

Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. The Mississippi River Basin Regional Panel will discuss several topics at this meeting including: a review of the first Panel meeting and Panel efforts to date including the development of an Executive Board report; presentations on round goby predation on smallmouth bass eggs; updates on Asian Carp, bighead and silver carp risk assessments; updates on white perch and distribution of ANS in the Basin; discussions on pathways and prevention activities such as the use of HACCP in fish hatcheries; a report on an Asian carp barrier feasibility study initiated by the Minnesota DNR; development of national ballast water regulations, and state ballast water regulations; status reports from panel subcommittees; a discussion on each subcommittee's responsibilities, the 2004 Action Plans, and recommendations for the ANS Task Force; and updates from Panel member organizations and states.

Dated: December 1, 2003.

William E. Knapp,

Acting Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Acting Assistant Director—Fisheries & Habitat Conservation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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

OMB Approval Number 1004-0001; Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has sent a request to extend the current information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). On February 5, 2003, the BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 5913) requesting comment on this information collection. The comment period ended on April 7, 2003. BLM received no comments. You may obtain copies of the collection of information and related forms and explanatory material by contacting the BLM Information

Collection Clearance Officer at the telephone number listed below.

The OMB must respond to this request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. For maximum consideration your comments and suggestions on the requirement should be directed within 30 days to the Office of Management and Budget, Interior Department Desk Officer (1004-0001), at OMB-OIRA via facsimile to (202) 395-6566 or e-mail to OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Bureau Information Collection Clearance Officer (WO-630), Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Blvd., Springfield, Virginia 22153.

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

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

2. The accuracy of our estimates of the information collection burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use;

3. Ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information we collect; and

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

Title: Free Use Application and Permit (Vegetative or Mineral Materials) (43 CFR 3620 and 5510).

OMB Approval Number: 1004-0001.

Bureau Form Number(s): 5510-1.

Abstract: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) collects information from respondents to monitor and assess the use of authorized removals of vegetative or mineral materials to ensure sustainable resource management.

Frequency: Occasional.

Description of Respondents: Individuals, groups, not for profit organizations, Federal, State, and local governments, or corporations.

Estimated Completion Time: 30 minutes.

Annual Responses: 300.

Application Fee Per Response: 0.

Annual Burden Hours: 150.

Bureau Clearance Officer: Michael Schwartz, (202) 452-5033.

Dated: November 14, 2003.

Michael H. Schwartz,

Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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OMB Control Number 1004-0058; Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has sent a request to extend the current information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). On February 11, 2003, the BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 6941) requesting comment on this information collection. The comment period ended on April 14, 2003. BLM received no comments. You may obtain copies of the collection of information and related forms and explanatory material by contacting the BLM Information Collection Clearance Officer at the telephone number listed below.

The OMB must respond to this request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. For maximum consideration your comments and suggestions on the requirement should be directed within 30 days to the Office of Management and Budget, Interior Department Desk Officer (1004-0058), at OMB-OIRA via facsimile to (202) 395-6566 or e-mail to OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Bureau Information Collection Clearance Officer (WO-630), Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Blvd., Springfield, Virginia 22153.

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

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

Title: Timber Export Reporting and Substitution Determination (43 CFR 5400).

OMB Control Number: 1004-0058.

Bureau Form Number(s): 5460-17.

Abstract: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) collects and uses the information to determine if there was a substitution of Federal timber for exported private timber in violation of 43 CFR 5400.0-3(c).

Frequency: Occasional and within 12 months of last export sale.

Description of Respondents: Federal timber purchasers.

Estimated Completion Time: 1 hour.

Annual Responses: 25.

Application Fee Per Response: 0.

Annual Burden Hours: 25.

Bureau Clearance Officer: Michael Schwartz, (202) 452-5033.

Dated: November 24, 2003.

Michael H. Schwartz,

Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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OMB Approval Number 1004-0073; Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has sent a request to extend the

current information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). On July 26, 2002, the BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 48936) requesting comment on this information collection. The comment period ended on September 24, 2002. BLM received no comments. You may obtain copies of the collection of information and related forms and explanatory material by contacting the BLM Information Collection Clearance Officer at the telephone number listed below.

The OMB must respond to this request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. For maximum consideration your comments and suggestions on the requirement should be directed within 30 days to the Office of Management and Budget, Interior Department Desk Officer (1004-0073), at OMB-OIRA via facsimile to (202) 395-6566 or e-mail to *OIRA*

DOCKET@omb.eop.gov. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Bureau Information Collection Clearance Officer (WO-630), Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Blvd., Springfield, Virginia 22153.

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

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

Title: Coal Management (43 CFR 3400).

OMB Approval Number: 1004-0073.
Bureau Form Number: 3400-12 and 3440-1.

Abstract: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) collects and uses the information for leasing or developing Federal coal. BLM uses the information to determine if an applicant is qualified to hold a Federal coal lease.

Frequency: Quarterly, monthly, and annually.

Description of Respondents: Individuals, groups, or corporations.

Estimated Completion Time: 10 hours for 3440-1 and 1 hour for 3400-12.

The following chart lists non-form information collection requirements.

Information collection	Public burden HR per action
a. Application for an exploration license	36
b. Issuance and termination of an exploration license	12
c. Operations under and modification of an exploration license	1
d. Collection and submission of data from a exploration license	18
e. Call for coal resource and other information	24
f. Surface owner consultation	1
g. Expression of leasing interest	0
h. Response to notice of sale (bids received)	56
i. Consultation with the Attorney General	4
j. Leasing on application (application received)	308
k. Surface owner consent	1
l. Preference right lease application	800
m. Lease modification	12
n. License to mine	21
o. Relinquishments	18
p. Transfers, assignments, subleases	10
q. Bond actions (by lease or license)	8
r. Land description requirements	2
s. Future interest lease application	8
t. Special leasing qualification	3
u. Qualification statement	3
v. Lease rental and royalty rate reductions	13
w. Lease suspension	20
x. Lease form	1
y. Logical mining units	170
z. General obligations of the operator lessee	1
aa. Exploration plans	30
bb. Resource recovery and protection plan	192
cc. Modifications to the exploration plans and resource recovery and protection plan	16
dd. Mining operations maps	20
ee. Request for payment in lieu of continued operations	22