

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

individuals to small businesses and major corporations.

Any member of the public may request and obtain, without a charge, a copy of BLM Forms 3510-1, 3520-7, 3501-2, 3504-1, 3504-3, and 3504-4 by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

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Dated: April 15, 2005.

**Ian Senio,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WO-320-1990-FA-24 1A]

#### Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Control Number 1004-0114

**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 information from owners of unpatented claims, mill sites, and tunnel sites. BLM uses Forms 3830-2 and 3830-3 to collect this information to record such claims and sites; determine the land status at the time of location; collect annual maintenance and location fees; process waivers of annual fees; process annual affidavits of labor or notices of intent to hold a mining claim or site; process requests for deferments from assessment work; process transfers of interest; and adjudicate such claims and sites. The regulations under 43 CFR 3830-3833, 3840-3843, and 3850-3852 authorize BLM to collect the above information to manage the general mining law activities on public lands.

**DATES:** You must submit your comments to BLM at the address below on or before June 20, 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 Internet to: [WOCComment@blm.gov](mailto:WOCComment@blm.gov). Please include "ATTN: 1004-0114" 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may contact Roger A. Haskins on (202) 452-0372 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) on 1-800-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Mr. Haskins.

**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 Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 30 U.S.C. 28f (Pub. L. 105-277), and the regulations under 43 CFR 3830-3833, 3840-3843, and 3850-3852 authorize BLM to collect information from owners of unpatented claims, mill sites and tunnel sites to manage the general mining law activities on public lands.

BLM uses Form 3830-2 (Maintenance Fee Waiver) to collect the information to waive the \$100 annual maintenance fee that owners of unpatented mining claims, mill sites, and tunnel sites must pay. The owners of unpatented mining claims, mill sites, and tunnel sites must submit the following information to BLM:

(1) The mining claim names and BLM serial numbers;

(2) A declaration that the owners own or have interest in 10 or fewer claims or sites;

(3) A declaration of compliance with the assessment work requirements;

(4) The names and addresses of all owners of the claims and sites; and

(5) The owners'/agents' signatures.

BLM uses Form 3830-3 (Notice of Intent to Locate A Lode or Placer Mining Claim(s) and/or A Tunnel Site(s) on Lands Patented Under the Stock Raising Homestead Act of 1916, as amended) to collect information on an applicant who files a notice of intent to locate or explore for a mining claim or tunnel site. The applicant must submit the following information to BLM:

(1) The name and mailing address of the applicant filing the notice of intent to locate or explore for a mining claim or tunnel site;

(2) A legal land description of the lands which the notice of intent will apply;

(3) A brief description of the proposed mineral activities;

(4) A map and legal land description of lands subject top mineral exploration;

(5) The name, address, and phone number of the person managing the activities; and

(6) The dates the activities will take place.

BLM uses the information on recording claims, annual assessment work, notice of intent to hold, and transfer of interest to:

(1) Determine the number and location of unpatented mining claims, mill sites and tunnel sites located on Federal lands to assist in the surface management of these lands and any minerals found there;

(2) Remove any cloud on the title to those lands due to abandoned mining claims;

(3) Provide information as to the location of active claims; and

(4) Keep informed on transfers of interest and ownership.

Without this information, BLM could not protect the rights of surface and mineral owners. Also, the Government's ability to locate, control, and manage surface disturbance would be compromised.

Based upon BLM experience, the public reporting information collection burden takes eight minutes per response. The respondents are owners of unpatented mining claims, mill sites, and tunnel sites located on public lands and individuals or organizations who seek to explore for or locate a mining claim. The estimated number of responses per year is 236,852 and the total annual burden is 31,585 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.