

on how to increase public awareness of the importance of wildlife resources and the social and economic benefits of recreational hunting. The purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior about wildlife conservation endeavors that benefit recreational hunting and wildlife resources and that encourage partnerships among the public, the sportsman conservation community and Federal and State government.

Council membership will include representatives from game bird hunting organizations, recreational shooting organizations, wildlife conservation organizations, big game hunting organizations, and the hunting community.

The Council will function solely as an advisory body, and in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The Charter will be filed under the Act, 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Certification

I hereby certify that the establishment of the Sporting Conservation Council is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties by the Department of the Interior mandated pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1457, and provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742A–742j).

Dated: February 17, 2006.

Gale A. Norton,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO–320–1320–PB–24 1A]

Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Control Number 1004–0073

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 any person, association, corporation, subsidiary, or affiliate interested in leasing or developing Federal coal. The BLM uses the information to determine if the applicant is qualified to hold a Federal coal lease.

DATES: You must submit your comments to BLM at the address below on or before May 5, 2006. 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: *comments_washington@blm.gov*. Please include “ATTN: 1004–0073” 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 William Radden Lesage, Solid Minerals Group, on (202) 452–0360 (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. Lesage.

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

BLM manages the leasing and development of Federal coal under the regulations at 43 CFR Group 3400. These regulations implement numerous statutes including:

- (1) The Mineral Leasing Act of 1920;
- (2) The 1976 coal amendments (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*);
- (3) The Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of 1947 (30 U.S.C. 351–359);
- (4) The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761 *et seq.*);
- (5) The Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*);
- (6) The Multiple Mineral Development Act of 1954 (30 U.S.C. 521–531);
- (7) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*); and
- (8) The Act of October 30, 1978 (92 Stat. 2073–2075).

BLM uses the information provided by the applicant(s) on BLM Forms 3400–12 and 3440–1 to determine if the applicant to lease or develop Federal coal is qualified to hold such a lease.

Based on BLM’s experience administering the activities described below, we estimate the public reporting burden for the information collected is 20 hours and 15 minutes per response and the total annual burden is 25,585 hours. We estimate the number of responses per year is 1,289. The respondents are applicants to lease or develop Federal coal and vary from individuals to small businesses and major corporations. BLM is specifically requesting your comments on its estimate of the amount of time that it takes to prepare a response.

Type of Application	43 CFR	Hours per response	Number of responses	Total hours
Application for an exploration license	3410.2–1	36	10	360
Issuance and termination of an exploration license	3410.3–1	12	5	60
Operations under and modification of an exploration license	3410.3–3	1	1	1
Collection and submission of data from an exploration license	3410.4	18	5	90
Call for coal resource and other resource info	3420.1–2	3	0	0
Surface owner consultation	3420.1–4	1	7	7
Expressions of leasing interest	3420.3–2	7	0	0
Response to notice of sale	3422.2	56	8	448
Consultation with Attorney General	3422.3–4	4	7	28

Type of Application	43 CFR	Hours per response	Number of responses	Total hours
Leasing on application	3425	308	15	4,620
Surface owner consent	3427.2(c)	1	7	7
Preference right lease application	3430.3-1, 3430.4-1	800	3	2,400
Lease modifications	3432.1	12	5	60
License to mine	3440	21	2	42
Relinquishments	3452.1-1, 3452.1-2	18	30	540
Transfers, assignments, subleases	3453.2-1	10	43	430
Bonds	3410.3-4, 3453.2-4, 3474.1, 3474.2	8	196	1,568
Land description requirements	3471.1-1	2	15	30
Future interest lease application	3471.4	16	0	0
Special leasing qualifications	3472.1-2	3	4	12
Qualification statement	3472.2	3	4	12
Lease rental and royalty rate reductions	3473.3-4	13	9	117
Lease suspensions	3473.4, 3483.3	20	7	140
Lease form	3475.1	1	12	12
Logical mining units	3475.6, 3481.2, 3487	170	5	850
General obligations of the operator/lessee	3481.1	1	1	1
Exploration plans	3482.1(a)	30	11	330
Resource recovery and protection plan	3482.1(b)	192	4	768
Modifications to exploration plans and resource recovery and protection plans	3482.2	16	79	1,264
Mining operations maps	3482.3	20	311	6,220
Request for payment of advance royalty in lieu of continued operation	3483.4	22	12	264
Performance standards for exploration (Retention of samples)	3484.1(a)	1	22	22
Performance standards for surface and underground coal mines	3484.1(b)	1	6	6
Exploration reports	3485.1(a), 3485.1(b), 3485.1(c)	4	7	28
Production reports	3485.1(d), 3485.3	10	323	3,230
Notices and orders	3486.2	3	1	3
Enforcement	3486.3	2	8	16

Any member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of the BLM Forms 3400-12 and 3440-1 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 be a matter of a public record.

Dated: February 28, 2006

Ted R. Hudson,

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 1004-0058

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 requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend an existing approval to collect certain information from Federal timber purchasers to allow BLM to determine compliance with timber export restrictions. BLM uses Form 5460-17, Substitution Determination, to collect this information. This information allows BLM to administer export restrictions on BLM timber sales and to determine whether there was a substitution of Federal timber for exported private timber in violation of 43 CFR 5400.0-3(c).

DATES: You must submit your comments to BLM at the address below on or before May 5, 2006. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to: Bureau of Land Management, (WO-

630), Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Blvd., Springfield, Virginia 22153.

You may send comments via Internet to: *comments_washington@blm.gov*. Please include "ATTN: 1004-0058" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

You may deliver comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

All 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 Tim Bottomley, on (303) 236-0681 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use a telecommunications 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. Bottomley.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 5 CFR 1320.12(a) requires 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