

water, or place other limitations on the use of natural resource; and

(4) Other reasonable stipulations we may require as part of the consideration for the moderate charge for land.

BLM issues patents under the Act that convey a restricted title containing provisions which, if not complied with, may result in reversion of the title to the United States. These provisions are:

(1) Nondiscrimination clauses providing that the patentee may not restrict or permit restriction on the use of the lands conveyed or facilities because of race, color, sex, age, religion, or national origin;

(2) A provision that, if the patentee or its successor in interest attempts to transfer title or control over the land to another or the land is devoted to a use (without prior BLM consent) other than for what it was conveyed, title will revert to the United States;

(3) The patent must stipulate the lands in perpetuity are used for the purposes for which the lands are acquired (the lease or patent may stipulate that certain provisions of the development plan, including the management plan, may be subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior or his delegate); and

(4) All minerals are reserved to the United States. After receiving the form, the BLM will:

(1) Determine if the applicant's proposal conforms with land use planning, review land status to determine if the lands are subject to application, and determine if the application meets all requirements of the law and regulations;

(2) Review the development and management plans to determine adequacy and effectiveness, and evaluate the construction schedule and estimated financing to ensure they are realistic and practicable;

(3) Secure the views of other agencies that have an interest in the lands, including State and local planning and zoning departments;

(4) Check for the presence of unpatented mining claims (R&PP leases and conveyances cannot be issued when mineral claims are present) and, if necessary to determine the validity of a mining claim. The cost of the determination will be the responsibility of the applicant;

(5) Conduct a field examination and other investigations to gather information and data on the environmental considerations and proper classification of the lands;

(6) Publish a notice to solicit views and comments from the public concerning the proposal.

Based on past experience processing these applications, BLM estimates the public reporting burden for completing and providing the information for Form 2740-1 is 40 hours. BLM estimates that we receive approximately 20 applications annually, with a total annual burden of 800 hours.

Any member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of the BLM Form No. 2730-1 by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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 5, 2005.

Ian Senio,

Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Control Number 1004-0025

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 all owners of unpatented mining claims or mill sites who desire to apply for a mineral patent to their mining claim or mill site. The BLM uses the information to determine the right to a mineral patent and to secure a settlement of all disputes concerning the property in order to issue the patent to the rightful owner.

DATES: You must submit your comments to BLM at the address below on or before June 7, 2005. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date.

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: WOComment@blm.gov. Please include "ATTN:1004-0025" 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 Roger A. Haskins, Solid Minerals Group, on (202) 452-0355 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use a 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. Haskins.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 5 CFR 1320.12(a) require 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 of those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Under the General Mining Law (30 U.S.C. 29, 30, and 39), we grant the opportunity to obtain legal title (patent) to the land of those who explore for and locate valuable mineral deposits on the public domain lands. BLM implements the patent process under regulations 43 CFR 3860. Under 43 CFR 3870, any rival claimant with overlapping claims to the land applied for or anyone challenging BLM to issue the patent based on failure to follow the law or regulations must file with BLM certain required statements and evidence supporting the challenge or we will statutorily dismiss the challenge. The implementing regulations require a patent applicant to provide the following information:

(1) Mineral survey application. Under 43 CFR Subpart 3861, the holder of a claim must submit to BLM a mineral survey for all lode claims, most mill sites, and placer claims located upon unsurveyed public lands, as a requisite to apply for a patent. BLM uses Form 3860-5 to collect the mining claim or site recording, chain-of-title, and

geographic location information so that we can authorize a Deputy U.S. Mineral Surveyor to survey the claims or sites.

(2) Mineral patent application. Under 43 CFR 3862, 3863, and 3864, a mineral patent applicant must file certain proofs of ownership to demonstrate clear title to the claim(s) or millsite(s), bonafide of development, and the existence of a commercial mineral deposit subject to the General Mining Law of 1872, as amended. BLM used Form 3860–2 for title verification until Congress implemented a moratorium on new mineral patent applications.

Based on BLM's experience administering the General Mining Law, we estimate the public reporting burden to complete Form 3860–5 is one hour and for adverse claims or protests it is two hours. BLM estimates that we receive 28 mineral survey applications and 3 protests annually, with a total annual burden of 62 hours. The respondents are owners of unpatented mining claims and mill sites upon the public lands, reserved mineral lands of the United States, National Forests, and National Parks. The frequency of response is once for each mineral survey, each application for patent, and each filing of a protest or adverse claim. Since October 1, 1994, Congress passes an annual moratorium which prevents the BLM from processing mineral patent applications unless the applications were grandfathered under the initial legislation. This moratorium does not affect mineral surveys, contests, or protests to existing mineral patent applications.

Any member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of BLM Form 3860–5 by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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 5, 2005.

Ian Senio,

Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Initiate the Public Scoping Process

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Ely Field Office, will be directing the preparation of an EIS and conducting public scoping meetings for the proposed Clark, Lincoln and White Pine Counties Groundwater Development Project.

DATES: The scoping comment period will commence with the publication of this notice and will end 60 days after its publication. Comments on the scope of the EIS, including concerns, issues, or proposed alternatives that should be considered in the EIS should be submitted in writing to the address below and will be accepted throughout the scoping period. This scoping notice will be distributed by mail on or about the date of this notice. All public meetings will be announced through the local news media, newsletters, and the BLM Web site at <http://nv.blm.gov>.

ADDRESSES: Please mail written comments to the BLM, Ely Field Office, HC 33 Box 33500, Ely, Nevada 89301, (fax (775) 289–1910). Comments submitted during this EIS process, including names and street addresses of respondents will be available for public review at the Ely Field Office during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name and address from public review or disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to have your name added to the EIS mailing list, contact Bruce Flinn at the Ely Field Office (see **ADDRESS** above), telephone (775) 289–1903.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed Clark, Lincoln and White Pine

Counties Groundwater Development Project is proposed by the Southern Nevada Water Authority and would be located in central and eastern Nevada, in Clark, Lincoln and White Pine Counties. The proposed project would develop and convey groundwater rights as they are permitted by the Nevada Division of Water Resources to the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) in Coyote Spring, Tikaboo North, Delamar, Dry Lake, Cave, Spring, and Snake Valleys. The volume of water to be transported through the proposed facilities could range between approximately 125,000 and 200,000 acre-feet per year.

The proposed facilities include groundwater production wells, water pipelines, pumping stations, and water treatment, power, and other appurtenant facilities. The facilities would be generally located within and/or across the following public lands:

Mt. Diablo Meridian (MDM):

Cave Valley—Townships 5–9 North and Ranges 63–64 East, various sections

Coyote Spring Valley—Townships 9–15 South and Ranges 62–63 East, various sections

Delamar Valley—Townships 4–8 South and Ranges 62–64 East, various sections

Dry Lake Valley—Townships 1–4 South, Townships 1–7 North and Ranges 63–65 East, various sections

Garnet Valley—Townships 17–18 South and Range 63 East, various sections

Hamlin—Township 9 North and Range 69 East, various sections

Hidden Valley (north)—Townships 15–17 South and Range 63 East, various sections

Lake Valley—Townships 6–7 North and Ranges 65–67 East, various sections

Las Vegas Valley—Township 19 South and Ranges 62–63 East, various sections

Pahrnagat Valley—Townships 4–6, 8 and 9 South and Ranges 59–63 East, various sections

Snake Valley—Townships 9–10 North and Ranges 69–70 East, various sections

Spring Valley—Townships 7–16 North, and Ranges 65–68 East, various sections

Tikaboo Valley North—Townships 6–7 South, Ranges 58–59 East, various sections

Steptoe Valley (power line)—Townships 14–17 North, Ranges 64–65 East, various sections

A map of the proposed project is available for viewing at the Bureau of