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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Office of the Secretary****Proposed Renewal of Information Collection: OMB Control Number 1093-0005, Payments in Lieu of Taxes****AGENCY:** Office of Budget, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Budget, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior (DOI), announces the proposed extension of a public information collection required by the Payments in Lieu of Taxes Act (PILT) and seeks public comments on the provisions thereof. After public review, the Office of Budget will submit the information collection to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by *August 17, 2009*.

ADDRESSES: Send your written comments to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, Office of Budget, Attn. Brian Yost, 1849 C St., NW., MS 4119 MIB, Washington, DC 20240. Send any faxed comments to (202) 208-3911, attn Brian Yost. Comments may also be e-mailed to Brian_Yost@ios.doi.gov. Individuals providing comments should reference OMB Control Number 1093-0005, "Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT Act), Statement of Federal Land Payments, 143 CFR 441." 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 us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information on this renewed information collection should be directed to Brian Yost at U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, Office of Budget, 1849 C St., NW., MS 4119 MIB, Washington, DC 20240. You may also fax requests for further information to (202) 208-3911, or e-mail him at Brian_Yost@ios.doi.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, which implement 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 an information collection activity that the Office of Budget is planning to submit to OMB for extension or re-approval.

Public Law 97-258 (31 U.S.C. 6901-6907), as amended, the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Act, was designed by Congress to help local governments recover some of the expenses they incur in providing services on public lands. These local governments receive funds under various Federal land payment programs such as the National Forest Revenue Act, the Mineral Lands Leasing Act, and the Taylor Grazing Act. PILT payments supplement the payments that local governments receive under these other programs.

The PILT Act requires that the Governor of each State furnish the Department of the Interior with a listing of payments disbursed to local governments by the States on behalf of the Federal Government under 12 statutes described in Section 4 of the Act (31 U.S.C. 6903). The Department of the Interior uses the amounts reported by the States to reduce PILT payments to units of general local governments from that which they might otherwise receive. If such listings were not furnished by the Governor of each affected State, the Department would not be able to compute the PILT payments to units of general local government within the States in question.

In fiscal year 2004, administrative authority for the PILT program was transferred from the Bureau of Land Management to the Office of the Secretary of the Department of the Interior. Applicable DOI regulations pertaining to the PILT program to be administered by the Office of the Secretary were published as a final rule in the **Federal Register** on December 7, 2004 (69 FR 70557). The Office of Budget, Office of the Secretary is now planning to extend the information collection approval authority in order to enable the Department of the Interior to continue to comply with the PILT Act.

II. Data

(1) *Title:* Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT Act), Statement of Federal Land Payments (43 CFR 44).

OMB Control Number: 1093-0005.

Current Expiration Date: December 31, 2009.

Type of Review: Information Collection Renewal.

Affected Entities: State, local or Tribal government.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 43.

Frequency of Response: Annual.

(2) Annual Reporting and Record

Keeping Burden: Average Reporting Burden per Application: 50 hours.

Total Annual Reporting: 2,150 hours.

(3) *Description of the Need and Use of the Information:* The statutorily-required information is needed to compute payments due units of general local government under the PILT Act (31 U.S.C. 6901-6907). The Act requires that the Governor of each State furnish a statement as to amounts paid to units of general local government under 12 revenue-sharing statutes in the prior fiscal year.

III. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the 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 information collection; (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 respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

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 Office of Management and Budget control number.

All written comments will be available for public inspection in the Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC during normal business hours, excluding legal holidays. For an appointment to inspect comments, please contact Brian Yost by telephone on (202) 208-7409, or by e-mail at Brian_Yost@ios.doi.gov to make an appointment. A valid picture identification is required for entry into the Department of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Control Number 1004-0121

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: 60-day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces its intention to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) extend approval for the paperwork requirements in 43 CFR parts 3500 through 3590, which cover leasing of solid minerals other than coal and oil shale.

DATES: You must submit your comments to the BLM at the address below on or before August 17, 2009. The BLM is not obligated to consider any comments postmarked or received after the above date.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau

of Land Management, Mail Stop 401-LS, 1849 C St., NW., Washington, DC 20240, *Attention:* 1004-0121. You may also comment by e-mail at: Jean_Sonneman@blm.gov. 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, excluding Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may contact Vincent Vogt, Solid Minerals Group, at 202-785-6570 (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. Vogt. You may also contact Mr. Vogt to obtain a copy, at no cost, of the regulations and forms that require this collection of information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies be provided an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (*see* 5 CFR 1320.8(d) and 1320.12(a)). This notice identifies information collections that are contained in 43 CFR parts 3500 through 3590. The BLM will request that the OMB approve this information collection activity for a 3-year term.

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 accompany the BLM's submission of the information collection requests to OMB.

The following information is provided for the information collection:

Title: Leasing of Solid Minerals Other Than Coal and Oil Shale (43 CFR 3500-3590).

Forms:

- Form 3504-1, Personal Bond and Power of Attorney;
- Form 3504-3, Bond Under Lease;
- Form 3504-4, Statewide or Nationwide Personal Mineral Bond for Prospecting Permits and Leases;
- Form 3510-1, Prospecting Application and Permit;
- Form 3510-2, Phosphate or Sodium Use Permit; and
- Form 3520-7, Lease.

OMB Control Number: 1004-0121.

Abstract: This notice pertains to information collections that are necessary for the management of leases and prospecting permits for solid minerals other than coal and oil shale. The BLM manages such leases and permits under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands (30 U.S.C. 351-359), the Multiple Mineral Development Act (30 U.S.C. 521-531), and other statutes that authorize the Secretary of the Interior to regulate the development of mineral deposits on Federal lands. The information collections covered by this notice are found at 43 CFR parts 3500 through 3590, and in the forms listed above.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: Approximately 430 Federal leases are in effect in this program, which are controlled by many operators.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: The currently approved annual reporting burden for this collection is 6,522 hours. The following chart details the individual components and respective hour burden estimates of this information collection request:

Regulation 43 CFR	Type of application	Number of responses	Hours per response
3502	Qualification Statement	10	1
3503	Area Avail. for Leasing	10	1
3504	Bond Forms 3504-1, 3504-3 and 3504-4	36	4
3505	Prospecting Permit Form 3510-1	46	10
3506	Exploration License	2	3
3507	Preference Right Lease Form 3520-7	2	300
3508	Competitive Lease Bid	5	20
3509	Fractional, Future Interest Lease Form 3520-7	1	20
3510	Fringe Acreage Lease or Lease Modification Form 3520-7	5	20
3511	Lease Renewal or Adjustment Form 3520-7	22	1
3512	Assignment or Sublease	28	6
3513	Royalty Rental Reduction	1	40
3514	Relinquishment and Cancellations	1	40
3515	Lease Exchanges	1	40
3516	Use Permit Form 3510-2	1	1