

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Roberts, WO-220, 202-452-7769.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), the BLM is required to provide a 60 day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information contained in BLM Form 4120-7 (43 CFR 4120.3) to solicit comments on (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of the information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to 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. BLM will analyze any comments received in response to this notice and include them with its request for approval from the OMB under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

The Taylor Grazing Act (TGA) of 1934 (43 U.S.C. 315 *et seq.*), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) provide the authority for the BLM to administer the livestock grazing program consistent with land use plans, multiple use objectives, sustained yield, environmental values, economic considerations, and other factors. Sections 4 and 15 of the TGA and Regulations in 43 CFR 4120.3-3 allow permittees the opportunity to construct and maintain rangeland improvements on the public lands. The regulations were on February 21, 1964 (49 FR 6452) and last amended on February 22, 1995 (60 FR 9964). Form 4120-7, Range Improvement Permit is an approved form used to request and approve a rangeland improvement project.

The BLM authorizes rangeland improvement projects to facilitate handling livestock while they are using the public lands as an important and integral part of grazing use administration. The information provided by the permittees and lessees is used by BLM to review requests for privately funded rangeland improvement projects for compatibility with multiple use objectives and land use plans, develop appropriate conditions and specifications, and to approve or reject the applications. The

name and address is used to determine if the applicant is a grazing permittee in compliance with 43 CFR 4120.3-3(a). Applicants also specify if they will construct a new improvement or obtain a permit to maintain an existing improvement. A brief purpose or justification is stated to determine the compatibility with multiple use plans. The applicant identifies the specific location to determine land ownership and if needed, a plat is provided on the reverse to delineate linear improvements such as fences or pipelines. An estimate of cost or value is recorded in the event of land ownership changes that require appraisal of private assets for reimbursement of permittees for the present worth of improvements in accordance with 43 CFR 4120.3-6(c). The BLM completes administrative codes for its records systems, prepares special terms and conditions as appropriate, assigns a completion date for construction, signs approval and makes inspection of the completed rangeland improvement. A copy of the approved permit is retained to document in BLM files.

Because of the variations in size and complexity of rangeland improvement projects, BLM estimates the public reporting burden for this information collection at some 60 applications filed once that may take as little as 10 minutes to complete, while others may take as long as 30 minutes with an average of 20 minutes burden for each with an annual burden of 20 hours.

Any interested member of the public may request and obtain a copy of the BLM Form 4120-7 without charge by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also be a matter of public record.

Dated: August 16, 2000.

Shirlean Beshir,

BLM Information Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-230-1030-PB-01-24-1A]

Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Number 1004-0058

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces its intention to request renewal of an existing approval to collect certain information from Federal timber purchasers to allow BLM to determine compliance with timber export restrictions. Federal timber purchasers must keep records of Federal timber volume purchased and private timber volume exported for a period of three years from the date the activity occurred. BLM uses this information to administer export restrictions on BLM timber sales and to determine whether substitution of Federal timber for exported private timber has occurred.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by October 23, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Affairs Group (630), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW., Room 401LS, Washington, DC 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: WoComment@blm.gov. Please include "Attn: 1004-0058" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

You may hand-deliver comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

BLM will make comments available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael J. Haske, WO-230, (202) 452-7758, or by e-mail at Michael_J_Haske@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), BLM is required to provide 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information contained in BLM Form 5460-17, Substitution Determination (43 CFR 5400, Sales of Forest Products), to solicit comments on (a) 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; (b) 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; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to 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. BLM will receive and analyze any comments sent in response to this notice and include them with its request for approval from the OMB under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

BLM manages and sells timber located on the revested Oregon and California Railroad and the reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant Lands pursuant to authority of the Act of August 28, 1937 (50 Stat. 875, 43 U.S.C. 1181e). BLM manages and sells timber located on other lands under the jurisdiction of the BLM pursuant to the Act of July 31, 1947, as amended (61 Stat. 681, 30 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). The Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Acts of 1975 and 1976 contained a requirement for the inclusion of provisions in timber sale contracts that will ensure that unprocessed timber sold from public lands under the jurisdiction of the BLM will not be exported or used by the purchasers as a substitute for timber they export or sell for export. The implementing regulations, found at 43 CFR 5400, Sales of Forest Products, General, were issued on June 13, 1970 (35 FR 9783). The regulations were amended on March 26, 1976 (41 FR 12658) to reflect the prohibition against export and substitution, and last amended on March 11, 1991 (56 FR 10175). The Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act (FRCSRA) of 1990 (Public Law 101-382, 16 U.S.C. 620 *et seq.*) directs the BLM to publish new regulations and revise existing regulations to continue the prohibition on exporting unprocessed timber harvested from Federal lands west of the 100th Meridian in the contiguous 48 states. The BLM has not yet promulgated such regulations; the FRCSRA directs that regulations in effect before such date of promulgation shall continue to govern the export prohibition, making continued use of this form necessary.

Timber purchasers or their affiliates must provide the information listed at 43 CFR 5424.1(a). BLM collects the purchaser's name, timber contract number, processing facility location, total volume of Federal timber purchased on an annual basis, total volume of private timber exported on an annual basis, and method of measuring the volume using BLM form 5460-17, Substitution Determination. The regulations at 43 CFR 5424.1(b) require that the purchasers or affiliates retain a record of Federal timber acquisitions and private timber exports for three

years from the date the activity occurred. BLM uses this information to determine if there was a substitution of Federal timber for exported private timber in violation of 43 CFR 5400.0-3(c). If BLM did not collect this information, it could not protect against export and substitution.

Based on BLM's experience administering timber contracts, the public reporting burden for the information collected is estimated to average one hour per response. The respondents are Federal timber purchasers who have exported private timber within one year preceding the purchase date of Federal timber and/or affiliates of a timber purchaser who exported private timber within one year before the acquisition of Federal timber from the purchaser. The frequency of response for substitution determination is annually. The number of responses per year is estimated to be about 100. The estimated total annual burden on new respondents is about 100 hours.

Any interested member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of Form 5460-17 by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 16, 2000.

Shirlean Beshir,

BLM Information Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Number 1004-0134

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces its intention to request renewal of an existing approval to collect certain information from operators and operating rights owners of Federal and Indian (except Osage) oil and gas leases. The information to be collected will be used to determine whether proposed operations may be approved to begin or alter operations or

to allow operations to continue, or enables the monitoring of compliance with granted approvals. Granted approvals include drilling plans, prevention of waste, protection of resources, development of a lease, measurement, production verification, and protection of public health and safety.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by October 23, 2000, to assure consideration of them.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Affairs Group (630), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW., Room 401LS, Washington, DC 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: WOCComment@blm.gov. Please include "Attn: 1004-0134" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

You may hand-deliver comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240.

BLM will make comments available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.), Monday through Friday).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Gamble, Fluid Minerals Group, (202) 452-0338.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), the BLM is required to provide 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information contained in published current rules to solicit comments on (a) 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; (b) 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; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to 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. BLM will receive and analyze any comments sent in response to this notice and include them with its request for approval from the OMB under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

In accordance with the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (30 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*); the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*); the