

We will summarize written responses to this notice and address them in our ICR submission for OMB approval, including appropriate adjustments to the estimated burden. We will provide a copy of the ICR to you without charge upon request and the ICR will also be posted on our Web site at [http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws\\_R\\_D/FRNotices/FRInfColl.htm](http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws_R_D/FRNotices/FRInfColl.htm).

**Public Comment Policy:** We will post all comments in response to this notice on our Web site at [http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws\\_R\\_D/FRNotices/FRInfColl.htm](http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws_R_D/FRNotices/FRInfColl.htm). We will also make copies of the comments available for public review, including names and addresses of respondents, during regular business hours at our offices in Lakewood, Colorado. Individual respondents may request we withhold their home address from the public record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the rulemaking record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you request that we withhold your name and/or address, state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. 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.

**MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer:** Jo Ann Lauterbach, (202) 208-7744.

Dated: December 20, 2002.

**Cathy J. Hamilton,**

*Acting Associate Director for Minerals Revenue Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

#### Agency Information Collection; Proposed Revisions to a Currently Approved Information Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of a currently approved collection (OMB No. 1006-0005).

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44

U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the Bureau of Reclamation (we, our, or us) intends to submit a request for renewal (with revisions) of an existing approved information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Individual Landholder's and Farm Operator's Certification and Reporting Forms for Acreage Limitation, 43 CFR part 426 and 43 CFR part 428, OMB Control Number: 1006-0005. This information collection is required under the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (RRA), Acreage Limitation Rules and Regulations, 43 CFR part 426, and Information Requirements for Certain Farm Operations In Excess of 960 Acres and the Eligibility of Certain Formerly Excess Land, 43 CFR part 428. We request your comments on the revised RRA forms and specific aspects of the information collection.

**DATES:** Your written comments must be received on or before February 25, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send written comments to the Bureau of Reclamation, Attention: D-5200, PO Box 25007, Denver, CO 80225-0007. You may request copies of the proposed revised forms by writing to the above address or by contacting Stephanie McPhee at (303) 445-2897.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephanie McPhee at: (303) 445-2897.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Changes to the RRA forms and the instructions to those forms.*

We made a few editorial changes to the currently approved RRA forms and the instructions to those forms that are designed to assist the respondents by increasing their understanding of the forms, clarifying the instructions for use when completing the forms, and clarifying the information that is required to be submitted to the districts with the forms. The proposed revisions to the RRA forms will be included starting in the 2004 water year.

In response to landholding situations that have arisen in certain districts that are subject to the acreage limitation provisions where a public entity owns or leases land through a legal entity, a new "Attachment Sheet for Form 7-21PE" (Form 7-21PE-IND) has been developed for approval as part of this information collection. In lieu of modifying the "Declaration of Public Entities Landholdings" (Form 7-21PE) to address the rare instances where a public entity indirectly owns or leases land, the one-page Form 7-21PE-IND will be completed in conjunction with the Form 7-21PE. There is no increase

in burden hours resulting from the addition of this form because (1) the occurrence of public entities that indirectly hold land is isolated at best, and (2) this information is currently required from the applicable public entities on a separate sheet of paper. Therefore, the burden hours applicable to Form 7-21PE-IND are included in those listed below for Form 7-21PE. The development of Form 7-21PE-IND provides a consistent format in which to gather information that is currently required.

**Title:** Individual Landholder's and Farm Operator's Certification and Reporting Forms for Acreage Limitation, 43 CFR part 426 and 43 CFR part 428.

**Abstract:** This information collection requires certain landholders (direct or indirect landowners or lessees) and farm operators to complete forms demonstrating their compliance with the acreage limitation provisions of Federal reclamation law. These forms are submitted to districts who use the information to establish each landholder's status with respect to landownership limitations, full-cost pricing thresholds, lease requirements, and other provisions of Federal reclamation law. In addition, forms are submitted by certain farm operators to provide information concerning the services they provide and the nature of their farm operating arrangements. All landholders whose entire westwide landholdings total 40 acres or less are exempt from the requirement to submit RRA forms. Landholders who are "qualified recipients" have RRA forms submittal thresholds of 80 acres or 240 acres depending on the district's RRA forms submittal threshold category where the land is held. Only farm operators who provide multiple services to more than 960 acres held in trusts or by legal entities are required to submit forms.

**Frequency:** Annually.

**Respondents:** Landholders and farm operators of certain lands in our projects, whose landholdings exceed specified RRA forms submittal thresholds.

**Estimated Total Number of Respondents:** 19,202.

**Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 1.02.

**Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses:** 19,586.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:** 14,829 hours.

**Estimate of Burden for Each Form:**

Form No.	Burden estimate per form (in minutes)	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses	Annual burden on respondents (in hours)
Form 7-2180 .....	60	5,358	5,465	5,465
Form 7-2180EZ .....	45	537	548	411
Form 7-2181 .....	78	1,758	1,793	2,331
Form 7-2184 .....	45	40	41	31
Form 7-2190 .....	60	1,910	1,948	1,948
Form 7-2190EZ .....	45	113	115	86
Form 7-2191 .....	78	891	909	1,182
Form 7-2194 .....	45	4	4	3
Form 7-21PE .....	66	205	209	230
Form 7-21TRUST .....	60	1,331	1,358	1,358
Form 7-21VERIFY .....	12	6,452	6,581	1,316
Form 7-21FC .....	30	243	248	124
Form 7-21XS .....	30	164	167	84
Form 7-21FARMOP .....	78	196	200	260

*Comments.*

Comments are invited on:

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

(b) The accuracy of our burden estimate for the proposed collection of information;

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

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

We will summarize all comments received regarding this notice. We will publish that summary in the **Federal Register** when the information collection request is submitted to OMB for review and approval.

Department of the Interior practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold a respondent's identity from public disclosure, 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 disclosure in their entirety.

Dated: December 10, 2002.

**Elizabeth Cordova-Harrison,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Policy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Reclamation**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Revisions to a Currently Approved Information Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of a currently approved collection (OMB No. 1006-0023).

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Bureau of Reclamation (we, our, or us) intends to submit a request for renewal (with revisions) of an existing approved information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Limited Recipient Identification Sheet, Trust Information Sheet for Acreage Limitation, 43 CFR part 426, OMB Control Number: 1006-0023. This information collection is required by provisions under the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (RRA) and Acreage Limitation Rules and Regulations, 43 CFR part 426. We request your comments on the proposed RRA forms and specific aspects of the information collection.

**DATES:** Your written comments must be received on or before February 25, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send written comments to the Bureau of Reclamation, Attention: D-5200, PO Box 25007, Denver, CO 80225-0007. You may request copies of the proposed forms by writing to the above address or by

contacting Stephanie McPhee at: (303) 445-2897.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Limited Recipient Identification Sheet, Trust Information Sheet for Acreage Limitation, 43 CFR part 426.

*Abstract:* Identification of limited recipients—Some entities that receive Reclamation irrigation water may believe themselves to be under the RRA forms submittal threshold and consequently, may not submit the appropriate RRA form(s). However, some of these entities may in fact have a different RRA forms submittal threshold than what they believe it to be due to the number of natural persons benefiting from each entity and the location of the land held by each entity. In addition, some entities that are exempt from the requirement to submit RRA forms due to the size of their landholdings (directly and indirectly owned and leased land) may in fact be receiving Reclamation irrigation water for which the full-cost rate must be paid because the start of Reclamation irrigation water deliveries occurred after October 1, 1981 [43 CFR 426.6(b)(2)]. The information obtained through completion of the Limited Recipient Identification Sheet allows us to establish entities' compliance with Federal reclamation law. The Limited Recipient Identification Sheet is disbursed at our discretion. The proposed revisions to the Limited Recipient Identification Sheet will be included starting in the 2004 water year, and are designed to facilitate ease of completion.

*Trust review*—We are required to review and approve all trusts [43 CFR part 426.7(b)(2)] in order to ensure trusts meet the regulatory criteria specified in 43 CFR part 426.7. Land held in trust generally will be attributed to the