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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the information collection request for Student Transportation Mileage Form, OMB Control # 1076-0134, requires renewal. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act, we request your comments on this collection before submission to the Office of Management and Budget.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 5, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to William Mehojah, Director, Office of Indian Education Programs, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street NW, Mail Stop 3512-MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Joe D. Herrin, (202)-208-7658

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The information collection is needed to provide transportation mileage for Bureau-funded schools which will receive an allocation of transportation funds.

II. Method of Collection

The Student Transportation regulations in 25 CFR part 39, subpart H, contain the program eligibility and criteria which govern the allocation of transportation funds. Information collected from the schools will be used to determine the rate per mile.

III. Data

Title of the Collection of Information: Student Transportation Form, 25 CFR 39, Subpart H; OMB Control Number 1076-0134.

Type of Review: Renewal of a currently approved information collection.

Summary of the Collection of Information: This collection provides pertinent data concerning the schools' bus transportation mileage and related

long distance travel mileage to determine funding for school transportation.

Affected Entities: Contract and Grant Schools; Bureau operated schools. About 116 tribal school administrators annually gather the necessary information during student count week.

Estimate of total annual reporting and record keeping burden: At an average of 6 hours each "121 reporting schools = 726 hours.

Total annual cost burden: 726 hours × \$20/hour = \$14,520.

IV. Request for Comments

The Department of the Interior invites comments on: (a) Whether the 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 (including the hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; the validity of the methodology and assumption 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 on the respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating, and verifying information, and disclosing and providing information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the submission of the collection to OMB for approval and renewal of this information collection. They become a matter of public record. If you wish to have your name and address withheld for any reason, you must state so prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will honor your request to the extent allowable by law. Anonymous comments will not be used.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget Control Number.

Dated: May 22, 2002.

Neal A. McCaleb,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Plan for the Use and Distribution of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians Judgment Funds

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the plan for the use and distribution of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians (Tribe) judgment funds is effective as of April 28, 2002. The judgment funds were awarded by the United States Court of Federal Claims in Docket 189-C, and appropriated on February 23, 2001. The plan also provides for the use and distribution of escrow funds that remain from funds awarded to the Tribe in Dockets 189-A and 189-B. The funds were held in escrow for the repayment of expert assistance loans made to the Tribe by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Congress waived the repayment of these loans under Section 813 of Title VIII of the Act of December 27, 2000, Pub. L. 106-568, 114 Stat. 2868.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daisy West, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Tribal Government Services, MS-4631-MIB, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240. Telephone number: (202) 208-2475.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The plan for the use and distribution of the funds was submitted to Congress on December 20, 2001. The receipt of the plan was recorded in the Congressional Record published on December 20, 2001. The plan became effective on April 28, 2002, since a joint resolution disapproving it was not enacted. The plan reads as follows:

Plan

For the Use and Distribution of Red Lake Band of Chippewa Judgment Funds in Docket 189-C and the Escrow Funds Remaining in Dockets 189-A and 189-B

The funds appropriated on February 23, 2001, in satisfaction of an award granted to the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians of the Red Lake Reservation in Minnesota (Tribe) in Docket 189-C, plus funds that were held in escrow for the payment of litigation expenses from the funds appropriated

on September 27, 1997, in Dockets 189–A and 189–B before the United States Court of Federal Claims (Court), including all interest and investment income accrued, less attorney fees and litigation expenses, shall be distributed as herein provided.

(A) Programming

The programming funds shall be allocated by the Tribe for the following projects:

Permanent Trust Fund Capitalization: A permanent non-expendable privately invested account in the sum of \$40,000,000 shall be established by the Tribe. The interest earned on those funds (starting from the date the funds are transferred to the Tribe and the investment account is created) shall be available to implement the Red Lake Indian Reforestation Plan (Reforestation Plan) that was attached as Exhibit “A” to the Joint Motion for Entry of Stipulated Judgment and approved by the Court on January 16, 2001. The Reforestation Plan may be modified by the Tribe in consultation with, and with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

Litigation Costs.¹ The sum of \$7,525,657 shall be available for attorney fees and litigation expenses incurred by the tribe in Dockets 189–A, B, C, and 388–82L. This amount includes the funds necessary to cover a debt forgiveness bill in the sum of \$15,405, and the fees that were awarded to the Tribe by the court order dated April 18, 2001. If and when the Tribe receives the additional funds, those funds will be allocated to the Tribe’s general fund.

Land Restoration Fees and Expenses: The Tribe has incurred costs for land restoration fees and expenses. The sum of \$680,578 shall be available to reimburse the Tribe for costs incurred up until the date the plan becomes effective, and to pay the estimated cost of future land restoration fees and expenses.

(B) Per Capita Distribution

The remaining funds, estimated to be \$10,423,000, shall be distributed in the form of per capita payments (in sums as equal as possible) to all persons who were born on or prior to and living on

July 31, 2001, and who are enrolled members of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians.

The per capita shares of living competent adults shall be paid directly to them, with the exception that the per capita shares of nursing home residents and incarcerated persons shall be paid into Individual Indian Money accounts for withdrawal upon application. The per capita shares of deceased individual beneficiaries shall be determined in accordance with 43 CFR, part 4, subpart D. Per capita shares of legal incompetents and minors shall be handled as provided in 25 U.S.C. 1403(b)(3), except that by Order of the Red Lake Tribal Court, minors’ funds may be withdrawn for damages, reparations or restitutions to victims of crime.

(C) General Provisions

The programming portion of the judgment funds shall be disbursed to the Tribe within 60 days of the effective date of the plan, except that the litigation fees and expenses shall be available to the Tribe for disbursement prior to the effective date of the plan, as authorized under 25 U.S.C. 1401. Once the program funds are disbursed to the Tribe, the United States Government shall no longer have any trust responsibility for the investment, supervision, administration, or expenditure of the program portion of the judgment funds. The Tribe shall prepare an annual accounting of each of the program activities under the programming portion of this judgment fund distribution plan. The accounting report shall be made available to the tribal members and to the Secretary of the Interior.

The Secretary, in arranging for per capita payments to be made, shall withhold sufficient shares for individuals whose eligibility may be in question. Those shares shall be held in a separate interest-bearing account pending determination of enrollment appeals. Funds not used to pay shares and pro rata interest to successful applicants, plus any other residual balances shall be disbursed to the tribe and allocated to the Tribe’s general fund.

None of the funds distributed per capita or made available under this plan for programming shall be subject to Federal or State income taxes, nor shall such funds nor their availability be considered as income or resources nor otherwise utilized as the basis for denying or reducing the financial assistance or other benefits to which such household or member would otherwise be entitled under the Social

Security Act, or except for per capita shares in excess of \$2,000 any Federal or federally assisted programs.

This notice is published in exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs under 25 U.S.C. 2 and 9 and 209 DM 8.

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Neal A. McCaleb,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

California Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee Public Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the California Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee will meet on June 27, 2002. The agenda for the Committee meeting will include reports from subcommittees, discussions on future governance, funding and budgets, and water operations, regional reports, and implementation of the CALFED Bay-Delta program with State and Federal officials.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, June 27, 2002 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If reasonable accommodation is needed due to a disability, please contact Pauline Nevins at (916) 657–2666 or TDD (800) 735–2929 at least 1 week prior to the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Point Restaurant located at 120 Marina Drive, Rio Vista, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eugenia Laychak, CALFED Bay-Delta Program, at (916) 654–4214, or Diane Buzzard, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, at (916) 978–5022.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee was established to provide assistance and recommendations to Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton and California governor Gray Davis on implementation of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. The Committee will advise on annual priorities, integration of the eleven Program elements, and overall balancing of the four Program objectives of ecosystem restoration, water quality, levee system integrity, and water supply reliability. The Program is a consortium of 23 State and Federal agencies with the mission to

¹ Litigation Costs: The attorney fees and litigation expenses that were advanced by the Tribe from tribal funds during the litigation of these claims is a qualified litigation expense under the terms of 25 U.S.C. that can and should be reimbursed to the Tribe from the judgment prior to the effective date of the plan. The Tribe can also advance \$3,601,573.38 for payment of attorney fees that were awarded by the Court in the order dated April 18, 2001. The \$3.6 million is included in the \$7.5 million earmarked for litigation costs.