

present boundaries of any Indian reservation on June 1, 1934; (c) you are an Alaska Native; or (d) you possess one-half degree Indian blood derived from tribes that are indigenous to the United States. The information is submitted in order to obtain or retain a benefit, namely, preference in employment with the BIA and the IHS.

II. Request for Comments

The Department of the Interior invites comments on:

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

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including the hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumption used;

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

(d) Ways to 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 collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The Office of Management and Budget has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days; therefore, comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure their maximum consideration. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. If you wish us to withhold any information, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will honor your request to the extent allowable by law. Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless a currently valid OMB control number is displayed. You may request copies of the information collection forms and our submission to OMB from the person listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

III. Data

Title: Verification of Indian Preference for Employment in the BIA and the IHS, BIA Form 4432, 25 CFR 5.

OMB approval number: 1076-0160.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Description of respondents: Qualified Indians who are seeking preference in employment with the BIA and IHS. Approximately a total of 5,000 applications for preference in employment are received annually by the BIA field offices.

Frequency: On occasion as needed.

Estimated completion time: The average burden of submitting an Indian Preference Form is 30 minutes including time for reviewing instructions, searching data sources and assembling the information needed.

Total annual burden: 5,000 × ½ hour = 2500 hours.

Estimated cost: There are no costs to consider, except postage and the cost of duplicating the original verification form, because verification of the information is already available for other reasons. The form will be used by an applicant to seek documentation of Indian descent or membership from either a tribal official or the BIA.

Dated: February 11, 2005.

David W. Anderson,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Closure Order Establishing Prohibitions at Trinity Lake, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of closure.

SUMMARY: *Purpose of Closure Order:* This closure is issued to provide for the protection of Federal property and to ensure public safety at Reclamation facilities.

Closure Areas: Under the authority of 43 CFR 423.3(b) the following facilities, lands, and waters are closed to the public: The crest of Trinity Dam and adjacent property, buildings, and facilities under the control of Reclamation. The closure area includes the area from the dam crest to the upstream waterline and 700 feet downstream of Trinity Dam and 700 feet on either side of the entire width of the dam downstream.

DATES: The entire closure area is to remain closed effective April 10, 2005, and remain closed indefinitely except as permitted as described below.

ADDRESSES: A map is available for inspection at Reclamation's Northern California Area Office (NCAO), located at 16349 Shasta Dam Boulevard, Shasta Lake, California 96019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region Public Affairs Officer, Jeff McCracken, at (916) 978-5100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Prohibited Acts:* The following acts are prohibited in the closure area.

A. Operating a motorized vehicle of any kind, including stopping, standing, or parking in the closure area.

General Exception: Operations, maintenance, and construction personnel that have express written authorization from the Mid-Pacific Regional Director, NCAO Area Manager or his/her designee, law enforcement and fire department officials; ambulances and others who have received express written authorization to enter the closure area.

B. Entering the closure area on foot, on bicycle, or by any other means.

General Exception: Reclamation employees acting within the scope of their employment; operations, maintenance, and construction personnel that have express authorization from the Mid-Pacific Regional Director, NCAO Area Manager, or his/her designee, law enforcement and fire department officials; and others who have received express written authorization from the Mid-Pacific Regional Director, NCAO Area Manager, or his/her designee to enter the closure area.

Limited Exception: Pedestrians and bicyclists may enter that portion of the closure area along the west side of the river for the purpose of fishing. All persons shall comply with all signs and other directions as posted or disclosed. This limited exception to the closure order may be revoked at any time to meet operational, security, or safety concerns as determined by the area manager or his/her designee.

C. Operating a vessel or watercraft of any kind, swimming, or scuba diving.

General Exception: Reclamation employees acting within the scope of their employment; operations, maintenance, and construction personnel that have express authorization from the Mid-Pacific Regional Director, NCAO Area Manager, or his/her designee, law enforcement and fire department officials; and others who have received express written authorization from the Mid-Pacific Regional Director, NCAO Area Manager, or his/her designee to enter the closure area.

D. Fires.

E. Vandalism or destroying, injuring, defacing, or damaging real property that is not under one's lawful control or possession.

F. Tampering or attempting to tamper with property or real property, or moving, manipulating, or setting in motion any of the parts thereof.

Violation of the prohibition listed in 43 CFR part 423 is punishable by fine or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both.

Dated: March 2, 2005.

Michael J. Ryan,

Area Manager, Northern California Area Office, Mid-Pacific Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Review of Existing Coordinated Long-Range Operating Criteria for Colorado River Reservoirs (Operating Criteria)

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of final decision regarding the operating criteria.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this action is to provide public notice that the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) has made a number of limited modifications to the text of the Operating Criteria developed pursuant to section 602 of the Colorado River Basin Project Act of 1968. The bases for the changes are: (1) Specific change in Federal law applicable to the Operating Criteria, (2) language in the current text of the Operating Criteria that is outdated, and (3) specific modifications to Article IV(b) of the Operating Criteria that reflect actual operating experience. The review of the Operating Criteria has been conducted through a public review process, including consultation with the seven Colorado River Basin States, tribal representatives, and interested parties and stakeholders.

DATES: *Effective Date:* March 21, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jayne Harkins, Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Colorado Region, P.O. Box 61470, Boulder City, Nevada 89006-1470; telephone (702) 293-8411; faxogram (702) 293-8614; e-mail: jharkins@lc.usbr.gov; or Tom Ryan, Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Region, 125 South State Street, Room 6107, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138-1147; telephone (801) 524-3732; faxogram (801) 524-5499; e-mail: tryan@uc.usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public review process began with a **Federal Register** notice published on January 15, 2002, announcing the sixth

review of the Operating Criteria and inviting comments regarding whether the Operating Criteria should be modified, and if so, how they should be modified (67 FR 1986). The January 15, 2002, notice provided for a comment period that ended on March 18, 2002. On March 6, 2002, a second notice was published in the **Federal Register** extending the comment period to March 29, 2002, and inviting public feedback on whether or not Reclamation should conduct a public meeting to solicit comments as part of the sixth review of the Operating Criteria (67 FR 10225). A letter was then sent to all interested parties, tribes, and stakeholders on March 7, 2002, that included copies of both **Federal Register** notices and the Operating Criteria.

On June 27, 2002, a Fact Sheet providing information on the Operating Criteria, scope of the review process, public participation, timeline for the review process, and contact information was sent to all interested parties and stakeholders. In addition to the Fact Sheet, Reclamation set up a Web site (<http://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/lroc>) for the sixth review of the Operating Criteria that contained further information on the review, copies of all comment letters received, and links to technical documents Reclamation felt would be useful during the review process.

Detailed written comments were received from 16 interested parties providing Reclamation with numerous issues, comments, and concerns regarding possible changes to the Operating Criteria. The names of the parties that provided comments, as well as the corresponding number assigned by Reclamation to the comment letter, are as follows:

1. Western Area Power Administration, Phoenix, Arizona.
2. Quechan Indian Tribe.
3. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.
4. National Park Service.
5. Arizona Department of Water Resources.
6. Sierra Club, Southwest Rivers, Defenders of Wildlife, Land and Water Fund of the Rockies, Environmental Defense, Pacific Institute, Friends of Arizona Rivers, Living Rivers, and American Rivers.
7. Interested Party (this entity requested that their name be withheld from public disclosure).
8. Colorado River Board of California.
9. Western Area Power Administration, Salt Lake City, Utah.
10. Upper Colorado River Commission.

11. Irrigation & Electrical Districts Association of Arizona.

12. Colorado Water Conservation Board, State of Colorado.

13. New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission.

14. Office of the Attorney General, Water & Natural Resources Division, State of Wyoming.

15. International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico.

16. State of Utah, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water Resources.

The comment letters were reviewed for identification of and analysis of the issues. Responses to the comment letters, as well as the corresponding number of the party that made the comment, are provided under the *Synopsis of Comments and Responses* section of this notice.

As required by Federal law, formal consultation with the seven Basin States, interested parties and stakeholders, as well as government-to-government consultation with tribal representatives, was conducted during this review of the Operating Criteria. The January 15, 2002, **Federal Register** notice stated that open public meetings would be conducted as part of this review, and in the March 6, 2002, **Federal Register** notice, Reclamation asked for comments on whether or not a public meeting should be held. At the end of the comment period (March 29, 2002), several of those who provided comments stated that a public meeting to solicit comments on the need to revise the Operating Criteria was not needed. Accordingly, Reclamation did not conduct a public meeting at that point in the review process.

On November 3, 2004, a Notice of Proposed Decision Regarding the Operating Criteria and Announcement of Public Consultation Meeting was published in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 64096). The Notice identified the proposed changes to the Operating Criteria as Reclamation's response to comments received and invited public input on those changes. The notice announced that a public consultation meeting would be held in Henderson, Nevada, on November 19, 2004, and provided for a comment period that ended on December 6, 2004. On November 4, 2004, a letter was sent to all interested parties, tribes, and stakeholders containing a copy of the November 3, 2004, **Federal Register** notice.

On November 19, 2004, a public consultation meeting was conducted to (1) Discuss the proposed changes to the Operating Criteria as Reclamation's response to comments received, (2)