

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Proposed Extension of Information Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of American Indian Trust, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the Department of the Interior is requesting comments on information collection, "Evaluation of the Performance of Trust Functions Performed by Tribes under Self Governance Compacts" currently cleared under OMB Number 1076-0146. This extension request seeks public comment as required by regulation at 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv).

Specifically, the Department of the Interior invites comments by the public on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have a practical use; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and minimizing the burden of collection on those who are to respond.

**DATES:** Written comments on this collection of information will be accepted on or before January 5, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Further information may be secured from, and comments should be sent to: United States Department of the Interior, Office of American Indian Trust, 1849 C Street, NW, MS 2472 MIB, Washington, DC, Attention Elizabeth Lohah Homer, Director.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Respondents:** For the 1998 funding year there are 63 respondents.

**Burden:** There is no preliminary work nor is any follow-up work required of the respondents. There are no forms to complete. The annual hour burden is calculated by the amount of time that the reviewer spends at each program site interviewing the respondents and collecting file information. The time required ranges from 4 person/hours to 80 person/hours. Based on the size and complexity of the current programs, the average hours spent for each annual evaluation is estimated at 24 person/hours.  $63 \times 24 = 1,512$  person/hours per year for the collection of information.

Dated: October 30, 1998.

**Kevin Gover,**

*Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Indian Affairs****Indian Gaming**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Approved Tribal-State Compact.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Tribal-State Gaming Compact between the State of California and the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians, which was executed on August 24, 1998.

**DATES:** This action is effective November 6, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George T. Skibine, Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 219-4066.

Dated: October 29, 1998.

**Kevin Gover,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

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**Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Conduct Public Scoping Meetings for the Proposed St. Johns, Arizona CO<sub>2</sub>-Helium Project**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS and to Conduct Public Scoping Meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(20)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), the BLM,

Socorro Field Office, New Mexico, will be preparing an EIS regarding the proposal to develop a carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and helium field in Apache County, Arizona, and Catron County, New Mexico. The CO<sub>2</sub>-helium field appears to underlie approximately 500 square miles of private, state, and federal lands. The EIS will identify the potential impacts that the development of a CO<sub>2</sub>-helium field and subsequent activities could have on the environment and identify appropriate measures to mitigate those impacts. A **Federal Register** Notice dated October 2, 1998, announced the intent to prepare the EIS. In this notice, BLM announces public information and scoping meetings for the proposed action and EIS.

**DATES:** BLM's public information and scoping meetings will include: notification of the public, federal, state, tribal, and local agencies of the proposed action; identification by the public of issues to be considered in the EIS, and the solicitation of assistance from the public to identify reasonable alternatives. In addition, the public will have the opportunity to ask questions regarding the proposed project.

The BLM will conduct four public scoping meetings in the area of the project. All of the public meetings will be informal to encourage public attendance and input. The dates, times, and locations for these meetings are as follows:

Date	Location
Monday, December 7, 1998, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	St. Johns Council Chambers, 245 W. Bursell Street, St. Johns, AZ.
Tuesday, December 8, 1998, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Senior Citizens Center, 356 S. Papago Drive, Springerville, AZ.
Wednesday, December 9, 1998, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Village Community Center, 4th Street (Across from High School), Reserve, NM.
Thursday, December 10, 1998, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Quemado School Highway 60, Quemado, NM.

Also, a press release announcing the meeting dates and times will be submitted to newspapers in each area where the meetings will be held.

**Comments:** Comments on the EIS will be accepted throughout the NEPA process; however, comments specific to this early stage of scoping for the EIS will be accepted until the end of the

scoping period, which is December 21, 1998. Comments should address: (1) Issues to be considered, (2) feasible and reasonable alternatives to examine, and (3) relevant information having a bearing on the EIS. Comments should be sent to the Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Socorro Field Office, 198 Neel Ave., Socorro, NM 87801.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL:** BLM will maintain a mailing list of parties and persons interested in being kept informed about the progress of the EIS. If you are interested in obtaining more information about the scoping meetings, EIS, or receiving future information, please call Carol Van Dorn, Team Leader, at (505) 835-0412.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The St. Johns, Arizona CO<sub>2</sub>-Helium Project is a proposal of Ridgeway Arizona Oil Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Ridgeway Petroleum Corporation. The purpose of the proposal is to develop the CO<sub>2</sub>-helium field that appears to underlie approximately 500 square miles of lands in Apache County, east central Arizona and Catron County, west-central New Mexico. Ridgeway has been exploring the field since 1994 and results of the technical studies to date indicate that a large scale production of CO<sub>2</sub> is viable. Ridgeway intends to develop the field primarily for enhanced oil recovery. To obtain and process the large volume of CO<sub>2</sub>, Ridgeway proposes to develop approximately 200 wells, a network of access roads and gathering pipelines, and a gas processing plant.

In both, Apache and Catron counties, some lands are privately owned, but the majority of lands in the project area are administered by state and federal agencies. The federal lands in the project area are administered by the BLM. In order to conduct development and production activities, the BLM, as lead federal agency, has determined that an EIS will be required in accordance with NEPA. The EIS will analyze the entire proposed action and associated cumulative effects. The EIS studies also will refine the proposed action and will develop alternatives, including no action and others that are identified through the scoping process. In addition, potential resource sensitivities and environmental impacts will be identified, as well as a mitigation plan to guide development and production. Resource concerns to be addressed include soils, water resources, hazardous materials, geology, minerals, air quality, noise, vegetation, wildlife, special status species, range resources, land use and access, recreation, wilderness study areas, visual resources,

social and economic values, and cultural resources.

It is anticipated that the EIS process will require approximately 18 to 24 months to complete and will include public and agency scoping, coordination and consultation with Federal, state, tribal and local agencies, public review and possible hearings on the published draft EIS, and a published proposed final EIS. Publication of the Record of Decision is anticipated in mid-year 2000.

Dated: November 3, 1998.

**Jon Hertz,**

*Assistant Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CA-360-1200-00]

#### Supplementary Rules

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

**ACTION:** Closure of certain public lands to camping and campfires in Shasta County, California.

**SUMMARY:** The BLM is prohibiting persons from camping and operating campfires on certain BLM lands adjacent to Keswick Reservoir. On September 8, 1998 the Shasta County Board of Supervisors voted to enact amendments to Chapter 8.52 of the Shasta County Code. The amendment prohibits camping and campfires on BLM lands that are cooperatively managed as a "Rails-To-Trails" project. This Supplementary Rule will allow the BLM to enforce the intent of the County Code on BLM lands under 43 CFR 8365.1-6.

#### Action

It is unlawful to camp, construct, maintain, begin the operation of, or operate a house court, campsite, or tent camp space upon any BLM property within Township 33 North, Range 5 West, sections 20, 21, 28, 29, 31, 32; and Township 32 North, Range 5 West, sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 20, and 21 of Mount Diablo Meridian as herein otherwise specified; and it shall be unlawful to occupy for living and/or sleeping purposes to reside in any established house court, campsite, or tent camp space without written permission of the BLM.

Notwithstanding the above, camping is permitted when permission has been given in writing by an authorized officer of the BLM. Said written permission

shall be in the possession of a person occupying the campsite and must permit camping in the location of the campsite and for the time the campsite is occupied. Failure to possess said written permission at the campsite shall be deemed a violation of this regulation.

Furthermore, it is unlawful to build or maintain any fire, campstove, or other incendiary device so as to endanger automobiles or other property in any house court, tent camp space, squatter camp, or campsite on BLM property within Township 33 North, Range 5 West, sections 20, 21, 28, 29, 31, 32; and Township 32 North, Range 5 West, sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 20, and 21 of the Mount Diablo Meridian. It is unlawful to leave any fire, lighted and burning campstove, or other lighted and burning incendiary device unattended at any time on the premises of any house court, tent camp space, squatter camp, or campsite.

The authority for these closures and rule makings is 43 CFR 8365.1-6. Any person who fails to comply with a supplemental rule is subject to arrest and fines of up to \$100,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

#### Definitions

"Camp" means to set up, use, or remain in or at a campsite.

"Campsite" means any place where camping facilities are used.

"Camping Facilities" include, but are not limited to, tents, tarpaulins, temporary shelters, motor vehicles or parts thereof, trailers, cooking facilities, cots, ground covers, bedding, hammocks, sleeping bags, and other similar equipment used to live temporarily in the outdoors or temporarily in, upon, under, or about any structure.

"Squatter Camp" means an area of land occupied by a squatter.

**DATES:** This supplementary rule will take effect November 6, 1998.

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

**Charles M. Schultz,**

*Redding Area Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Supplementary Rules

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.