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2. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Field Office, 6950 Americana Pkwy, Suite H, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-4127.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Peter Fasbender, (612) 713-5343, or peter_fasbender@fws.gov; or Ms. Angela Zimmerman, telephone: (614) 469-6923.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Availability of Documents

We provide this notice pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and pursuant to implementing regulations for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) found at (40 CFR 1506.6). All comments received on the permit application and proposed Agreement, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and may be released to the public. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. All submissions from organizations or companies, or from individuals representing organizations or companies, are available for public inspection in their entirety.

Background

The eastern massasauga rattlesnake, also known as the swamp rattler or black snapper, is a resident of many glaciated areas of Ohio. The massasauga was once common throughout much of the Great Lakes basin, but now is restricted to scattered, often isolated populations. Extensive farming, draining of their wetland habitats, vegetation succession and other forms of habitat fragmentation has contributed to their reduced numbers. Loss of habitat and persecution by humans are thought to be the primary causes of decline. Current records from the Heritage Database (Division of Natural Areas and Preserves) place the snake in only 15 Ohio counties. At least eight of these populations occur on state-owned and/or managed land. The Division of Natural Areas and Preserves (the Division) manages three sites, the Division of Wildlife manages four sites and the Ohio Historical Society manages another. The massasauga was listed as an endangered species in Ohio in 1996. In October 1999, the Service designated it a candidate species for Federal protection by the Endangered Species Act.

The Rome State Nature Preserve is located within Ashtabula County, Ohio. Containing approximately 105 acres, the preserve is located between Rome and

Hartsgrove Townships and lies within the Grand River watershed. Under the CCAA, the Applicant has agreed to implement several conservation measures that will reduce and/or eliminate potential threats to the species. The Applicant will: (1) Maintain and manage the Rome State Nature Preserve in a mosaic of habitats essential for the massasauga; (2) control the spread of invasive vegetation species; and (3) implement protective measures to reduce losses from human and natural predators.

Implementation of the CCAA is expected to protect and conserve habitat for the covered species, eliminate unauthorized human disturbances within Rome State Nature Preserve that are believed to impact the covered species, and provide important monitoring data that can be used to develop and/or improve management strategies for the massasauga. These benefits will be obtained through restoration and protection of habitats on the enrolled property.

We will make our final determination after the end of the 30-day comment period and will fully consider all comments received. If the final analysis shows the CCAA to be consistent with our policies and applicable regulations, we will sign the CCAA and issue the ESP. The proposed ESP would, in compliance with the CCAA policy, only become valid on such date as the eastern massasauga rattlesnake is listed as a threatened or endangered species under the Act.

Written data or comments concerning the CCAA or ESP application should be submitted to the Regional Director. (see **ADDRESSES** section). Further, persons wishing to review the CCAA and ESP application may obtain copies by writing to the same address or they can be viewed on the Service's Regional Web site at: <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/NEPA>. Comments must be submitted in writing to be adequately considered in the Service's decision-making process. Please reference permit number TE-101451 in your comments, or in requests of the documents discussed herein. Documents will also be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Ecological Services Field Office (see **ADDRESSES** section).

Dated: August 29, 2005.

Wendi Weber,

Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-310-1310-PB-24 1A]

Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Control Number 1004-0185

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 existing approvals to collect certain information from lessees, operators, record title holders, operating rights owners, and the general public on oil and gas and operations on Federal lands.

DATES: You must submit your comments to BLM at the address below on or before November 21, 2005. 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 e-mail to: comments_washington@blm.gov. Please include "Attn: 1004-0185" 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.

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 except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may contact Barbara Gamble, on (202) 452-0338 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) on 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Ms. Gamble.

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:

(1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the agency, 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 collected; and

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

The Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (MLA), 30 U.S.C. 191 *et seq.*, gives the Secretary of the Interior responsibility

for oil and gas leasing on approximately 570 million acres of public lands and national forests, and private lands where the mineral rights are reserved by the Federal government. The Act of May 21, 1930 (30 U.S.C. 301–306), authorizes the leasing of oil and gas deposits under railroads and other rights-of-way. The Act of August 7, 1947 (Mineral Leasing Act of Acquired Lands), authorizes the Secretary to lease lands acquired by the United States (30 U.S.C. 341–359). The regulations under 43 CFR part 3000 *et*

al. authorize BLM to manage the oil and gas leasing and exploration activities. Without the information, BLM would not be able to analyze and approve oil and gas leasing and exploration activities.

BLM collects nonform information on oil and gas leasing and exploration activities when the lessee, record title holder, operating rights owner, or operator files any of the following information for BLM to adjudicate:

43 CFR	Information collection requirements	Number of responses	Reporting hours per respondent	Total hours
3100.3–1	Notice of option holdings	30	1	30
3100.3–3	Option statement	50	1	50
3101.2–4(a)	Excess acreage petition	10	1	10
3101.2–6	Showings statement	10	1.5	15
31.1.3–1	Joinder evidence statement	50	1	50
3103.4–1	Waiver, suspension, reduction of rental, etc.	20	2	40
3105.2	Communitization or drilling agreement	150	2	300
3105.3	Operating, drilling, development contracts interest statement	50	2	100
3105.4	Joint operations; transportation of oil applications	20	1	20
3105.5	Subsurface storage application	50	1	50
3106.8–1	Heirs and devisee statement	40	1	40
3106.8–2	Change of name report	60	1	60
3106.8–3	Corporate merger notice	100	2	200
3107.8	Lease renewal application	30	1	30
3108.1	Relinquishments	150	.5	75
3108.2	Reinstatement petition	500	.5	250
3109.1	Leasing under rights-of-way application	20	1	20
3120.1–1(e)	Lands available for leasing	280	2.5	700
3120.1–3	Protests and appeals	90	1.5	135
3152.1	Oil and gas exploration in Alaska application	20	1	20
3152.6	Data collection	20	1	20
3152.7	Completion of operations report	20	1	20
Totals		1,770		2,235

BLM collects the information in the regulations that address oil and gas drainage and no form is required.

Type of drainage analysis	Number of analyses	Hours
Preliminary	1,000	2,000
Detailed	100	2,400
Additional	10	200
Total	1,110	4,600

Based upon our experience managing oil and gas activities, we estimate for the information collection 2,880 responses per year with an annual information burden of 6,835 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: September 14, 2005.

Ian Senio,
Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Clearance Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Temporary Closure of Public Lands: Pershing, Washoe, & Humboldt Counties, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca Field Office, Nevada, Interior.

ACTION: Notice to the public of temporary closures on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca Field Office, Nevada.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain lands will be temporarily closed to public use in and around the Paragon Astronautics rocket launch site, located in Pershing, Washoe and Humboldt counties, Nevada, from 0700 to 1200 hours, September 27, 2005–September 30, 2005; October 3, 2005–October 7, 2005; and October 11, 2005–October 14, 2005. These closures are being made in the interest of public safety at and around the location of an amateur high-altitude rocket launch site. This event is expected to attract approximately 50 participants. The lands involved are located northeast of Gerlach, Nevada in the Mount Diablo Meridian.

The following Public Lands are closed to public use: Public land areas north of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks, east of State Highway 34 and County Road 200, and west of the Pahute Peak and Black Rock Desert wilderness boundaries within the following legally described areas:

Unsurveyed T33.5N, R24E
 Sec. 25–28, 33–36