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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Tribal Information Sessions

AGENCY: Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST), Interior.

ACTION: Announcement of Tribal information sessions.

SUMMARY: This notice announces two telephonic Tribal information sessions pertaining to the consolidation of OST's Office of Appraisal Services and the Office of Valuation Services into a new Appraisal and Valuation Services Office, located within the existing Office of Policy, Management and Budget.

DATES: Consultation sessions will be held by phone on Tuesday, April 24, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST, and Wednesday, April 25, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. EST. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below for the call-in numbers and participant codes.

ADDRESSES: This information is also posted at www.doi.gov/OST/ITARA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Eldred Lesansee, AVSO Associate Deputy Director at AVSO_Info@ios.doi.gov or (505) 816-1602.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In June 2016, Congress passed the Indian Trust Asset Reform Act (ITARA), Public Law 114-178. Title III, Section 305(a) of ITARA requires that appraisals and valuations of Indian trust property be administered by a single bureau, agency, or other administrative entity within the Department by December 22, 2017. Currently, the Office of Appraisal Services (OAS), within the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST), conducts appraisals of Indian trust property, while the Office of Valuation Services (OVS) conducts appraisals of non-Indian trust property, as well as mineral evaluations for Indian and non-Indian property.

In 2016, the Department held ten consultation sessions and a listening session with Tribes in various locations

throughout the United States regarding Sections 303, 304, and 305 of ITARA, and held an open period for the submission of written comments. During consultation, the Department sought input on six options for the consolidation of appraisals and valuations and invited Tribes to suggest additional options.

New Appraisals and Valuation Services Office (AVSO)

The Department conducted an inventory and analysis of the OAS's current functions, and then assessed options for the future of those functions. After careful consideration of feedback from Tribes and individuals, and close collaboration with our internal stakeholders, the Department decided to consolidate OAS and OVS into a single office: the Appraisals and Valuation Services Office (AVSO), to be located in the existing Office of Policy, Management and Budget. On March 19, 2018, Secretary Zinke signed Secretarial Order No. 3363 consolidating appraisal and evaluation functions for trust property into the AVSO. The efficiencies garnered from administration by a single entity will enhance the Department's ability to improve the delivery of appraisal and minerals evaluation services to our clients.

The Department is hosting two information sessions for Tribes on this action to consolidate the OAS and OVS into a new AVSO.

Tribal Information Sessions Call-In Information

The toll-free call-in number for the sessions are as follows:

- April 24, 2018: (877) 918-1345, participant code 8512946.
- April 25, 2018: (877) 918-1345, participant code 8512946.

Authority: E.O. 13175, 65 FR 67250, and Section 2 of the Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1262).

Jerold Gidner,

Principal Deputy Special Trustee for American Indians.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Proposed Filing of Plats of Survey: Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed official filing.

SUMMARY: The plat of survey for the land described in this notice is scheduled to be officially filed 30 calendar days after the date of this publication in the BLM Montana State Office, Billings, Montana. The survey, which was executed at the request of the BLM, is necessary for the management of these lands.

DATES: A person or party who wishes to protest this decision must file a notice of protest in time for it to be received in the BLM Montana State Office no later than 30 days after the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the plat may be obtained from the Public Room at the BLM Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101, upon required payment. The plat may be viewed at this location at no cost.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Josh Alexander, BLM Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Montana; telephone: (406) 896-5123; email: jalexand@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at (800) 877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lands surveyed are:

Principal Meridian, Montana

T. 1 N., R. 14 W.
Sec. 26.

A person or party who wishes to protest an official filing of a plat of survey identified above must file a written notice of protest with the BLM Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Montana at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. The notice of protest must identify the plat(s) of survey that the person or party wishes to protest. The notice of protest must be received in the BLM Montana State Office no later than the scheduled date of the proposed official filing for the plat(s) of survey being protested; if received after regular business hours, a notice of protest will be considered filed the next business day. A written statement of reasons in support of the protest, if not filed with the notice of protest, must be filed with the BLM Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Montana within 30 calendar days after the notice of protest is received.

If a notice of protest of the plat(s) of survey is received prior to the scheduled date of official filing or during the 10 calendar day grace period provided in 43 CFR 4.401(a) and the delay in filing is waived, the official filing of the plat(s) of survey identified in the notice of protest will be stayed pending consideration of the protest. A plat of survey will not be officially filed until the next business day after all timely protests have been dismissed or otherwise resolved.

If a notice of protest is received after the scheduled date of official filing and the 10 calendar day grace period provided in 43 CFR 4.401(a), the notice of protest will be untimely, may not be considered, and may be dismissed.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in a notice of protest or statement of reasons, you should be aware that the documents you submit—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available in their entirety at any time. While you can ask us to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 43 U.S.C. Chapter 3.

Joshua F. Alexander,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Montana.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

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SX064A000 18XS501520; OMB Control
Number 1029-0036]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Surface Mining Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Reclamation and Operation Plan

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining
Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection;
request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we,
the Office of Surface Mining

Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE)
are proposing to renew an information
collection used by the regulatory
authority to determine if surface coal
mine applicants can comply with the
applicable performance and
environmental standards required by
the law.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to
submit comments on or before April 27,
2018.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on
this information collection request (ICR)
to the Office of Management and
Budget's Desk Officer for the
Department of the Interior by email at
OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov; or via
facsimile to (202) 395-5806. Please
provide a copy of your comments to
John Trelease, Office of Surface Mining
Reclamation and Enforcement, 1849 C.
Street NW, Mail Stop 4559, Washington,
DC 20240; or by email to *jtrelease@
osmre.gov*. Please reference OMB
Control Number 1029-0039 in the
subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To
request additional information about
this ICR, contact John Trelease by email
at *jtrelease@osmre.gov*, or by telephone
at (202) 208-2783. You may also view
the ICR at [http://www.reginfo.gov/
public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In
accordance with the Paperwork
Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the
general public and other Federal
agencies with an opportunity to
comment on new, proposed, revised,
and continuing collections of
information. This helps us assess the
impact of our information collection
requirements and minimize the public's
reporting burden. It also helps the
public understand our information
collection requirements and provides
the requested data in the desired format.

A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-
day public comment period soliciting
comments on this collection of
information was published on
November 20, 2017 (82 FR 55114). No
comments were received.

We are again soliciting comments on
the proposed ICR that is described
below. We are especially interested in
public comment addressing the
following issues: (1) Is the collection
necessary for the proper functions of
OSMRE; (2) is the estimate of burden
accurate; (3) how might OSMRE
enhance the quality, utility, and clarity
of the information to be collected; and

(4) how might OSMRE minimize the
burden of this collection on the
respondents, including through the use
of information technology.

Comments that you submit in
response to this notice are a matter of
public record. Before including your
address, phone number, email 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.

Title: 30 CFR part 780—Surface
Mining Permit Applications—Minimum
Requirements for Reclamation and
Operation Plan.

OMB Control Number: 1029-0036.

Abstract: Sections 507(b), 508(a),
510(b), 515(b) and (d), and 522 of 30
U.S.C. 1201 et. seq. require applicants to
submit operation and reclamation plans
for coal mining activities. This
information collection is needed to
determine whether the plans will
achieve the reclamation and
environmental protections pursuant to
the Surface Mining Control and
Reclamation Act. Without this
information, Federal and State
regulatory authorities cannot review and
approve permit application requests.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension of a
currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public:
Applicants for surface coal mine
permits, and State regulatory
authorities.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual
Respondents:** 133 surface coal mining
permit applicants and 24 State
regulatory authorities.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual
Responses:** 4,101.

**Estimated Completion Time per
Response:** Varies from 2 hours to 160
hours, depending on type of respondent
and information requested.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual
Burden Hours:** 117,731 hours.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to
Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

Frequency of Collection: One time.

**Total Estimated Annual Nonhour
Burden Cost:** \$1,048,503.