

resilience for the Nation. Proposed risk-reduction activities should advance landslide science and communication that underlie the priorities of the National Landslide Preparedness Act by focusing on landslide hazard planning, coordination, mapping, assessments, education, and outreach. The objectives are to provide grants on a competitive basis to state, territorial, local, and Tribal governments to research, map, assess, and collect data on landslide hazards within the jurisdictions of those governments. In response to our program announcements, applicants submit proposals in priority areas including (a) advancing landslide hazard mapping and assessments; (b) improving landslide hazard planning and coordination; and (c) improving the dissemination of landslide hazard information and its effectiveness in mitigating losses. This information is used as the basis for selection and award of projects meeting USGS Cooperative Landslide Hazard Mapping and Assessment Program priorities. Final grant close-out narrative reports are required for each funded proposal. Annual progress reports are required for awards that span more than two years. Final grant close-out narrative reports are made available to the public at <https://www.usgs.gov/programs/landslide-hazards/science/external-grants-overview>.

Title of Collection: Landslide Hazards Risk Reduction Grants Program.

OMB Control Number: 1028–NEW.

Form Number: None.

Respondents/Affected Public: state, territorial, local, and tribal governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: The USGS estimates that 30 respondents will read the program announcement, 10 respondents will submit applications, and 10 respondents will submit semi-annual progress reports and a final technical report.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 10 applications; 10 semi-annual progress reports, and 10 final technical reports.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: Read program announcement: 1 hour; prepare applications: 40 hours; creating progress reports: 4 hours; producing the final technical report: 24 hours.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 710 hours.

Respondent's Obligation: Response is voluntary but required to be eligible to receive funding.

Frequency of Collection: Program announcements are published annually.

Total Estimated Annual Non-hour Burden Cost: There are no non-hour cost

burdens associated with this information collection.

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The authority for this action is the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Panhandle Terrapin Project

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is proposing a new information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 8, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to USGS, Information Collections Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 159, Reston, VA 20192 or by email to gs-info_collections@usgs.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 1028–NEW Panhandle Terrapin Project in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Margaret Lamont by email at mlamont@usgs.gov or by telephone at 352–209–4306. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point of contact in the United States. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the PRA (44 U.S.C.

3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all information collections require approval. As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we invite the public and other federal agencies 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 provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) How the agency might 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, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

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 personally identifiable information (PII) in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Abstract: The diamondback terrapin (*Malaclemys terrapin*) is a coastal turtle species that ranges along the U.S. coast from Massachusetts to Texas. As the only turtle species to live in brackish water (a mix of salt and fresh water), diamondback terrapins are typically found in habitats such as salt marshes, mangroves, estuaries, and bays. Their small size and cryptic coloring make locating terrapins difficult and, as such, terrapin populations often go undetected even within protected areas such as wildlife refuges and national parks. Because of this, there are large knowledge gaps about terrapin ecology. For example, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature did not

consider Northwest Florida to be part of the diamondback terrapin's range, however new studies suggest that several relatively large populations inhabit this region. Since 2007, Florida Sea Grant has utilized citizen scientists to help locate terrapin nesting beaches in Northwest Florida. In 2017, the USGS partnered with Florida Sea Grant to expand these surveys. The new data-collection effort described here would support those surveys by providing an easily accessible, online data-collection method that would provide information on diamondback terrapin nesting activity and nesting habitat and potential anthropogenic threats at terrapin nesting sites. Citizens involved in the surveys receive training from Florida Sea Grant and the USGS prior to the start of the nesting season. Contributors are then assigned a survey route that is monitored weekly from April through October. When evidence of terrapin nesting activity is observed (e.g., a nesting terrapin, terrapin tracks, or eggshells), contributors would document the date, time, location, habitat, and environmental variables (including the presence of any invasive species), and the presence of predators and (or) potential anthropogenic threats (e.g., pets, garbage, or boats). Citizens also provide the date and time that their survey begins and ends, along with their initials and a way to contact them. Finally, monthly head count surveys are also conducted at each site which involves contributors sitting at the site for 30 minutes and documenting the number of terrapin heads that appear above the water's surface during that time period.

Title of Collection: Panhandle Terrapin Project.

OMB Control Number: 1028–NEW.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: New.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 100.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 1,200.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: 60 minutes.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 1,200 hours.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: Weekly.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: None.

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The authority for this action is the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Rate Adjustments for Indian Irrigation Projects

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) owns or has an interest in irrigation projects located on or associated with various Indian reservations throughout the United States. We are required to establish irrigation assessment rates to recover the costs to administer, operate, maintain, and rehabilitate these projects. We request your comments on the proposed rate adjustments.

DATES: Interested parties may submit comments on the proposed rate adjustments on or before April 8, 2024.

ADDRESSES: All comments on the proposed rate adjustments must be in writing. You may send comments via email to comments@bia.gov. Please reference “Rate Adjustments for Indian Irrigation Projects” in the subject line. Or you may submit comments to the Program Specialist, Division of Water and Power, Office of Trust Services, 2021 4th Avenue North, Billings, Montana 59101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leslie Underwood, Program Specialist, Division of Water and Power, Office of Trust Services, (406) 657–5985. For details about a particular irrigation project, please use the table in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section to contact the BIA regional or local office where the project is located.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The first table in this notice provides contact information for individuals who can give further information about the irrigation projects covered by this notice. The second table provides the proposed rates for calendar year (CY) 2025 for all irrigation projects.

What is the meaning of the key terms used in this notice?

In this notice:

Administrative costs mean all costs we incur to administer our irrigation projects at the local project level and are a cost factor included in calculating your operation and maintenance assessment. Costs incurred at the local project level do not normally include agency, region, or central office costs unless we state otherwise in writing.

Assessable acre means lands designated by us to be served by one of our irrigation projects, for which we collect assessments in order to recover costs for the provision of irrigation service. (See also “total assessable acres.”)

BIA means the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Bill means our statement to you of the assessment charges and/or fees you owe the United States for administration, operation, maintenance, and/or rehabilitation. The date we mail or hand-deliver your bill will be stated on it.

Costs means the costs we incur for administration, operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation to provide direct support or benefit to an irrigation facility. (See administrative costs, operation costs, maintenance costs, and rehabilitation costs).

Customer means any person or entity to whom or to which we provide irrigation service.

Due date is the date on which your bill is due and payable. This date will be stated on your bill.

I, me, my, you and *your* mean all persons or entities that are affected by this notice.

Irrigation project means a facility or portion thereof for the delivery, diversion, and storage of irrigation water that we own or have an interest in, including all appurtenant works. The term “irrigation project” is used interchangeably with irrigation facility, irrigation system, and irrigation area.

Irrigation service means the full range of services we provide customers of our irrigation projects. This includes our activities to administer, operate, maintain, and rehabilitate our projects in order to deliver water.

Maintenance costs means costs we incur to maintain and repair our irrigation projects and associated equipment and is a cost factor included in calculating your operation and maintenance assessment.

Operation and maintenance (O&M) assessment means the periodic charge you must pay us to reimburse costs of administering, operating, maintaining, and rehabilitating irrigation projects consistent with this notice and our supporting policies, manuals, and handbooks.