

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments must be received within thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number and should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kay F. Weaver, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, Southwest, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-2374. This is not a toll/free number. Copies of the proposed forms and other available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Weaver.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

The Notice lists the following information: (1) The title of the information collection proposal; (2) the office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the OMB approval number, if applicable; (4) the description of the need for the information and its proposed use; (5) the agency form number, if applicable; (6) what members of the public will be affected by the proposal; (7) how frequently information submissions will be required; (8) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information submission including number of respondents, frequency of response, hours of response; (9) whether the proposal is new, an extension, reinstatement, or revision of an information collection requirement; and (10) the names and telephone numbers of an agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: October 28, 1997.

David S. Cristy,

Director, Information Resources, Management Policy and Management Division.

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB

Proposal: Issuer Eligibility and Integrity Reform.

Office: Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA).

OMB Approval Number: 2503-0027.

Description of the Need for the Information and Its Proposed Use: The information collection is needed to enable GNMA to properly screen new applicants, approve commitment request, and determine continuing issuer eligibility. The information collected will continue to enable GNMA to hold issuers to higher eligibility and integrity standards.

Form Number: None.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit and the Federal Government.

Frequency of Submission: Annually.

Reporting Burden:

	Number of respondents	×	Frequency of response	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Information Collection	620		1		8.25		5,113

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 5,113.

Status: Reinstatement, with changes.

Contact: Sonya K. Suarez, HUD, (202) 708-2772 X4975; Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB, (202) 395-7316.

Dated: October 28, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[(CA-067-5101-01-B091); CACA-38448]

Proposed Plan Amendment

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has proposed a plan amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan to partially exempt a proposed fiber optic cable right-of-way from a utility corridor for a portion of the proposed alignment.

DATES: Written scoping comments must be received no later than December 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written scoping comments should be addressed to the District Manager, Attn: Plan Amendment,

California Desert District, 6221 Box Springs Blvd., California 92507.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James L. Williams (909) 697-5390.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A proposed fiber optic cable from Las Vegas, Nevada, utilizes a conduit along Highway 95 to near the Nevada-California State line. In California, it would continue down Highway 95 and then within Goffs road. This alignment is not designated as a utility corridor by the California Desert Plan. The proposed right-of-way is within utility corridors H, G, and O until near the city of Adelanto where the proposed right-of-way leaves corridor O and continues within county roads which are not a designated utility corridor to Palmdale.

Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or business, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organization or business, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: October 29, 1997.

Alan Stein,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-360-1220-00]

Interlakes Special Recreation Management Area Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Redding Resource Area, NORCAL District, California.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a plan and FEIS.

SUMMARY: BLM has released a plan and FEIS covering land management options and anticipated consequences regarding the Interlakes Special Recreation Management Area. Preparation of this plan and FEIS is a joint effort between the BLM, U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, and Bureau of Reclamation. BLM was directed to lead this planning effort under BLM's Record of Decision for the Redding Resource Management Plan and EIS which was

prepared under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (section 202). This plan and FEIS is prepared under the authority of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Interlakes Special Recreation Management Area is a 74,850 acre region which encompasses lands administered through the United States Department of the Interior's BLM, National Park Service, Bureau of Reclamation, and the Department of Agriculture's Forest Service. Once approved, this plan will guide management activities for the BLM for the next 10 to 15 years. The National Park Service, Bureau of Reclamation and U.S. Forest Service may approve this plan by continuing with this joint planning effort and approving a Record of Decision, or may implement portions of this plan by tiering to this document within their own planning documents.

DATES: Comments on this plan and FEIS should be submitted in writing by December 1, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles M. Schultz, Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 355 Hemsted Drive, Redding, CA 96002.

Dated: October 27, 1997.

Francis Berg,

Acting Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Record of Decision

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Record of Decision.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to regulations promulgated by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR Section 1505.2) and the implementing procedures of the National Park Service (NPS) for the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (40 U.S.C. 1501 *et seq.*), the NPS has prepared this Record of Decision with respect to the general management plan and final environmental impact statement, Missouri/Niobrara/Verdigre Creek National Recreational Rivers, Nebraska and South Dakota. This Record of Decision describes the recreational river management alternatives considered, mitigating measures adopted to avoid or minimize environmental impacts, and the reasoning behind the decisions reached.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Niobrara/Missouri National Scenic Riverways, 114 North Sixth Street, O'Neill, Nebraska 68763-0591, or 402-336-3970.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pub. L. 102-50, the Niobrara Scenic River Designation Act of 1991, amended section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 to designate as recreational rivers sections of the Missouri River, Niobrara River, and Verdigre Creek as listed below:

Missouri River: The 39-mile section from the headwaters of Lewis and Clark Lake to the Fort Randall Dam.

Niobrara River: The segment from the western boundary of Knox County to its confluence with the Missouri River (20 miles).

Verdigre Creek: The segment from the north municipal boundary of Verdigre, Nebraska, to its confluence with the Niobrara River (8 miles).

The Act states these segments shall be administered by the Secretary of the Interior, who has delegated the task of planning and operation to the NPS. As such, the three segments have become a unit of the National Park System.

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act directs the administering agency to prepare a management plan and establish final boundaries for protection of important resources along designated rivers. The Act requires the managing agency to emphasize the protection of scenic, historic, archeological, and scientific features. It states that recreational use may be permitted as long as these values are not jeopardized. Under the Act, the boundary is 0.25 mile from the ordinary high water mark on both sides of the rivers until a final boundary is established.

Decisions for management and boundary: The NPS selects Alternative 5, the Preferred Alternative, for management of the National Recreational Rivers. The Preferred Alternative was developed by the planning team by combining aspects of two other action alternatives. It includes resource protection and a boundary similar to alternative 3 and a management philosophy similar to alternative 2. This alternative neither encourages nor discourages increased visitor use. It also does not encourage additional or expanded agricultural practices. It strongly discourages construction of residences or other private development. Boundaries were delineated to include important river-related habitat. Implementation of natural resource objectives would take precedence over other objectives where possible without loss of significant

cultural resources. Management actions would be accomplished through cooperative associations with landowners, county governments, state and federal agencies, and private interest groups.

The NPS will remain the administrator of the recreational rivers as authorized by Congress. The degree of NPS presence will depend on the success of local governments in maintaining existing landscapes and providing for recreational uses. To fulfill its river management responsibilities, the NPS will continue to have staff on or near the river to manage inherently federal requirements of the law, administer cooperative agreements, and monitor ongoing water, land and visitor use activities along the designated rivers.

Alternative 5 emphasizes management for conserving, protecting, and restoring riverine biological diversity on public land and includes potential for technical assistance and incentives for private property owners to do the same. Implementation on private land would take place through local protection and restoration efforts, including federal standards for minimum protection requirements and the use of regulations and a flexible package of financial incentives, funding options, and technical assistance.

Local concerns were expressed during public meetings regarding: an unwanted influx of visitors on the river; dangers the dynamic nature of the river presents to novice users; and increased river bank erosion caused by additional power boat use. Because of those concerns this alternative allows only for the replacement of river access sites lost to sedimentation and the improvement (not expansion) of existing facilities. Present recreational uses will continue (fishing, boating, hunting, etc.) and there could be expansion of visitor services and facilities as long as they did not add significant numbers of people to the river.

The Alternative 5 boundary for the 39-mile stretch of the Missouri River includes the river, its islands, and a minimum setback of 200 feet from the 1991 ordinary high water mark (32,000 cfs). Also included is the Karl Mundt National Wildlife Refuge and all other federal and state fee land within 0.25 mile of the river. In addition, significant cottonwood stands and land that would be covered by a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) high release of 60,000 cfs is included within the boundary. All fee and easement lands included in the boundary will continue to be managed by the present land managers.