

43 CFR Subpart 4750—Private Maintenance. Applicants submit Form 4710–10, Application for Adoption of Wild Horse(s) and Burro(s), to adopt wild horses and burros.

BLM requests the following information on Form 4710–10:

(A) The applicant's name, address, and telephone number to further communicate about the adoption.

(B) For possible debt collection purposes, the driver's license number to locate the adopter if the adopter changes his/her address within the state and does not leave a forwarding address. Wild horses and burros remain the property of the United States until title passes to private individuals. During the period between adoption and the passing of title, BLM is under obligation to see that the animals receive human care and proper treatment. For that reason, BLM visits and contacts the adopter to determine that status and condition of the animals. BLM uses this information to also determine the location and condition of animals if the adopter should change the location of the animals within the State.

(C) The birth date of the applicant to assure that the applicant qualifies to adopt an animal under 43 CFR 4750.3–2 (must be at least 18 years or older).

(D) The applicant's social security number. In those states where the driver's license and social security numbers are the same, the applicant needs only his/her driver's license number. BLM uses this information for possible debt collection purposes and to track the location of the adopter if the adopter moves out-of-state.

(E) The applicant must indicate the number and species of animals the adopter wishes to adopt so we can determine the availability of the animals requested.

(F) The applicant must provide a map of the location where the adopted animals will be located so that we can conduct inspections of the facility and the animals to ensure compliance under 43 CFR 4750.3–2 relating to private maintenance.

(G) The applicant must understand the restrictions related to adopting a wild horse or burro.

(H) BLM needs the information on the site where the animals are kept to assure that the facilities provide for humane care and comply with the private maintenance regulations located at 43 CFR 4750.3–2.

(I) The applicant must sign a Private Maintenance and Care Agreement (a part to the Form 4710–10) after BLM approves the application to adopt a wild horse or burro.

BLM uses the information to determine whether individuals are qualified to provide humane care and proper treatment to one or more adopted animals. When BLM approves the application and the individual completes a Private Maintenance and Care Agreement, the individual may adopt one to four wild horses or burros at one time. There is no other source for the required information, and failure to furnish the required information will result in the applicant's denial to adopt a wild horse or burro.

The collection of information is short, simple and does not inconvenience the applicant. Valuable dialogue normally occurs during the approval process when BLM conducts an interview with the applicant to ensure that the applicant understands the obligations and prohibited acts and is knowledgeable about horses and burros or has access to assistance from a knowledgeable individual.

Based on BLM's experience in administering the activities described above, we estimate the public reporting burden is 10 minutes per response to complete the required information. We estimate 30,000 responses per year and a total annual burden of 5,000 hours.

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

Dated: February 13, 2003.

**Michael H. Schwartz,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Control Number 1004–0179

**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) is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend an existing approval to collect helium sales information from Federal agencies and helium suppliers. BLM uses the In-Kind Crude Helium Sales Contract and nonform information from the

regulations at 43 CFR 3195 to collect this information. This information allows BLM to monitor reporting and recordkeeping of crude helium sales and purchases.

**DATES:** You must submit your comments to BLM at the address below on or before May 6, 2003. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail comments to: Bureau of Land Management, (WO–630), Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Blvd., Springfield, Virginia 22153.

You may send comments via Internet to: [WOCComment@blm.gov](mailto:WOCComment@blm.gov). Please include “ATTN: 1004–0179” and your name and return address in your Internet message.

You may deliver comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

All comments will be 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:** You may contact Connie H. Neeley, Crude Helium Sales Analyst, on (806) 324–2635 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service on 1–800–877–8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Ms. Neely.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 5 CFR 1320.12(a) requires that we provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information to solicit comments on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of our estimates of the information collection burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use;

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

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

The Helium Privatization Act of 1996 requires the Department of Defense, the Atomic Energy Commission, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and other Federal agencies to purchase major helium requirements from authorized contractors. These contractors must

purchase an equivalent amount of crude helium from the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.

The In-Kind Crude Helium Sales Contract requires that contract holders supply the following information to BLM:

(A) Section 3.3 asks for reporting each quarter the deliveries made of refined helium. The section refers to Addendum B of the contract, which specifies providing the following:

- (1) Company name;
- (2) Address and contract number;
- (3) Name of the Federal agency to which helium sold;
- (4) Date of delivery;
- (5) Sale reference number;
- (6) Location of helium use;
- (7) Volume; and
- (8) Units of helium sold during the itemized sales for the quarterly report.

BLM uses this information to track sales of refined helium and to determine the use of the helium.

(B) Section 3.5 requires helium suppliers to notify BLM 14 days in advance of needing Federal helium in order to provide BLM sufficient time to deliver the helium.

(C) Section 3.7 requires contractors to keep available for BLM inspection all pertinent documents and records. We use this information to audit the contractors and to determine whether or not helium sales were reported accurately.

(D) Section 7.4 prohibits assigning the contract to another contractor without BLM's prior approval.

BLM also requires the following nonform information at 43 CFR 3195:

(A) Federal helium suppliers and buyers must report the total itemized quarterly deliveries of helium within 45

calendar days after the end of the previous quarter.

(B) Federal helium suppliers must report the annual cumulative helium delivery report by November 15 of each year.

(C) The name of the company from which you purchased helium.

(D) The amount of helium you purchased and the date it was delivered.

(E) The helium use location.

Based on our experience administering the activities described above, we estimate the public reporting burden is one hour for the contract and two hours for the nonform quarterly helium sales reports at 43 CFR 3195. We estimate 76 respondents will submit a contract once and quarterly provide helium sales information. We estimate 380 responses per year and a total annual burden of 684 hours as indicated in the table below:

Requirement	Hours per responses	Number of responses	Burden hours
In-kind crude helium sales contract .....	1	76	76
Helium sales information .....	2	304	608
<b>Total</b> .....		<b>380</b>	<b>684</b>

We will summarize all responses to this notice and send them to OMB when we request approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 3, 2003.

**Michael H. Schwartz,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Call for Nominations for Resource Advisory Councils**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Resource Advisory Council Call for Nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to solicit public nominations for each of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) that have member terms expiring this year. The RACs provide advice and recommendations to BLM on land use planning and management of the public lands within their geographic areas. Public nominations will be considered

for 45 days after the publication date of this notice.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of lands administered by BLM. Section 309 of FLPMA directs the Secretary to select 10 to 15 member citizen-based advisory councils that are established and authorized consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). As required by the FACA, RAC membership must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands. These include three categories:

*Category One*—Holders of federal grazing permits and representatives of energy and mineral development, timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-highway vehicle use, and commercial recreation;

*Category Two*—Representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historic interests, dispersed recreation, and wild horse and burro groups;

*Category Three*—Holders of State, county or local elected office, employees of a State agency responsible for management of natural resources,

academicians involved in natural sciences, representatives of Indian tribes, and the public-at-large.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees must be residents of the State or States in which the RAC has jurisdiction. Nominees will be evaluated based on their education, training, and experience and their knowledge of the geographical area of the RAC. Nominees should have demonstrated a commitment to collaborative resource decisionmaking. All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from represented interests or organizations, a completed background information nomination form, as well as any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

Simultaneous with this notice, BLM State Offices will issue press releases providing additional information for submitting nominations, with specifics about the number and categories of member positions available for each RAC in the State. Nominations for RACs should be sent to the appropriate BLM offices listed below.

**Alaska**

**Alaska RAC**

Teresa McPherson, Alaska State Office, BLM, 222 West 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513, (907) 271-3322