

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Indian Affairs****Submission of Information Collection to Office of Management and Budget**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is submitting this information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and renewal. The collection is: 25 CFR 151 Land Acquisitions, OMB Control Number 1076-0100.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 30, 2007, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at the Office of Management and Budget. You may submit comments either by telefacsimile at (202) 395-6566, or by e-mail to

*OIRA\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov.*

Please send a copy to Ben Burshia, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Real Estate Services, Mail Stop 4639-MIB, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Interested persons may obtain copies of the information collection requests without charge by contacting Ben Burshia at (202) 219-1195.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 provides an opportunity for interested parties to comment on proposed information collection requests. This collection covers 25 CFR 151 as presently approved. The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Real Estate Services, is proceeding with this public comment period as the next step in obtaining a normal information collection clearance from OMB. The request contains (1) Type of review, (2) title, (3) summary of the collection, (4) respondents, (5) frequency of collection, (6) reporting and record keeping requirements, and (7) reason for response.

A **Federal Register** notice was published on December 13, 2006 (71 FR 74932). No comments were received.

**25 CFR 151—Land Acquisitions**

*OMB Control Number:* 1076-0100.

*Type of review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* Acquisition of Title to Land in Trust, 25 CFR 151.

*Summary:* The Secretary of the Interior has statutory authority to acquire lands in trust status for individual Indians and federally recognized Indian tribes. The Secretary requests information in order to identify the parties involved and a description of the land in question. Respondents are Native American tribes or individuals who request acquisition of real property into trust status. The Secretary also requests additional information necessary to satisfy those pertinent factors listed in 25 CFR 151.10 or 151.11. The information is used to determine whether or not the Secretary will approve an applicant's request. No specific form is used, but respondents supply information and data, in accordance with 25 CFR 151, so that the Secretary may make an evaluation and determination in accordance with established Federal factors, rules and policies.

*Frequency of Collection:* One Time.

*Description of Respondents:* Native American tribes and individuals desiring acquisition of lands in trust status.

*Total Respondents:* 1,000.

*Total Annual Responses:* 1,000.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 67,800 hours.

*Reason for Response:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*The Bureau of Indian Affairs solicits comments in order to:*

- (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (2) Evaluate the bureau's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond. Any public comments will be addressed in the Bureau of Indian Affairs' submission of the information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget.

We will not sponsor nor conduct a request for information, and you need not respond to such a request, unless there is a valid OMB Control Number.

Please note that comments are open to public review. If you wish to have your name and address withheld from the reviewing public, you must state so prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will honor your request to the limit of the appropriate laws. All comments from businesses or their

representatives will be available for public review. We may decide to withhold information for other reasons.

The Office of Management and Budget has between 30 and 60 days to make a decision about this information collection request; therefore, comments received closer to 30 days have a better chance of being considered.

Dated: February 22, 2007.

**Grayford Payne,**

*Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Indian Affairs****Submission of Information Collection for Probate to the Office of Management and Budget**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Submission to Office of Management and Budget for renewal.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are submitting to the Office of Management and Budget the information collection found in the general Probate of Indian Decedents' Estates, Except for Member of the Five Civilized Tribes regulations. The purpose of this data collection is to ensure that Probate regulations are administered for the benefit of individual Indians and any persons having claims against an Indian decedent's estate.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposed information collection must be received by March 30, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior by e-mail to *OIRA\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov.* or by facsimile to (202) 395-6566.

Send a copy of the comments to Bill Titchwy, Bureau of Indian Affairs Western Regional Office, Division of Probate, 400 N. Fifth Street, 10th Floor, Two Arizona Center, Phoenix, AZ 85004. Comments may also be telefaxed to (602) 379-4005. We cannot accept E-mail comments at this time.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Titchwy, 602-379-4002.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The information provided through collection requirements is used by the Department of the Interior, BIA, to determine heirs and divide any funds held by the BIA for an Indian decedent and to divide the decedent's trust and restricted real

property. The information is particularly used by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in:

- (a) Instructing an individual in starting the probate process;
- (b) Preparing a probate package for review;
- (c) Filing claims;
- (d) Disbursing assets; and
- (e) Filing appeals for adverse decisions.

#### Request for Comments

A notice requesting comments was published in the **Federal Register** November 1, 2006 (71 FR 64391). No comments were received. The Bureau of Indian Affairs now requests your comments on this collection be sent to the Desk Officer for the Department of Interior at the Office of Management and Budget. Please address the following:

(a) The necessity of this information collection 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 (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Ways we could enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents, such as facilitating use of automation for collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that an agency may not sponsor or request, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it has a valid OMB Control Number.

OMB has 60 days in which to make a decision about this collection but may act after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration of your comments, please send close to the 30 days after publication.

*OMB Control Number:* 1076-0156.

*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Title:* Probate of Indian Estates, Except for Members of the Five Civilized Tribes, 25 CFR 15.

#### *Brief Description of Collection:*

Information is collected through the probate process when BIA learns of a decedent's death from a neighbor, friend, or any other interested person who provides a copy of decedent's obituary notice from a local newspaper or when BIA receives an affidavit of death prepared by someone who knows about the decedent. BIA also requires other documents to process the probate package. An interested party must

inform BIA if any of the documents or information identified are not available.

*Respondents:* Possible respondents include: Individual tribal members, individual non-Indians, individual tribal member-owned businesses, non-Indian owned businesses, tribal governments, and land owners who are seeking a benefit.

*Number of Responses:* 208,073 annually.

*Annual hours:* 1,129,157.

*Estimated Time per Response:* Varies from 1/2 to 44.25 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* As required.

Dated: February 23, 2007.

**Grayford Payne,**

*Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Documented Petitions for Federal Acknowledgment as an Indian Tribe, Submission to OMB for Renewal

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the Information Collection Request for Documented Petitions for Federal Acknowledgment as an Indian Tribe is submitted to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget for extension.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before March 30, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your written comments to Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, either by facsimile to 202-395-6566 or by e-mail to [OIRA\\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov). Please send a duplicate copy to R. Lee Fleming, Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment, Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., MS-34B SIB, Washington, DC 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection submission should be directed to R. Lee Fleming, Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment, Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., MS-34B SIB, Washington, DC 20240. You may also call (202) 513-7650.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## I. Abstract

The information collection is needed to establish whether a petitioning group has the characteristics necessary to be acknowledged as having a government-to-government relationship with the United States. Federal recognition makes the group eligible for benefits from the Federal government. No respondents made any comments regarding this information collection.

## II. Method of Collection

The acknowledgment regulations at 25 CFR Part 83 contain seven criteria (§ 83.7) which unrecognized groups seeking Federal acknowledgment as Indian tribes must demonstrate that they meet. Information collected from petitioning groups under these regulations provides anthropological, genealogical and historical data used by the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs to establish whether a petitioning group has the characteristics necessary to be acknowledged as having a government-to-government relationship with the United States. BIA forms 8304, 8305, and 8306 are optional in providing a complete list of members of the group seeking recognition. Respondents are not required to retain copies of information submitted to the Department of the Interior but will probably maintain copies for their own use. No periodic reports are required.

## III. Data

*Title:* Documents for Petition for Federal Acknowledgment as an Indian Tribe, 25 CFR Part 83.

*OMB Control Number:* 1076-0104.

*Current Expiration Date:* February 28, 2007.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Entities:* Groups petitioning for Federal acknowledgment as Indian tribes.

*Response:* Respondents are seeking to obtain a benefit.

*Estimated Annual Number of Petitioners:* 10.

*Estimated Time per Petition:* 2,075 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 20,750.

## IV. Request for Comments

You are invited to comment 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 hours and cost) of the proposed collection of