

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeffrey D. Johnson, Project Manager, at the above Winnemucca Field Office address or telephone (775) 623-1500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Final SEIS analyzes the direct, indirect and cumulative impacts related to expansion of existing mine facilities (pits, overburden dumps & heap leach pads) and development of the Millennium Projects. Development includes construction of five new pits, overburden disposal areas, two additional heap leach facilities, drainage diversions, haul and exploration roads and ancillary facilities. Alternatives analyzed include: (1) Moving the Trout Creek Diversion toward the west, farther from the Red Rock Pit, (2) increasing backfilling along the west high wall of the Red Rock Pit, and (3) taking no action. The agency-preferred alternative is alternative number 2; increasing backfilling along the west high wall of the Red Rock Pit. The Final SEIS contains in its entirety the analysis originally presented in the Draft SEIS (issued April 5, 2003) with all text changes presented in bold type. In addition, letters received during the Draft SEIS comment period and the agency's responses to the comments have been incorporated into the Final SEIS.

Dated: June 30, 2003.

Terry Reed,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting, Western Montana Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Western Montana Resource Advisory Council will meet as indicated below.

DATES: A meeting will be held February 19, 2004 at the BLM Missoula Field Office, 3255 Fort Missoula Road,

Missoula, Montana beginning at 9 a.m. The public comment period will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting will adjourn at approximately 3:00 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in western Montana. At the February 19 meeting, possible topics we plan to discuss include: updates on the Dillon, Butte and Limestone Hills planning processes, election of chair and vice-chair, weeds, possible pilot projects, an update on Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) projects, outyear budget planning and initiatives, and an update on the proposed changes to the grazing regulations.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marilyn Krause, Resource Advisory Council Coordinator, at the Butte Field Office, 106 North Parkmont, Butte, Montana 59701, telephone 406-533-7617 or Nancy Anderson, Field Manager, Missoula Field Office, telephone 406-329-3914.

Dated: November 24, 2003.

Nancy T. Anderson,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service
Information Collection; Request for Extension

AGENCY: National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice of request for extension of a currently approved information collection.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Park Service (NPS) is announcing its intention to request an extension of a currently approved collection of information (OMB# 1024-0231) for 36 CFR part 51, § 51.47 regarding the appeal of a preferred

offeror determination, §§ 51.54 and 51.55 regarding NPS approval of the construction of capital improvements by concessioners, and section 51.98 concerning recordkeeping requirements with which concessioners must comply.

The information is being collected to meet the requirements of section 403(7) and (8) of the NPS Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998 (the Act), concerning the granting of a preferential right to renew a concession contract, section 405 of the Act regarding the construction of capital improvements by concessioners, and section 414 of the Act regarding recordkeeping requirements of concessioners. The information will be used by the agency in considering appeals concerning preferred offeror determinations, agency review and approval of construction projects and determinations with regard to the leasehold surrender interest value of such projects, and when necessary, agency review of a concessioner's books and records related to its activities under a concession contract.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received no later than February 3, 2004.

Additional Information or Comments: Contact Cynthia Orlando, Concession Program Manager, National Park Service, 1849 C Street, NW., (2410), Washington, DC 20240, or 202/513-7144.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Concession Contract—36 CFR 51.

OMB Control Number: 1024-0231.

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 2003.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations as 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies information collection activities that NPS will submit to OMB for approval. The OMB control number for this collection of information is 1024-0231, and is identified in 36 CFR Section 51.104.

NPS has identified burden estimates based on its experience with concession contracts and on information previously supplied by concessioners or offerors in response to concession prospectuses. NPS will request a 3-year term of

approval for this information collection activity.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency of Collection: Once.

Description of Respondents: NPS concessioners, and, in the case of appeals of preferred offeror determinations, offerors in response to concession prospectuses.

Total Annual Responses: 758.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,276.

Send comments on (1) the need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information. Please refer to OMB control number 1024-0231 in all correspondence. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record. Copies of the information collection can be obtained from Cynthia L. Orlando, Concession Program Manager, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., (2410), Washington, DC 20240.

Dated: October 30, 2003.

Leonard E. Stowe,

Acting NPS Information Collection Clearance Officer, Washington Administrative Program Center.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

60-Day Notice of Intention To Request Clearance of Collection of Information; Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: NPS requests comments on extending and modifying two existing NPS information collection instruments that are processed by the existing, Internet-based Research Permit and Reporting System. One information collection instrument, the Application for a Scientific Research and Collecting Permit, is used by applicants to apply to parks for scientific research and collecting permits for natural or social science activities that require permits. The other instrument, the Investigator's

Annual Report, is used by permittees to submit their required annual progress reports. NPS will use the information you submit in response to this notice to assist its decision-making regarding whether or not to request extension of, and to make modifications to, the two collections of information administered through the existing Research Permit and Reporting System. Once NPS develops and adopts any modifications that may be appropriate, NPS currently expects to submit a request for an extension of the existing, but slightly modified, collection of information package to OMB with a request that OMB approve the package and assign an OMB clearance number to the two collection of information forms that are part of this system.

	Estimated numbers of	
	Responses	Burden hours
Research Permit and Reporting System	6,000	4,875

Under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR Part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service is soliciting comments on the need for gathering the information in the two collections of information being considered for modification and extension. The NPS also is asking for comments on the practical utility of the information being gathered; the validity and accuracy of the reporting burden hour estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden to respondents, including use of automated information collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

You may obtain copies of the existing application form, annual reporting form, and related guidance and explanatory material from the NPS Research Permit and Reporting System Web site at: <http://science.nature.nps.gov/research>. You also may obtain copies of the documents and additional information from the source identified below.

If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. Although you may mail comments to the postal address given here, due to delays caused by processing of mail you may wish to use a different method. You may send your comments by facsimile to the fax number given below. You may instead comment via the Internet to the e-mail address given here (Please submit e-mail comments as an attached ASCII or

MSWord file and avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include "Attn: NPS Research Permit and Reporting System" and your name and return address in your e-mail message. If you would like, but do not receive, a confirmation from the system that we have received your e-mail message, contact us directly at the phone number given here). Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to the address given below.

Our practice is to make comments, including respondent names and addresses (business or home, whatever we receive), available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety. We will not consider anonymous comments.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted on or before 60 days from the date this notice is published in the **Federal Register**.

Send Comments To: Dr. John G. Dennis. By mail: Natural Resources (3127 MIB), National Park Service, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240. By hand delivery: Natural Resources (11th floor), National Park Service, 1201 Eye Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005. By fax: 202-371-2131. By e-mail: researchcoll@nps.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. John G. Dennis. Voice: 202-513-7174 Fax: 202-371-2131; E-mail: researchcoll@nps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: National Park Service Research Permit and Reporting System.

Bureau Form Number: Application for a Scientific Research and Collecting Permit: 10-741; Investigator's Annual Report: 10-226.

OMB Number: 1024-0236.

Expiration Date: 4/30/2004.

Type of Request: Revision of a previously approved collection.

Description of Need: The currently approved information collection responds to the statutory requirement