

soliciting proposals in this case. Responding to national priorities and global trends is our highest priority and requires science that not only builds on our existing strengths and partnerships but also demands the innovation made possible by integrating the full breadth and depth of our capabilities with other strong science partners which includes other government agencies, academic institutions, non-government organizations and private industries. The USGS chooses to go forward at this time because the science issues that will be addressed will represent major challenges for our Nation's natural resources. We would like to assure you, that as with all our efforts, we will be fair and unbiased in selecting the future sites and ever mindful concerning the advancement of our scientific integrity. We are thankful for your response and concern in this matter.

As the commenter did not address this specific information collection, we have not made any changes as a result of the comment.

We again invite comments concerning this ICR on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden on the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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 publically 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.

Dated: January 20, 2010.

Susan D. Haseltine,

Associate Director for Biology, U.S. Geological Survey.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Eastern States: Filing of Plats of Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey; Arkansas and Illinois.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plats of survey of the lands described below in the BLM-Eastern States office in Springfield, Virginia, 30 calendar days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management-Eastern States, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153. Attn: Cadastral Survey.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The survey in the State of Arkansas was requested by the U.S. Forest Service. The survey in the State of Illinois was requested by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The lands surveyed are:

Fifth Principal Meridian, Arkansas

T. 13 N., R. 25 W.

The plat of survey represents the dependent resurvey of portions of the south boundary (Standard Parallel North), Township 14 North, Range 25 West; east boundary, Township 13 North, Range 26 West, east boundary, a portion of the south boundary, a portion of the subdivisional lines, the subdivision of certain sections, the survey of certain Forest Service tracts, and exceptions to certain Forest Service tracts of Township 13 North, Range 25 West, of the Fifth Principal Meridian, in the State of Arkansas, and was accepted September 28, 2009.

Fourth Principal Meridian, Illinois

T. 6 S., R. 6 W.

The plat of survey represents the dependent resurvey of the fractional township boundary, the subdivisional lines, and the resurvey of the lock and dam no. 24 acquisition boundary, of Township 6 South, Range 6 West, of the Fourth Principal Meridian, in the State of Illinois, and was accepted September 29, 2009.

We will place copies of the plats we described in the open files. They will be available to the public as a matter of information.

If BLM receives a protest against a survey, as shown on the plat, prior to the date of the official filing, we will

stay the filing pending our consideration of the protest.

We will not officially file a plat until the day after we have accepted or dismissed all protests and they have become final, including decisions on appeals.

Dated: January 19, 2010.

Dominica Van Koten,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Eastern States: Filing of Plat of Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of filing of plats of survey; Minnesota and Wisconsin.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of survey of the lands described below in the BLM-Eastern States office in Springfield, Virginia, 30 calendar days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management-Eastern States, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153. Attn: Cadastral Survey.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These surveys were requested by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The lands surveyed are:

Fifth Principal Meridian, Minnesota

T. 143 N., R. 41 W.

The plat of survey represents the dependent resurvey of a portion of the west boundary and a portion of the subdivisional lines and the dependent resurvey and survey of the subdivision of section 30, of Township 143 North, Range 41 West, of the Fifth Principal Meridian, in the State of Minnesota, and was accepted October 14, 2009.

Fourth Principal Meridian, Minnesota

T. 48 N., R. 17 W.

The plat of survey represents the dependent resurvey of a portion of the north boundary and the subdivisional lines and the survey of the subdivision of section 4, Township 48 North, Range 17 West, of the Fourth Principal Meridian, in the State of Minnesota, and was accepted December 23, 2009.

Fourth Principal Meridian, Wisconsin

T. 47 N., R. 2 W.

The plat of survey represents the dependent resurvey of portions of the south,