

The alternatives analyzed in detail include:

- *Alternative A: Current Management (No Action):* This no-action alternative, reflects the current management of Neal Smith NWR. It provides the baseline against which to compare other alternatives.

- *Alternative B: Refuge Habitat Focus (Preferred Alternative):* This alternative focuses upon increasing the amount and diversity of native vegetation on the Refuge, and providing the varied habitat structure needed to support wildlife, especially declining populations of migratory grassland birds. Additional effort is directed toward restoring floristic quality on prairie and savanna remnants and monitoring and learning from the results of management actions. The Refuge boundary is expanded to the east and west by 3,210 acres, to include all tributaries of Walnut Creek that flow through the Refuge.

- *Alternative C: Watershed Focus:* This alternative emphasizes restoration of hydrologic function and native vegetation to the entire Walnut Creek watershed. Refuge staff builds and leads a new public/private partnership to develop and begin implementation of a long-term restoration plan for the watershed. The Refuge land acquisition boundary is expanded by 14,600 acres to include all lands within the watershed. Restoration of the southernmost reaches of the watershed creates a contiguous habitat connection between Neal Smith NWR and Lake Red Rock.

- *Alternative D: Corridor Focus:* This alternative emphasizes creation of a permanent wildlife habitat corridor connecting Neal Smith NWR with Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt to the north and Lake Red Rock to the south. Refuge staff builds and leads a new public/private partnership focused on increasing the wildlife value of lands within the corridor and supporting environmentally sound development. The Refuge land acquisition boundary is expanded by 20,550 acres to include the entire corridor area. Prairie restoration and management focus on creation of large connected tracts of diverse habitat structure for wildlife, especially declining populations of grassland birds.

Public Involvement

We will give the public an opportunity to provide input at a public meeting. You can obtain the schedule from the address or web site listed in this notice (see **ADDRESSES**). You may also submit comments anytime during the comment period.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Thomas O. Melius,

Regional Director, Midwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Renewal of Agency Information Collection for Water Delivery and Electric Service Data for the Operation of Irrigation and Power Projects and Systems

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs is seeking comments on the renewal of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the collection of information for Electrical Service Application, 25 CFR part 175, authorized by OMB Control Number 1076-0021 and Water Request, 25 CFR part 171, authorized by OMB Control Number 1076-0141. Both of these information collections expire December 31, 2012.

DATES: Submit comments on or before October 19, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the information collection to Yulan Jin, Acting Chief, Division of Water and Power, Office of Trust Services, Mail Stop 4655—MIB, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240; email: yulan.jin@BIA.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yulan Jin, 202-219-0941.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) owns, operates, and maintains three electric power utilities that provide a service to the end user. The BIA also owns, operates, and maintains 15 irrigation projects that provide a service

to the end user. To be able to properly bill for the services provided, the BIA must collect customer information to identify the individual responsible for repaying the government the costs of delivering the service, and billing for those costs. Additional information necessary for providing the service is the location of the service delivery. The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (DCIA) requires that certain information be collected from individuals and businesses doing business with the government. This information includes the taxpayer identification number for possible future use to recover delinquent debt. To implement the DCIA requirement to collect customer information, the BIA has included a section concerning the collection of information in its regulations governing its electrical power utilities (25 CFR part 175) and in its regulations governing its irrigation projects (25 CFR part 171).

II. Request for Comments

The BIA requests your comments on this collection concerning: (a) The necessity of this information collection 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 (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Ways we could enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents.

Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it has a valid OMB Control Number.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Before including your address, phone number, email address or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 1076-0021.

Title: Electrical Service Application, 25 CFR 175.

Brief Description of Collection: In order for electric power consumers to be served, information is needed by the BIA to operate and maintain its electric power utilities and fulfill reporting requirements.

Section 175.6 and 175.22 of 25 CFR part 175, Indian electric power utilities, specifies the information collection requirement. Power consumers must apply for electric service. The information to be collected includes: Name; electric service location; and other operational information identified in the local administrative manuals. All information is collected from each electric power consumer. Responses are required to receive or maintain a benefit.

Type of Review: Extension without change of currently approved collection.

Respondents: BIA electric power consumers—individuals and businesses.

Number of Respondents: 3,000 per year.

Estimated Time per Response: ½ hour.

Frequency of Response: The information is collected once, unless the respondent requests new electrical service elsewhere or if it has been disconnected for failure to pay their electric bill.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 1,500 hours.

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OMB Control Number: 1076–0141.

Title: Water Request, 25 CFR 171.

Brief Description of Collection: In order for irrigators to receive water deliveries, information is needed by the BIA to operate and maintain its irrigation projects and fulfill reporting requirements. Section 171.140 and other sections cited in section 171.40 of 25 CFR part 171, [Irrigation] Operation and Maintenance, specifies the information collection requirement. Water users must apply for water delivery and for a number of other associated services, such as, subsidizing a farm unit, requesting leaching service, requesting water for domestic or stock purposes, building structures or fences in BIA rights-of-way, requesting payment plans on bills, establishing a carriage agreement with a third-party, negotiating irrigation incentives leases, and requesting an assessment waiver. The information to be collected includes: Full legal name; correct mailing address; taxpayer identifying number; water delivery location; if subdividing a farm unit—a copy of the recorded plat or map of the subdivision where water will be delivered; the time and date of requested water delivery; duration of water delivery; amount of

water delivered; rate of water flow; number of acres irrigated; crop statistics; any other agreements allowed under 25 CFR part 171; and any additional information required by the local project office that provides your service. The information water users submit is for the purpose of obtaining or retaining a benefit, namely irrigation water.

Type of Review: Extension without change of currently approved collection.

Respondents: Water users of BIA irrigation project—individual and businesses.

Number of Respondents: 6,539 per year.

Number of Responses: 27,075 per year.

Estimated Time per Response: A range of 18 minutes to 6 hours, depending on the specific service being requested.

Frequency of Response: On occasion through the irrigation season, averaging approximately 2 times per year.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 14,059 hours.

Dated: August 13, 2012.

Alvin Foster,

Assistant Director for Information Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting, Eastern Washington 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 of 1976 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council (EWRAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: September 17, 2012. The meeting will be open to the public. It will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. Members of the public will have an opportunity to address the EWRAC at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Washington State Potato Commission, 108 Interlake Road, Moses Lake, Washington 98837.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert St. Clair, BLM Spokane District,

1103 N. Fancher Rd., Spokane Valley, WA 99212, or call (509) 536–1200.

Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1 (800) 877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Discussion will include the Bureau of Land Management's Eastern Washington and San Juan Resource Management Plan and the U.S. Forest Service's Colville National Forest Plan Revision. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Allison C. Clough,

Acting Spokane District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Agency Information Collection Activities: 30-Day Notice of Intention To Request Clearance of Collection of Information; Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (National Park Service) have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the information collection request (ICR) described below. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this ICR which is an extension of a currently approved collection of information (OMB #1024–0144). We may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of