

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is inviting comments on collection of information that we have sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The Information Collection Request (ICR) concerns the paperwork requirements for the National Land Remote Sensing Education, Outreach and Research Program (NLRSEORP) and describes the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost.

**DATES:** Submit written comments by October 20, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit comments on this information collection directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of Interior via e-mail [OIRA\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov]; or fax (202) 395-6566; and identify your submission as 1028-NEW. Please also submit a copy of your comments to Phadrea Ponds, USGS Information Collection Clearance Officer, 2150-C Center Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80525 (mail); (970) 226-9230 (fax); or [pponds@usgs.gov](mailto:pponds@usgs.gov) (e-mail). Please reference Information Collection 1028-NEW, NLRSEORP in the subject line.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE**

**CONTACT:** To request additional information concerning this ICR, contact Thomas Cecere by mail at U.S. Geological Survey, MS 517 National Center, Reston, VA 20192 or by telephone at (703) 648-5551.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* National Land Remote Sensing Education, Outreach and Research Program (NLRSEORP).

*OMB Control Number:* 1028-NEW.

*Abstract:* The Land Remote Sensing Education, Outreach and Research Program (NLRSEORP) is an effort that involves the development of a U.S. national consortium in building the capability to receive, process and archive remotely sensed data for the purpose of providing access to university and State organizations in a ready to use form, and to expand the science of remote sensing through education, research/applications development and outreach in areas such as environmental monitoring, climate change research, natural resource management and disaster analysis. Respondents are submitting proposals to acquire funding for a National (U.S.) program to promote the uses of space-based land remote sensing data and technologies through education and outreach at the State and local level and through university based and

collaborative research projects. The information collected will ensure that sufficient and relevant information is available to evaluate and select a proposal for funding. A panel of USGS geography program managers and scientists will review each proposal to evaluate the technical merit, requirements, and priorities identified in the program's call for proposals.

This notice concerns the collection of information that is sufficient and relevant to evaluate and select proposals for funding. We will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR Part 2), and under regulations at 30 CFR 250.197, "Data and information to be made available to the public or for limited inspection." Responses are voluntary. No questions of a "sensitive" nature are asked. We intend to release the project abstracts and primary investigators for awarded/funded projects only.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Non-profit organizations.

*Respondent Obligation:* Voluntary (necessary to receive benefits).

*Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:* We expect to receive approximately 10 proposals during the grant application process. We anticipate issuing 1 grant per year. The program is open to non-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* Approximately 10 applications and 2 reports per year.

*Estimated Completion Time per Response:* Based on comments received during the FR Notice 60 day comment period, we estimate that the burden will be 24 hours per applicant and 10 hours per grantee. We expect to receive approximately 10 applications per year, taking each applicant approximately 24 hours to complete, totaling 240 burden hours. We anticipate awarding one (1) grant per year. The grantee will be required to submit 2 reports: an interim 6 months after the start of the project and a final report on or before 90 working days after the expiration of the agreement. We estimate that it will take approximately 10 hours to complete and submit both reports.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 250.

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden:* We have not identified any "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this collection of information.

*Public Disclosure Statement:* The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor; and you are not required to respond to, a

collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

*Comments:* To comply with the public consultation process, on April 29, 2008, we published a **Federal Register** notice (73 FR 23268) announcing our intent to submit this information collection to OMB for approval. In that notice we solicited public comments for 60 days, ending on June 30, 2008. We did not receive any public comments in response to the notice. We again invite comments concerning this information collection on:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Please note that the comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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 OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public view, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

*USGS Information Collection Clearance Officer:* Phadrea D. Ponds, 970-226-9445.

Dated: September 11, 2008.

**Bruce Quirk,**

*Program Coordinator, Land Remote Sensing Program, U.S. Geological Survey.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Geological Survey: Privacy Act of 1974, as Amended; Establishment of a New System of Records**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey.

**ACTION:** Proposed establishment of a new system of records.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5

U.S.C. 552a), the Department of the Interior is issuing public notice of its intent to establish a new Privacy Act system of records notice to its inventory: Interior, USGS-01, "National Water Information System: NWIS."

**DATES:** Comments must be received by October 29, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Any persons interested in commenting on this new system of records may do so by submitting comments in writing to the U.S. Geological Survey Privacy Act Officer, Deborah Kimball, National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS-807, Reston, Virginia 20192, or by e-mail to [dkimball@usgs.gov](mailto:dkimball@usgs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** U.S. Geological Survey Privacy Act Officer, Deborah Kimball, National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS-807, Reston, Virginia 20192, or by e-mail to [dkimball@usgs.gov](mailto:dkimball@usgs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NWIS is the repository of hydrologic data collected as part of cooperative hydrologic studies nationwide for the Water Resources Division of the USGS. In addition to comprehensive nationwide information on groundwater and surface water quantity and quality, the NWIS contains information about individuals or groups that own or have control of physical access to sites where USGS collects data. This system of records notice will be effective as proposed at the end of the comment period unless comments are received which would require a contrary determination. The U.S. Geological Survey will publish a revised notice if changes are made based upon a review of comments received.

Dated: September 11, 2008.

**Deborah Kimball,**

*U.S. Geological Survey Privacy Act Officer.*

**SYSTEM NAME:**

USGS, USGS-01, "National Water Information System: NWIS".

**SYSTEM LOCATION:**

U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Discipline, National Water Information System, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 437, Reston, VA 20192 and 45 Water Science Centers (for locations see "System Managers and Addresses" below).

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

Individuals and groups who own or control physical access to groundwater or surface-water sites in the United States.

**Note:** This system contains records relating to corporations and other business entities.

However, only records containing personal information relating to individuals are subject to the Privacy Act.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

Each entry in the system contains non-mandatory fields that may contain information about the site-owner or a contact person associated with the site. This information includes site-owner name or contact person's name, postal address, and phone number.

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

43 U.S.C. 31 *et seq.* The Organic Act of March 3, 1879, as amended (1962); directs the Geological Survey to classify the public lands and examine the geological structure, mineral resources, and products within and outside the national domain.

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

The following routine uses may apply, as appropriate, to disclosures from record systems at the Department of the Interior that are protected by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552, *et seq.*

The primary uses of the records in the system are:

(1) To maintain accurate, timely and complete information about groundwater and surface-water quantity, quality and use at sites throughout the United States, so that reports and surveys can be developed analyzing accurate information.

(2) To maintain information on site-owners and those controlling access to sites in order to obtain advance approval to visit a site on private land, or to request additional information about the site or activities taking place there.

Other disclosures outside the Department of the Interior may be made:

(1)(a) To any of the following entities or individuals, when the circumstances set forth in paragraph (b) are met:

(i) The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ);

(ii) A court or an adjudicative or other administrative body;

(iii) A party in litigation before a court or an adjudicative or other administrative body; or

(iv) Any DOI employee acting in his or her individual capacity if DOI or DOJ has agreed to represent that employee or pay for private representation of the employee;

(b) When:

(i) One of the following is a party to the proceeding or has an interest in the proceeding:

(A) DOI or any component of DOI;

(B) Any other Federal agency appearing before the Office of Hearings and Appeals;

(C) Any DOI employee acting in his or her official capacity;

(D) Any DOI employee acting in his or her individual capacity if DOI or DOJ has agreed to represent that employee or pay for private representation of the employee;

(E) The United States, when DOJ determines that DOI is likely to be affected by the proceeding; and

(ii) DOI deems the disclosure to be:

(A) Relevant and necessary to the proceeding; and

(B) Compatible with the purpose for which the records were compiled.

(2) To a congressional office in response to a written inquiry that an individual covered by the system, or the heir of such individual if the covered individual is deceased, has made to the office.

(3) To any criminal, civil, or regulatory law enforcement authority (whether Federal, state, territorial, local, tribal or foreign) when a record, either alone or in conjunction with other information, indicates a violation or potential violation of law—criminal, civil, or regulatory in nature, and the disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were compiled.

(4) To an official of another Federal agency to provide information needed in the performance of official duties related to reconciling or reconstructing data files or to enable that agency to respond to an inquiry by the individual to whom the record pertains.

(5) To Federal, state, territorial, local, tribal, or foreign agencies that have requested information relevant or necessary to the hiring, firing or retention of an employee or contractor, or the issuance of a security clearance, license, contract, grant or other benefit, when the disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were compiled.

(6) To representatives of the National Archives and Records Administration to conduct records management inspections under the authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906.

(7) To state and local governments and tribal organizations to provide information needed in response to court order and/or discovery purposes related to litigation, when the disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were compiled.

(8) To an expert, consultant, or contractor (including employees of the contractor) of DOI that performs services requiring access to these records on

DOI's behalf to carry out the purposes of the system.

(9) To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when:

(a) It is suspected or confirmed that the security or confidentiality of information in the system of records has been compromised; and

(b) The Department has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed compromise there is a risk of harm to economic or property interest, identity theft or fraud, or harm to the security or integrity of this system or other systems or programs (whether maintained by the Department or another agency or entity) that rely upon the compromised information; and

(c) The disclosure is made to such agencies, entities and persons who are reasonably necessary to assist in connection with the Department's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed compromise and prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

(10) To the Office of Management and Budget during the coordination and clearance process in connection with legislative affairs as mandated by OMB Circular A-19.

**DISCLOSURE TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES:**

Disclosure will not be made to consumer reporting agencies.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

**STORAGE:**

Records are stored on magnetic hard disk media in relational databases at 45 Water Science Centers. These facilities are under the direction of the USGS, Water Resources Division (WRD) Science Center Directors. In addition to the forty-five Water Science Center sites, there are two NWIS real-time (NWIS-RT) redundant processing sites and the system development and testing site where the records are stored on hard disk in relational databases.

**RETRIEVABILITY:**

Records are retrieved by site location number only.

**SAFEGUARDS:**

(1) *Physical Security:* Servers and related electronic systems including computer station monitors are located in locked buildings. In many locations law enforcement is also present to protect their security.

(2) *Technical Security:* Electronic records are maintained in conformity with Office of Management and Budget, National Institute of Standards Technology, and Departmental

requirements reflecting the implementation of the Federal Information Security Management Act. Electronic data is protected through user identification, passwords, database permissions, a Privacy Act Warning, and software controls. These security measures establish different degrees of access for different types of users. NWIS controls access using three layers of security: system user authentication, database access (table and row level) via grants, and roles and groups on the NWIS application. The Security Plan addresses the Department's Privacy Act safeguard requirements for Privacy Act systems at 43 CFR 2.51. A Privacy Impact Assessment was completed to ensure that Privacy Act requirements and safeguards are sufficient and in place. Its provisions will be updated as needed to ensure that Privacy Act requirements continue to be met.

(3) *Administrative Security:* Access is strictly limited to authorized personnel whose official duties require such access. All Departmental and contractor employees with access to NWIS are required to complete Privacy Act, Federal Records Act, and Information Technology Security Awareness training prior to being given access to the system, and on an annual basis, thereafter. All users sign security forms stating they will neither misuse government computers nor the information contained therein. In addition, managers and supervisors of users monitor the use of the database and ensure that the information is used in accordance with certified and accredited business practices.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSITION:**

The data stored in the NWIS databases are permanent records; therefore, the retention period is indefinite. When the data is no longer required for research or if the NWIS program is discontinued, records will be transferred to NARA for permanent retention pursuant to Records Schedules for similar records. This is in accordance with NARA Item Number 1400-01 dated April 14, 2008, and is part of the overall Water Resource Discipline Scientific Records Disposition Schedule.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESSES:**

(1) National Water Information System Program Office Chief, U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Discipline, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 437, Reston, VA 20192;

(2) Director, Alabama Water Science Center, AUM TechnaCenter, 75 TechnaCenter Drive, Montgomery, AL 36117;

(3) Director, Alaska Science Center, 4230 University Drive, Grace Hall, Anchorage, AK 99508-4664;

(4) Director, Arizona Water Science Center, 520 North Park Avenue, Suite 221, Tucson, AZ 85719-5035;

(5) Director, Arkansas Water Science Center, 401 Hardin Road, Little Rock, AR 72211-3528;

(6) Director, Caribbean Water Science Center, GSA Center, 651 Federal Drive, Suite 400-15, Guaynabo, PR 00965;

(7) Director, Colorado Water Science Center, Denver Federal Center, Box 25046, Mail Stop 415, Denver, CO 80225;

(8) Director, Florida Integrated Science Center—Tallahassee, 12703 Research Parkway, Orlando, FL 32826;

(9) Director, Georgia Water Science Center, 3039 Amwiler Road, Suite 130, Atlanta, GA 30360-2824;

(10) Water Director, Idaho Water Science Center, 230 Collins Road, Boise, ID 83702-4520;

(11) Director, Illinois Water Science Center, 221 N. Broadway Avenue, Suite 101, Urbana, IL 61801-2748;

(12) Director, Indiana Water Science Center, 5957 Lakeside Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46278;

(13) Director, Iowa Water Science Center, 400 South Clinton Street, Room 269, Iowa City, IA 52240;

(14) Director, Kansas Water Science Center, S4821 Quail Crest Place, Lawrence, KS 66049;

(15) Director, Kentucky Water Science Center, 9818 Bluegrass Parkway, Louisville, KY 40299;

(16) Director, Louisiana Water Science Center, 3535 Sherwood Forest Blvd., Suite 120, Baton Rouge, LA 70816;

(17) Director, Maryland Water Science Center, 5522 Research Park Drive, Baltimore, MD 21228;

(18) Director, Massachusetts Water Science Center, 10 Bearfoot Road, Northborough, MA 01532;

(19) Director, Michigan Water Science Center, 6520 Mercantile Way, Suite 5, Lansing, MI 48911;

(20) Director, Minnesota Water Science Center, 2280 Woodale Drive, Mounds View, MN 55112;

(21) Director, Mississippi Water Science Center, 308 S. Airport Road, Pearl, MS 39208-6649;

(22) Director, Missouri Water Science Center, 1400 Independence Road, Rolla, MO 65401;

(23) Director, Montana Water Science Center, 3162 Bozeman Avenue, Helena, MT 59601;

(24) Director, Nebraska Water Science Center, 5231 South 19th Street, Lincoln, NE 68512-1271;

(25) Director, Nevada Water Science Center, 2730 N. Deer Run Road, Carson City, NV 89701;

(26) Director, New Jersey Water Science Center, 810 Bear Tavern, Suite 206, West Trenton, NJ 08628;

(27) Director, New Mexico Water Science Center, 5338 Montgomery Blvd. NE, Suite 400, Albuquerque, NM 87109;

(28) Director, New York Water Science Center, 425 Jordan Road, Troy, NY 12180-8349;

(29) Director, North Carolina Water Science Center, 3916 Sunset Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC 27602;

(30) Director, North Dakota Water Science Center, 821 East Interstate Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58503-1199;

(31) Director, Ohio Water Science Center, 6480 Doubletree Avenue, Columbus, OH 43229-1111;

(32) Director, Oklahoma Water Science Center, NW 66th Street, Building 7, Oklahoma City, OK 73116;

(33) Director, Oregon Water Science Center, 2130 SW 5th Avenue, Portland, OR 97201;

(34) Director, Pacific Islands Water Science Center, 677 Ala Moana Blvd., Suite 415, Honolulu, HI 96813;

(35) Director, Pennsylvania Water Science Center, 215 Limekiln Rd., New Cumberland, PA 17070;

(36) Director, South Carolina Water Science Center, 720 Gracern Road, Suite 129, Columbia, SC 29210;

(37) Director, South Dakota Water Science Center, 1608 Mt. View Road, Rapid City, SD 57702;

(38) Director, Tennessee Water Science Center, 640 Grassmere Park, Suite 100, Nashville, TN 37211;

(39) Director, Texas Water Science Center, 8027 Exchange Drive, Austin, TX 78754-4733;

(40) Director, Utah Water Science Center, 2329 W. Orton Circle, Valley City, UT 84119-2047;

(41) Director, Virginia Water Science Center, 1730 East Parham Road, Richmond, VA 23228;

(42) Director, Washington Water Science Center, 934 Broadway, Suite 300, Tacoma, WA 98402;

(43) Director, Western Region Office, 3020 State University Drive East, Suite 3005, Menlo Park, CA 94025;

(44) Director, West Virginia Water Science Center, 11 Dunbar Street, Charleston, WV 25301;

(45) Director, Wisconsin Water Science Center, 8505 Research Way, Middleton, WI 53562-3581;

(46) Director, Wyoming Water Science Center, 2617 E. Lincolnway, Suite B, Cheyenne, WY 82001.

#### NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

Inquiries regarding the existence of records about an individual shall be addressed to the appropriate Water Science Center Director shown under

the System Managers list above. A written, signed request stating that the requestor seeks information concerning records pertaining to him or herself is required. (see 43 CFR 2.60.)

#### RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

For copies of your records, write to the appropriate Water Science Center Director shown under the System Managers list above. The request must be in writing, signed by the requestor, and meet the content requirements of 43 CFR 2.63.

#### CONTESTING RECORDS PROCEDURES:

To request amendment of your records, write to the appropriate Water Science Center Director shown under the System Managers list above. The request must be in writing, signed by the requestor and meet the content requirements of 43 CFR 2.71.

#### RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Designated USGS personnel enter site-owner location information that is provided by individuals, well drillers, local, State environmental protections offices, water management districts or Federal cooperating agencies such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service.

#### EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Riverton Dome Coal Bed Natural Gas and Conventional Gas Development, Wind River Indian Reservation, Fremont County, WY

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), in cooperation with the Joint Business Council of the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribes, Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), intends to file a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) with EPA for the proposed coal bed natural gas and conventional gas

development project, and that the FEIS is now available to the public.

**DATES:** The Record of Decision on the proposed action will be issued on or after October 21, 2008. Any comments on the FEIS must arrive by October 20, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail or hand carry written comments to Ray Nation, Deputy Superintendent, Trust Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Wind River Agency, First and Washakie Streets, Fort Washakie, Wyoming 82514.

Paper or CD copies of the FEIS are available at the above address and at the Bureau of Land Management, Lander Field Office, 1335 Main Street, Lander, Wyoming 82420.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ray Nation, (307) 332-3718.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Riverton Dome Project Area (RDPA) is located on the southeast corner of the Wind River Indian Reservation in Township 1S, Range 4E, Sections 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, 35, and 36; Township 2S, Range 4E, Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12; Township 1S, Range 5E, Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31 and 32; and Township 2S, Range 5E, Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8, in Fremont County, Wyoming, approximately 5 miles southeast of the city of Riverton, Wyoming. The Project Area is approximately 13,804 acres in size, of which 12,656 acres of surface and minerals belong to the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribes and 1,148 acres of surface and minerals are privately owned.

*The FEIS analyzes three alternatives:* the proposed action (Alternative A), existing leases (Alternative B) and no action (Alternative C). The BIA has chosen Alternative B, rather than the proposed action, as the preferred alternative for this project.

Alternative B consists of developing from 70 coal bed natural gas (CBNG) wells at 80-acre spacing to 151 CBNG wells at 40-acre spacing. The initial spacing for each new CBNG well drilled is 80-acre spacing. Forty-acre spacing would only be utilized if 80-acre spacing is not sufficient to efficiently produce the CBNG from the formation. The assumption that all CBNG wells would be drilled at 40-acre spacing was used to evaluate the maximum potential disturbance, produced water production, roads, pipelines, and compression needed for development. The actual number of CBNG wells to be drilled under the Alternative B is anticipated to be less than the maximum of 151 wells. In addition, up to 20 conventional gas wells could be drilled under Alternative B.