

Congress passed the Color-of-Title Act of December 22, 1928 (45 Stat. 1069), as amended by the Act of July 28, 1953 (67 Stat. 227; 43 U.S.C. 1068–1068b), to provide for the transfer of legal title to public lands from the United States to eligible individuals, groups, or corporations who have a valid color-of-title claim. The regulations at 43 CFR Part 2540 provide guidelines to file a color-of-title claim.

Any individual, group, or corporation that possesses valid evidence of a title to public lands administered by BLM may file a Color-of-Title Application (Form 2540–1). The Act refers to Class I and Class II claims. A Class I claim is a claim:

(1) Held in good faith and peaceful, adverse possession by a claimant, his ancestors or grantors, under claim or color-of-title for a minimum of 20 years; and

(2) Where claimant or predecessors placed valuable improvements and cultivated part of the land.

A Class II claim is a claim held in good faith and peaceful, adverse possession by a claimant, his ancestors or grantors, under claim or color-of-title for the period commencing not later than January 1, 1901, to date of application, during which time they paid taxes levied on the land by State and local governmental units.

A claim is not held in good faith when held with knowledge that the land is owned by the United States. A claim is not held in peaceful, adverse possession if it was initiated while the land was withdrawn or reserved for Federal purposes.

When BLM receives the application, we will analyze the information, conduct an on-site field examination of the lands, and prepare reports. The BLM will approve your application if you meet the requirements of a Class I or Class II claim. We will reject your application if you do not meet the requirements of a Class I or Class II claim. Class II claims are discretionary and we may reject the application if the public interest in retention of the lands clearly outweighs the interest of the applicant.

Based on past experience processing these applications, BLM estimates the public reporting burden for completing the Form 2540–1 is 1 hour, Form 2540–2 (Conveyances Affecting Color or Claim of Title) is 1 hour, and Form 2540–3 (Color-of-Title Tax Levy and Payment Record) is 1 hour. BLM estimates that we receive approximately 33 applications (11 for each form) annually, with a total annual burden of 33 hours.

Any member of the public may request and obtain, without charge a copy of BLM Forms 2540–1, 2540–2 and 2540–3 by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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

Dated: April 15, 2005.

**Ian Senio,**

*Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

**[WO–250–1220–PC–24 1A]**

### Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Control Number 1004–0165

**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) requests the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend an existing approval to collect information from individuals submitting nominations for significant caves under the Federal Cave Resources Protection Act of 1988 and to request confidential cave information. BLM needs the information to determine which caves we will list as significant and decide whether to grant access to confidential cave information.

**DATES:** You must submit your comments to BLM at the address below on or before June 20, 2004. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail comments to: Regulatory Affairs Group (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: 1004–0165” and your name and address with your comments.

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

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 James Goodbar, BLM Field

Office, Carlsbad, New Mexico, on (505) 234–5929 (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 Mr. Goodbar.

**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 information collection burden 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 Federal Cave Resources Protection Act of 1988, 102 Stat. 4546, 16 U.S.C. 4301, requires the identification, protection, and maintenance of significant caves on public lands the Department of the Interior, BLM manages. The implementing regulations are found at 43 CFR 37—Cave Management. Federal agencies must consult with “cavers” and other interested parties and develop a list of significant caves. The regulations establish criteria for identifying significant caves and integrate cave management into existing planning and management processes to protect cave resource information. We protect this information to prevent vandalism and disturbance of significant caves. Other Federal or state agencies, bona fide education or research institutes, or individuals or organizations who assist land management agencies with cave management activities may request access to confidential cave information. BLM uses the Significant Cave Nomination Worksheet to collect some of the requested information on cave management activities.

Based on BLM’s experience administering this program, we estimate the public reporting burden is 3 hours for each nomination and 30 minutes for each request for confidential cave information. BLM estimates that 50 cave nominations and 10 requests for

confidential cave information will be filed annually, with a total annual burden of 155 hours. Respondents are cavers and other interested parties.

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

Dated: April 15, 2005.

**Ian Senio,**

*Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[WO-320-1330-PB-24 1A]

**Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Control Number 1004-0121**

**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) requests the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend an existing approval to collect information from applicants to lease and develop solid minerals other than coal and oil shale. BLM uses the information to determine whether an applicant, permittee, or lessee is qualified to hold an interest

under the terms of the implementing regulations at 43 CFR part 3500.

**DATES:** You must submit your comments to BLM at the address below on or before June 20, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail comments to: Regulatory Affairs Group (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: 1004-0121" and your name and address with your comments.

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

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 Nick Rieger, Solid Minerals Group, on (202) 452-5149 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use the 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 Mr. Rieger.

**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 information collection burden 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 regulations at 43 CFR part 3500 implement numerous statutes including:

(1) The Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*);

(2) The Mineral Leasing Act of 1947 (30 U.S.C. 351-359);

(3) Section 402 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1946 (5 U.S.C. Appendix);

(4) The Multiple Mineral Development Act of 1954 (30 U.S.C. 521-531);

(5) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). The implementing regulations (43 CFR Part 3500) outline procedures for members of the public to submit applications, offers, statements, petitions, and various forms. BLM uses Forms 3510-1, 3520-7, 3510-2, 3504-1, 3504-3, and 3504-4 to collect the information to determine whether an applicant qualifies to hold a lease to obtain a benefit under the terms of MLA, its subsequent amendments, related statutes, and the regulations. The affect public consists of all present and prospective holders of Federal solid mineral leases other than coal or oil shale, prospecting permits, use permits, and exploration licenses.

**BREAKDOWN OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS AND TOTAL HOURS**

Type of info collection	No. of responses	Hours per response	Total hours
Prospecting Permit .....	22	1	22
Exploration Plan for Prospecting Permit .....	19	80	1,520
Prospecting Permit Extension .....	5	1	5
Preference Right Lease .....	2	100	200
Competitive Lease Bid .....	5	40	200
Fringe Acreage Lease or Lease Modification .....	5	40	200
Assignment or Sublease .....	38	2	76
Lease Renewals or Adjustments .....	14	1	14
Use Permit .....	1	1	1
Exploration License .....	1	3	3
Exploration Plan for Exploration License .....	1	80	80
Development Contract .....	1	1	1
Bond .....	145	4	580
Mine Plan .....	5	150	750
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>3,652</b>

Based on BLM's experience administering the leasing program, we estimate the public reporting burden as

indicated in the above chart to complete the applications, petitions, offers, and statements as required. BLM estimates

that we receive 264 filings annually, with a total annual burden of 3,652 hours. The respondents vary from