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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-350-4210-01]

Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Number 1004-0060

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) announces its intention to request an extension of its existing approval to collect certain information from entities desiring a right-of-way across public lands. These entities are required to use a consolidated form, which BLM and several other agencies use for several purposes, including to determine whether or not applicants are qualified to hold right-of-way grants across Federal lands.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by August 24, 1998, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Director (420), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 401LS, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: WoComment@WOblm.gov. Please include ATTN: 1004-0060 and your name and return address in your Internet message.

Comments may be hand-delivered 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: Carl C. Gammon, (202) 452-7777.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), BLM is required to provide 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information contained in a published current rule to solicit comments on (a) whether the proposed 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 proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. BLM will receive and analyze any comments sent in response to this notice and include them with its request for approval from the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

Title XI of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of December 2, 1980, requires the use of a consolidated form by the Department of Agriculture, Interior and Transportation in connection with applications for rights-of-way (R/W's) for transportation and utility systems. This form is called SF-299, "Application for Transportation and Utility System and Facility." BLM uses the same form for R/W's under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Mineral Leasing Act. The National Park Service requested that it be able to use the form for R/W applications across lands that it administers. The information collection package being sent to OMB will reflect this request.

The Federal agencies using this form use it to identify and communicate with applicants, to evaluate the applicant's qualifications, and to identify the project location. The project's location is needed to determine impacts, the project's compatibility with other existing and proposed land uses, and alternative routes and modes considered by the applicant. If the agencies do not have this information, they cannot determine if the applicant is qualified to hold a R/W authorization. Lack of information would also affect the Government's ability to determine cost reimbursement and rental amounts due. The result would be the loss of revenue due to the Government or excessive payments from private sector businesses and individuals.

Based on BLM's experience processing R/W applications and information from the other agencies using this form, there are an estimated 4,900 applications annually. The respondents are individuals, companies, and State and local government agencies, seeking a R/W across land administered by the federal government.

The public reporting burden for the information collection is estimated to average 2 hours per response. The frequency of response is once. The estimated total annual burden on new respondents is about 9,800 hours.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

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Carole J. Smith,

Bureau of Land Management Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-260-1030-2-24-1A]

Request for Approval of a New Information Collection

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) announces its intention to seek approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to collect certain information from visitors to the Wild Horse and Burro Internet Adoption Site. The information, which will be supplied on a voluntary basis, will be used to improve the website and the overall management of the wild horse and burro program.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by August 24, 1998 to be considered.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Affairs Group, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C St., NW, Mail Stop 401 LS, Washington, DC 20240. Comments may be sent via Internet to: WoComment@blm.wo.gov. Please include "Attn.: 1004-NEW" and your name and address in your Internet message.

Comments may be hand-delivered to the Bureau of Land Management Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L St., NW, Washington, DC.

Comments will be available for public review and inspection 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: Harry Moritz, (703) 440-1677, e-mail address: h35morit@es.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, BLM is required to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information to solicit comments on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. BLM will analyze any comments sent in response to this notice and include them with its request for approval from OMB under 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.

On December 5, 1971, the Wild, Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act, commonly referred to as the Wild Horse and Burro Act, became a Federal law. In 1998, the twenty-seventh anniversary of the Act, the public plays a major role in preserving wild horses and burros as a cultural icon. Since 1973, over 140,000 wild horses and burros have been adopted throughout the United States. Each year as many as 9,000 wild horses and burros are adopted. More than half of these animals are placed through the efforts of BLM's Eastern States Office.

The Act requires the protection, management, and control of wild, free-roaming horses and burros on public lands at population levels that assure a thriving ecological balance and multiple-use relationship. BLM developed a Strategic Plan for the Management of Wild Horses and Burros on Public Lands that established long-term goals and objectives for the wild horse and burro program. The plan, approved in 1992, is a product of BLM's commitment to manage wild horses and burros as part of the natural ecosystem and recognizes the biological, social, and cultural attributes that these animals possess.

To address management goals and requirements, BLM's Eastern States Office conceived and implemented the Internet Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Pilot Project. Through the Pilot Project, BLM hopes to reach out and contact new potential adopters—people who have and use home computers and often

have children living at home. These additions to our adopter base could potentially increase BLM's ability to place additional animals in safe, secure, and happy adoptive homes.

The Internet adoption site will contain a series of questions designed to solicit customer comments, feedback, and information. BLM will use these responses to determine whether or not to continue the pilot program, and, if the program is continued, what improvements to make.

The questions asked are: What state are you from? What city? How did you learn about this site? Will you be participating in the Internet adoption? What more could we do to make you want to adopt using the Internet? Have you adopted any BLM wild horses or burros before? Would you be more willing to adopt if you could pick up the horses closer to your home? How could we improve this site? Any other comments or suggestions? To respond to these questions, participants would use "Yes" or "No" radio buttons, drop down selection menus, or blank screens, depending upon the question.

The Wild Horse and Burro Internet Adoption Program could potentially be implemented with a general request for comments and suggestions, but a specific set of questions is more likely to generate responses useful to BLM's Eastern States Office in improving the website and the overall management of the adoption program.

BLM estimates that it will take an average of 3 minutes for each electronic response, and that the number of respondents will be 600 annually. The estimated annual burden hours is 30. Each response is voluntary. The respondents are potential adopters of wild horses and burros.

Anyone interested in the HTML code for the questions and format may obtain a copy from the individual named in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

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Carole J. Smith,

Bureau of Land Management Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice for Publication; Alaska Native Claims Selection

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision to issue conveyance under the provisions of Sec. 14(e) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(e), will be issued to Chugach Alaska Corporation for approximately 11,572 acres. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Icy Bay, Alaska.

Copper River Meridian, Alaska

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A notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the *Anchorage Daily News*. Copies of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 ((907) 271-5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government or regional corporation, shall have until July 24, 1998 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Cancellation of Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council Tour and Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District.