

Description of respondents: Owners of powerful home personal computers, some with Internet access—potentially the general public, libraries, and schools.

Estimated completion time: Varies depending on the mechanism used: Approximately 0.15 minutes per survey and 1 hour per focus group session.

Annual responses: Approximately 1,000 survey and 100 focus group responses.

Annual burden hours: 350.

Bureau clearance officer: John Cordyack, 703-648-7313.

Dated: September 26, 2000.

Richard E. Witmer,
Chief Geographer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Application Notice Describing an Opportunity of Federal Funding of Proposals Submitted Under the State Partnership Program (SPP) for Fiscal Year 2001

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pre-proposal Applications are invited for projects dealing with invasive species issues under the FY2001 State Partnership Program (SPP).

The purpose of the FY 2001 SSP is provide support through grants and cooperative agreements to states and tribal agencies in the eastern United States whose primary focus is on gathering, analyzing, and distributing biological science information needed for natural resource management decision-making relating to invasive species. This program requires complementary study participation and interaction between State/Tribal institutions, including public universities, museums, and natural resource agencies, and Science Centers or Cooperative Research Units of the USGS, Eastern Region. For contact information relating to potential study cooperation and participation by scientists from the USGS Biological Resources Division, Eastern Region, Science Centers (6 Centers) and Cooperative Research Units (16 Units) access the following web sites: For Science Centers: http://biology.usgs.gov/pub_aff/centers.html and for Cooperative Units: <http://biology.usgs.gov/coop/>

Proposals involving the support and cooperation of multiple State parties as well as multiple Federal, private, or other entities are strongly favored. Respondents are encouraged to show linkages to other resource agencies, in addition to USGS, that have jurisdiction over public lands or public trust biotic resources and to the science information needs of other Department of the Interior bureaus and other Federal agencies. Proposals must demonstrate a commitment to information exchange and technology transfer.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicant Eligibility: State, Tribal, and/or U.S. Territories and Possessions that conduct natural resource studies and associated information management. No Federal or private agencies may apply.

Application and Award Process

Pre-proposal Submission: Eligible institutions may request a Pre-proposal Solicitation Package, including instructions on the SPP and how to submit an application, from the USGS, Eastern Regional Office (see address below). Pre-proposals must be submitted to USGS by State/Tribal institutions only, but must include information on participating USGS Science Center or Cooperative Research Unit.

Full-proposal Evaluation and Award: Full proposals will be requested in writing by the USGS from institutions that have submitted pre-proposals of high merit and who have met all of the pre-proposal requirements as detailed in the Pre-proposal Solicitation Package. Detailed specifications will be provided when the request for full proposals is made. After meeting all submission requirements, full proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by a technical review team. Projects will be individually scored and prioritized, and award recommendations forwarded to the USGS contracting office for award. **DATES:** Completed pre-proposals must be submitted to the USGS, Eastern Regional Office and be postmarked no later than November 1, 2000. Full proposals will be required by January 15, 2001. Notification of awards will be made by February 1, 2001.

APPLICATION INFORMATION: A Pre-Proposal Solicitation Package, including a SPP Factsheet that gives examples of projects that have received funding in the past, may be requested from the USGS, Eastern Regional Office at the following address:

Dr. Gary D. Brewer, State Partnership Program Coordinator, USGS

Biological Resources Division, Eastern Regional Office, 1700 Leetown Road, Kearneysville, WV 25430, Telephone: 304-724-4507, Fax: 304-724-4505, E-mail: gary_brewer@usgs.gov

Authority: Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, 70 Stat. 1119, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 742a-742j; Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1958, 16 U.S.C. 661-667e.

The Office of Management and Budget Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number is 15.808.

Dated: September 8, 2000.

David P. Bornholdt,

Acting Regional Chief Biologist.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program (NCGMP) Advisory Committee

AGENCY: United States Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 108-148, The NCGMP Advisory Committee will meet in the Rachel Carson/John Muir Rooms of the Main Interior Building 1849 C. Street NW., Washington, DC. The Advisory Committee, comprised of scientists from Federal agencies, State agencies, academic institutions, and private companies, will advise the Director on planning and implementation of the geologic mapping program.

Topics to be reviewed and discussed by the Advisory Committee include:

- Progress of the NCGMP towards fulfilling the purposes of the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992
- Updates on the Federal, State, and educational components of the NCGMP
- Strategic Goals

DATES: October 31–November 2, 2000, commencing at 9:00 a.m. on October 31st and adjourning by 1:00 p.m. on November 1st.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Martha N. Garcia, U.S. Geological Survey, Mail Stop 908, National Center Reston, Virginia, 20192, (703) 648-6978.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meetings of the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program Advisory Committee are open to the public.

Dated: September 22, 2000.

P. Patrick Leahy,

Associate Director for Geology, U.S. Geological Survey.

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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 (IGRA), 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 gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Off-Track Wagering Compact between the Chickasaw Nation and the State of Oklahoma, which was executed on July 26, 2000.

DATES: This action is effective October 2, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

Dated: September 20, 2000.

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 (IGRA), 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 gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Modification Compact for Off-Track Wagering between the Choctaw Nation and the State of Oklahoma, which was executed on July 27, 2000.

DATES: This action is effective October 2, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

Dated: September 20, 2000.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[MT-099-1020-PG-003E]

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Lewistown Field Office, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Central Montana Resource Advisory Council will meet October 17-18, 2000 at the Holiday Inn, In Great Falls, Montana.

The October 17 portion of the meeting will begin at 7:45 am with a field trip to the Greenfields Irrigation District. The council will then have lunch and return to the Holiday Inn. At 1 p.m. there will be a 30-minute public comment period; followed by a welcome and orientation session for new RAC members; field manager updates; a review of funding requests for fiscal year 2001 and CARA legislation; a review of Lewis & Clark Bicentennial plans; and an open discussion among council members. This session will adjourn at 5 p.m.

The October 18 session will begin at 7:45 am with updates concerning sage grouse and sagebrush, prairie dogs, plovers, black-footed ferrets, noxious weeds, cottonwood regeneration and a cooperative ecosystem river study. The council will break for lunch from 12-1 p.m. After lunch the RAC will participate in discussions concerning the Missouri River subgroup, subdivisions, cottonwood regeneration, and river ferry crossing funding projects. These updates will conclude by 3:30 pm. The council will then address administrative details and adjourn by 5 p.m.

DATES: October 17 and 18, 2000.

LOCATION: Holiday Inn, Great Falls, Montana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David L. Mari, Lewistown Field Manager, Lewistown Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, Box 1160, Airport Road, Lewistown, MT.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public and there

will be a public comment period as described above 59457.

Dated: September 21, 2000.

B. Gene Miller,

Associate Field Office Manager.

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

[CO-100-1430-AF]

Temporary Travel Restrictions

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Establishment of Temporary Travel Restrictions on Public Lands in Townships 7 and 8 North, Range 87 West, Routt County, Colorado.

SUMMARY: This order closes certain public lands managed by the Little Snake Field Office in Routt County, Colorado, to motorized vehicle use on a year round basis, and is effective immediately. This order modifies the existing use "open" to "designated roads and trails only" on approximately 722.42 acres. The restrictions will now include a limitation that prohibits the use of any motorized wheeled or tracked vehicles off designated roads and trails. This order is issued under the authority of 43 CFR 8341.2 and 43 CFR 8364.1(a) as a temporary measure while the off highway vehicle (OHV) portion of the Little Snake Resource Management Plan is reviewed and modified as needed to address public issues, concerns, and needs as well as resource uses, development, impacts, and protection.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 2, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John E. Husband, Field Manager, Little Snake Field Office, 455 Emerson Street, Craig, Colorado 81625-1129, Telephone (970) 826-5000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This order affects public lands in Routt County, Colorado thus described:

Public Lands within:

T. 7N., R. 87W., section 3, lots 3 and 4,
T. 7N., R. 87W., section 4, lots 1 and 2,
T. 8N., R. 87W., section 28, E½ SE¼,
T. 8N., R. 87W., section 33, SE¼ and,
T. 8N., R. 87W., section 34, N½.

This restriction shall be effective October 2, 2000, and shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified by the Authorized Officer.

Previously this area was designated "open" to OHV use on public lands in the Little Snake Resource Management Plan, 1989. These Public Lands are being closed on a year-round basis,