

ecosystem and other habitats at the community level.

If the Conservation Plan is approved by the Service, the Service would authorize incidental take of the coastal California gnatcatcher through the special section 4(d) rule (60 FR 36010) via the Service's issued written concurrence that the Conservation Plan meets the standards set forth in 50 CFR 17.32(b)(2). In addition, the Service, at the request of the County, would simultaneously issue an Endangered Species Act section 10(a)(1)(B) permit. The Conservation Plan, coupled with an implementation agreement, likely would form the basis for issuing an incidental take permit for the cactus wren and orange-throated whiptail lizard, and any additional species proposed for regulatory coverage should these species subsequently be listed.

The proposed agenda for the facilitated public meeting includes a summary of the proposed action, status of and threats to subject species, tentative issues, concerns, opportunities and alternatives. Attendees of the scoping meeting will have an opportunity to discuss the specific coastal sage scrub conservation goals and conservation planning alternatives and other aspects of the proposed Conservation Plan and related Impact Statement/Report. Submittal of independent written comments is encouraged.

This notice is provided as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 USC 1531 *et seq.*, 50 CFR 17.22), and National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1501.7) regulations.

Dated: May 1, 1998.

**David J. Wesley,**

*Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

**Technology Transfer Act of 1986; Cooperative Research and Development Agreement With U.S. Army Topographic Engineering Center, Alexandria, VA and EarthData Technologies, LLC, Hagerstown, MD**

**AGENCY:** Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) negotiations.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is planning to enter into a Cooperative Research and

Development Agreement (CRADA) with the U.S. Army Topographic Engineering Center, Alexandria, Virginia and EarthData Technologies, LLC, Hagerstown, Maryland. The purpose of the CRADA is to jointly research and develop a camera calibration methodology and capability for digital airborne cameras. Any other organization interested in pursuing the possibility of a CRADA for similar kinds of activities should contact the USGS.

**ADDRESSES:** Inquiries may be addressed to the Acting Chief of Research, U.S. Geological Survey, National Mapping Division, 500 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192; Telephone (703) 648-4643, facsimile (703) 648-4706; Internet "ebrunson@usgs.gov".

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ernest B. Brunson, address above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is to meet the USGS requirement stipulated in the Survey Manual.

Dated: April 20, 1998.

**Richard E. Witmer,**

*Chief, National Mapping Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WO-350-4210-01]

#### Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Number 1004-0107

**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 announcing its intention to request an extension of existing approval to collect certain information from respondents identified in 43 CFR 2800 and 2880. This information is in addition to that collected on the Form SF-299, OMB No. 1004-0060, and is necessary for those large complex projects which require a right-of-way. The authorization for such collection is provided by the 2800 and 2880 regulations. On multi-million dollar energy production and transmission projects, and complex communication sites for which a right-of-way is required, information over and above that provided on the application form is required such as construction and other plans; a more detailed map; specific certificates, permits, and approvals from other agencies; and any

other necessary information relative to the completion of the project.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by July 6, 1998 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to: Director (420), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW., Room 401LS, Washington, DC 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: WoComment@wo.blm.gov. Please include "Attn: 1004-0107" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

Comments may be hand-delivered 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:**

Carl C. Gammon, (202) 452-7777.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), BLM is required to provide 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information contained in a published current rule to solicit comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary 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 of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The BLM will review and analyze any comments sent in response to this notice and include them with its request for approval from the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

BLM grants rights-of-way on public lands through the authority of Title V of the FLPMA, 90 Stat. 2776, 43 U.S.C. 1761 and the Mineral Leasing Act (MLA) of 1920, as amended, 30 U.S.C. 185. Information in addition to that collected on the right-of-way form (SF-299) is needed for large complex projects. There is no standard form for the collection of this required additional information. The authorization for such collection is provided by the 2800 and

2880 regulations. The information required in 43 CFR Parts 2800 and 2880 is needed to enable the BLM to determine whether or not a right-of-way may be granted, to establish the terms and conditions of the grant and to administer the grant when it is made.

Additional information in the form of construction and other plans; detailed maps; certification, permits and approvals required by other agencies; and other information necessary for the completion of the project are authorized by 43 CFR 2802.4, 2881.2, and 2882.3. Each right-of-way is an individual situation and the information collected is specific to that individual proposal and only available from the applicant. Additional information in the form of a plan may be required. This plan is a product of the NEPA requirements. It is a useful working tool that enables both the BLM and the applicant to have a common understanding on how the project will proceed. An as-built map may also be required. These maps show greater detail than the basic location map required to be submitted with the application. A more exact location of the holder's right-of-way and related facilities will give the holder more protection for their improvements. The BLM also requires assurance that certifications, permits, and approvals required by others and identified during the NEPA analysis process have been obtained. A detailed description of alternative routes considered by the applicant when developing the proposal may be required and is used by the BLM to gain insight into the complexities and conflicts of the proposals. Statements of need and economic feasibility and of the environmental, social, and economic effects of the proposal may be requested and assist the BLM in evaluating the proposal with respect to NEPA compliance. If the BLM fails to properly collect the required information including plans, construction schedules, maps specific certificates, permits, and approvals necessary for the completion of the project, the BLM will reject the right-of-way application.

Based on BLM's experience administering the activities described above, approximately 25 percent of the 4,000 applications the BLM receives annually require additional information collection. The applicants are usually large companies that seek to construct large complex projects on public lands which require a right-of-way. The public reporting burden for the information collected is estimated to average 16.8 hours per response. The frequency of response is once. The estimated total annual burden on new respondents is about 16,800 hours.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 29, 1998.

**Carol J. Smith,**

*Bureau of Land Management Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[OR-938-6330-01 24 1A]

#### Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has submitted the proposed collection of information listed below of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* On February 26, 1998, BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 9857) requesting comments on this proposed collection. The comment period ended on April 28, 1998. No comments were received from the public in response to that notice. Copies of the proposed collection of information and explanatory material may be obtained by contacting the BLM clearance officer at the telephone number listed below.

OMB is required to respond to this request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. For maximum consideration, your comments and suggestions on the proposed requirement should be made within 30 days directly to the Office of Management and Budget, Interior Department Desk Officer (1004-0173), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20503, telephone: (202) 395-7340. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Bureau Clearance Officer (WO-630), 1849 C St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240.

*Nature of Comments:* We specifically request your comments on the following:

1. Whether collecting the information is necessary for BLM's proper functioning, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of BLM's estimate of the burden of collecting the information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. How to minimize the burden of collecting the information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

*Title:* Jobs-in-the-Woods Employment Evaluation.

*OMB Approval Number:* 1004-0173.

*Abstract:* The Jobs-in-the-Woods Program is part of the Administration's Northwest Forest Initiative. It seeks to reduce the impact of loss of jobs caused by decreased logging on Federal forests in the Pacific Northwest by providing money for contracts to restore the environment. The BLM asks for four items of information in each Jobs-in-the-Woods Program contract that if issues. Each contractor asks for four items of information in each Jobs-in-the-Woods Program contract that if issues. Each contractor provides information at the close of the contract, as a condition of receiving final payment, about the number of workers employed on the contract, including managers; the number of days those workers worked on the contract; the total amount of wages and benefits paid to the workers; and the number of workers, if any, considered to be displaced timber workers. The BLM uses the information to gauge the effectiveness of the program in employing displaced timber workers.

*Bureau Form Number:* None.

*Frequency:* Once, at the closing of the contract.

*Description of Respondents:*

Respondents are holders of contracts funded by the Jobs-in-the-Woods Program, generally small businesses.

*Annual Responses:* 200.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 100.

*Collection Clearance Officer:* Carole Smith, (202) 452-0367.

Dated: April 29, 1998.

**Carole Smith,**

*Bureau of Land Management, Information Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-060-1040-00]

#### Call for Nominations for the San Pedro Riparian National Convention Area Advisory Committee

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