

3. Increase recreation opportunity through access management and route designation.

4. Improve the vegetative communities in the canyon bottoms and on critical big game winter range.

5. Develop desired standards for other vegetative communities within the Initiative area.

6. Allow increased wildlife diversity.

7. Maintain a primitive development philosophy, particularly as it relates to recreation.

The CRMP/EA/RMPA will be prepared under 43 CFR part 1610 to meet the requirements of section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, and section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act. This revision is necessary to update and expand the decisions in the existing land use plan. Decisions generated during this planning process will supersede affected land use planning decisions presented in the 1985 Book Cliffs RMP that affect lands within the Initiative area.

Public participation is being actively sought at this time to ensure the EA addresses all issues, problems, and concerns from those interested in the management of the public lands within the Book Cliffs Initiative Area, including the acquired lands. The development of the CRMP/EA/RMPA is a public process and the public is invited and encouraged to assist in the identification of issues and the scope of the EA and planning amendment. Public meetings will be held to discuss planning issues. The date, time and location of these scoping meetings are: July 30, 1996, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the John Wesley Powell Museum at Green River, Utah; July 31, 1996, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Utah State University Extension Building, Room 207-B at Vernal, Utah; and August 1, 1996, 7:00 p.m. at the Department of Natural Resources Conference Room at 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. These meetings also will be announced in local newspapers and through other local media.

Formal public participation will be requested for review of the preliminary CRMP/EA/RMPA and final CRMP/EA/RMPA in 1997. Notice of availability of these documents will be published at the appropriate times.

The CRMP/EA/RMPA will be prepared by an interdisciplinary team which includes specialists in rangeland vegetation, riparian values, cultural resources, recreation, wildlife/fisheries habitats, realty, and special status animal and plant species. Other disciplines may be represented as necessary.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Andrews, Assistant Field Office Manager for Renewable Resources, Vernal Office, 170 South, 500 East, Vernal, Utah 84078. Business hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, telephone (801) 789-1362 or 781-4470, fax (801) 781-4410.

Roger Zortman,

*Acting State Director, Utah.*

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#### **Pony Express Resource Area, UT; Resource Management Plan**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to amend a resource management plan.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA), to consider a proposed amendment to the Pony Express Resource Management Plan (RMP). The proposed amendment would consider alternatives for management of acquired lands in Tooele County.

**DATES:** The comment period for identification of issues for the proposed plan amendment will commence with the date of publication of this notice. Comments must be submitted on or before July 29, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mike Nelson, Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management, Salt Lake District, 2370 South 2300 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84119, telephone (801) 977-4355. Existing planning documents and information are available at the above address or telephone number. Comments on the proposed plan amendment should be sent to the above address.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Salt Lake District, BLM, is proposing to amend the Pony Express RMP, to identify and analyze management prescriptions for lands in the Oquirrh Mountain Range that have been recently acquired by the BLM. An EA will be prepared to analyze the impacts of this proposal and alternatives. Public participation is being sought at this initial stage in the planning process to ensure the RMP amendment addresses all issues, problems and concerns from those interested in the management of lands within the Salt Lake District. Necessary amendments to the approved

plan will keep the document current and viable.

Roger Zortman,

*Acting State Director.*

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#### **Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement**

##### **Notice of Proposed Information Collection**

**AGENCY:** Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to request approval for the collections of information for 30 CFR part 800.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by August 23, 1996, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to Dennis Rice, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave, NW, Room 120-SIB, Washington, DC 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related forms, contact Dennis Rice, at (202) 208-2829.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 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 collections that OSM will be submitting to OMB for extension. This collection is contained in 30 CFR part 800, Bond and Insurance Requirements for Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations Under Regulatory Programs.

OSM has revised burden estimates, where appropriate, to reflect current reporting levels or adjustments based on reestimates of burden or respondents. OSM will request a 3-year term of approval for each information collection activity.

Comments are invited 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. A summary of the public comments will be included in OSM's submissions of the information collection requests to OMB.

The following information is provided for the information collections: (1) Title of the information collections; (2) OMB control number; (3) summary of the information collection activity; and (4) frequency of collection, description of the respondents, estimated total annual responses, and the total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden for the collection of information.

**Title:** Bond and Insurance Requirements for Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations Under Regulatory Programs—30 CFR 800.

**OMB Control Number:** 1029-0043.

**Summary:** The regulations at 30 CFR part 800 primarily implement Section 509 of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA or the Act), which requires that persons planning to conduct surface coal mining operations first post a performance bond to guarantee fulfillment of all reclamation obligations under the approved permit. The regulations also establish bond release requirements and procedures consistent with § 519 of the Act, liability insurance requirements pursuant to § 507(f) of the Act, and procedures for bond forfeiture should the permittee default on reclamation obligations.

**Bureau Form Number:** None.

**Frequency of Collection:** On Occasion.

**Description of Respondents:** Surface coal mining and reclamation permittees and State regulatory authorities.

**Total Annual Responses:** 19,398.

**Total Annual Burden Hours:** 174,692 hours.

Dated: June 18, 1996.

Gene E. Krueger,

Acting Chief, Office of Technology Development and Transfer.

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### Notice of Proposed Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation

and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing that the information collection request for the title described below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The information collection request describes the nature of the information collection and the expected burden and cost.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before July 24, 1996 to be assured of consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related form, contact John A. Trelease at (202) 208-2783.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 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)). OSM has submitted a request to OMB to renew its approval of the collection of information found at 30 CFR 780, Surface Mining Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Reclamation and Operation Plans. OSM is requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this collection of information is listed in 30 CFR Part 780, which is 1029-0036.

As required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), a Federal Register notice soliciting comments on these collections of information was published on April 2, 1996 (61 FR 14579). No comments were received. This notice provides the public with an additional 30 days in which to comment.

The following information is provided for the information collection: (1) Title of the information collection; (2) OMB control number; (3) summary of the information collection activity; and (4) frequency of collection, description of the respondents, estimated total annual responses, and the total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden for the collection of information. Where appropriate, OSM has revised burden estimates to reflect current reporting levels, adjustments based on reestimates of the burden or number of respondents, and programmatic changes.

**Title:** Surface Mining Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Reclamation and Operation Plans.

**OMB Control Number:** 1029-0036.

**Summary:** Permit application requirements in sections 507(b), 508(a), 510(b), 515 (b), and (d), and 522 of Public Law 95-87 require the applicant to submit the operations and reclamation plan for coal mining activities. Information collection is needed to determine whether the mining and reclamation plan will achieve the reclamation and environmental protections pursuant to the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act. Without this information, Federal and State regulatory authorities cannot review and approve permit application requests.

**Frequency of Collection:** On occasion.

**Description of Respondents:** Applicants for surface coal mine permits.

**Total Annual Responses:** 610 responses.

**Total Annual Burden Hours:** 235,261 hours.

Send comments on the need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information, to the following address. Please refer to the appropriate OMB control number in all correspondence.

**ADDRESSES:** Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Department of Interior Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: June 14, 1996.

Gene E. Krueger,

Acting Chief, Office of Technology Development and Transfer.

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### Notice of Proposed Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing that the information collection request for the title described below has been