renew an
information collection with revisions.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to
submit comments on or before
November 8, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on
this information collection request (ICR)
to the Office of Management and
Budget's Desk Officer for the
Department of the Interior by email at
OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov; or via
facsimile to (202) 395-5806. Please
provide a copy of your comments to R.
Lee Fleming, Director, Office of Federal
Acknowledgment, Assistant Secretary—
Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street NW, MS—
4071 MIB, Washington, DC 20240;
facsimile: (202) 219-3008; email:
Lee.Fleming@bia.gov. Please reference
OMB Control Number 1076-0104 in the
subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To
request additional information about
this ICR, contact R. Lee Fleming, (202)
513-7650. You may also view the ICR
at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In
accordance with the Paperwork
Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the
general public and other Federal
agencies with an opportunity 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 provides
the requested data in the desired format.

A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-
day public comment period soliciting
comments on this collection of
information was published on May 20,

2021 (86 FR 27464). No comments were
received.

We are again soliciting comments on
the proposed ICR that is described
below. We are especially interested in
public comment addressing the
following issues: (1) Is the collection
necessary to the proper functions of the
AS-IA; (2) will this information be
processed and used in a timely manner;
(3) is the estimate of burden accurate;
(4) how might the AS-IA enhance the
quality, utility, and clarity of the
information to be collected; and (5) how
might the AS-IA minimize the burden
of this collection on the respondents,
including through the use of
information technology.

Comments that you submit in
response to this notice are a matter of
public record. 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.

Abstract: Submission of this
information allows the Office of Federal
Acknowledgment (OFA), within the
Office of the Assistant Secretary—
Indian Affairs, to review groups'
documented petitions for the Federal
acknowledgment as an Indian tribe. The
acknowledgment regulations at 25 CFR
83 contain seven criteria that
unrecognized groups seeking Federal
acknowledgment as Indian tribes must
demonstrate that they meet. Information
collected from petitioning groups under
these regulations provide
anthropological, genealogical, and
historical data used by the AS-IA to
establish whether a petitioning group
has the characteristics necessary to be
acknowledged as a continuously
existing Indian tribe. Federal
acknowledgment establishes a
government-to-government relationship
with the United States. Respondents are
not required to retain copies of the
information submitted to OFA but will
probably maintain copies for their own
use; therefore, there is no recordkeeping
requirement included in this
information collection.

**Proposed Revisions to This Information
Collection**

We are no longer planning to revise
this information collection to include
collections of information related to
petitions for Federal acknowledgment

under 25 CFR part 82, for entities in
Alaska that were not recognized as
bands or Tribes before 1936, as stated in
the proposed rule published in the
Federal Register of January 2, 2020 (85
FR 26902) and May 5, 2020 (85 FR
26902).

Title of Collection: Federal
Acknowledgment as an Indian Tribe, 25
CFR 83.

OMB Control Number: 1076-0104.

Form Number: BIA-8304, BIA-8305,
and BIA-8306.

Type of Review: Revision of a
currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Groups
petitioning for Federal acknowledgment
as Indian Tribes.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual
Respondents:** 1 per year, on average.

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Responses:** 1 per year, on average.

**Estimated Completion Time per
Response:** 1,516 hours, on average.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual
Burden Hours:** 1,516 hours.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to
Obtain a Benefit.

Frequency of Collection: Once.

**Total Estimated Annual Nonhour
Burden Cost:** \$2,100,000.

An agency may not conduct or
sponsor and a person is not required to
respond to a collection of information
unless it displays a currently valid OMB
control number.

The authority for this action is the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44
U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*)

Elizabeth K. Appel,

*Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs and
Collaborative Action—Indian Affairs.*

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

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**Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey; New
Mexico**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of official filing.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of the
following described lands are scheduled
to be officially filed in the Bureau of
Land Management (BLM), New Mexico
State Office, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 30
days after the date of this publication.
The surveys announced in this notice
are necessary for the management of
lands administered by the agency
indicated.