

DC 20240. If you wish to e-mail comments, the e-mail address is [Donald\\_Bieniewicz@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Donald_Bieniewicz@ios.doi.gov). Reference "Klamath non-use value survey" in your e-mail subject line. Include your name and return address in your e-mail message and mark your message for return receipt.

**DATES:** Public comments will be accepted on or before August 10, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Benjamin Simon, Acting Director, Office of Policy Analysis, U.S. Department of the Interior telephone at 202-208-5978 or by e-mail at [Benjamin\\_Simon@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Benjamin_Simon@ios.doi.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The Klamath River provides habitat for fall and spring run Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*), green sturgeon (*Acipenser medirostris*), Pacific lamprey (*Lampetra tridentate*), and Pacific eulachon (*Thaleichthys pacificus*). Some of these species are important components of non-tribal harvest (e.g., fall Chinook, steelhead), some have important subsistence and cultural value to Klamath Basin tribes (e.g., salmon, sturgeon, lamprey, eulachon), and some are at low levels of abundance or ESA-listed (e.g., spring Chinook, lamprey, coho, eulachon). In addition to its importance as fish habitat, the Klamath River also provides water to agriculture through the Bureau of Reclamation's Klamath Irrigation Project. Oversubscription of Klamath water has thwarted recovery of depressed fish stocks and led to economic hardship for farming and fishing communities—prompting federal disaster relief for farmers in 2001 and for fishermen in 2006.

In November 2008 the U.S. Government, the States of Oregon and California, and the utility company PacifiCorp signed an agreement in principle (AIP) to remove four hydroelectric dams on the Klamath River by 2020. Dam removal is being considered a viable alternative to volitional fish passage (ladders and screens), which was being considered by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) as a condition for relicensing of PacifiCorp's hydroelectric project. Parties to the AIP are working with stakeholders (including tribes, fishers, farmers, conservation groups, and local governments) to reach a final agreement that would result in the largest dam removal project in U.S. history. If achieved, this agreement will be part of a comprehensive solution to

species recovery, water allocation, and water quality problems in the Klamath Basin.

In October 2011 the Secretary of the Interior is expected to make a final determination regarding dam removal, contingent on results of an economic analysis that will address benefits, costs, and distributional effects of dam removal relative to volitional fish passage.

Dam removal is expected to have positive long-term effects on the viability of fish populations and other aspects of the Klamath Basin ecosystem. Benefits of these environmental improvements include "non-use values," which accrue to members of the public who value such improvements regardless of whether they ever consume Klamath fish or visit the Klamath Basin. An information collection is planned in order to implement a state-of-the-art non-use valuation survey of the U.S. public that addresses the incremental environmental improvements of dam removal relative to volitional fish passage. This data collection is intended to address one component of an economic analysis that will include all costs and benefits of dam removal relative to volitional fish passage.

	Estimated number of burden hours	Responses
Klamath non-use value survey .....	3,000	6,000

**II. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* None. This is a new collection.

*Title:* Non-Use Valuation Survey, Klamath River Dam Removal.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* New.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Frequency of Collection:* One time.

*Estimate Annual Number of*

*Respondents:* 6,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 6,000.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 3,000.

**III. Request for Comments**

We invite comments concerning this IC on: (1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity

of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents. Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this IC. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: June 3, 2009.

**Benjamin M. Simon,**

*Acting Director, Office of Policy Analysis, U.S. Department of the Interior.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Reclamation**

**Agency Information Collection; Activities Under OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of a currently approved collection (OMB No. 1006-0006).

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces the Bureau of Reclamation (we, our, or us) has forwarded the following Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Certification Summary Form, Reporting Summary Form for Acreage Limitation, 43 CFR part 426 and 43 CFR part 428, OMB Control Number: 1006-0006. This ICR is required under the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (RRA), Acreage Limitation Rules and Regulations, 43 CFR part 426, and Information Requirements for Certain Farm Operations In Excess of 960 Acres and the Eligibility of Certain Formerly Excess Land, 43 CFR part 428. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden.

**DATES:** OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove this information collection, but may respond after 30 days; therefore, public comments must

be received on or before August 10, 2009 to assure maximum consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send written comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, via facsimile to (202) 395-5806 or e-mail to [OIRA\\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov). A copy of your comments should also be directed to the Bureau of Reclamation, Attention: 84-53000, PO Box 25007, Denver, CO 80225-0007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephanie McPhee at: (303) 445-2897.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Certification Summary Form, Reporting Summary Form for Acreage

Limitation, 43 CFR part 426 and 43 CFR part 428.

*Abstract:* These forms are to be used by district offices to summarize individual landholder (direct or indirect landowner or lessee) and farm operator certification and reporting forms as required by the RRA, 43 CFR part 426, and 43 CFR part 428. This information allows us to establish water user compliance with Federal reclamation law.

*Changes to the RRA forms and the instructions to those forms.* Minor editorial changes were made to the currently approved RRA forms and the instructions to those forms prior to the 60-day comment period initiated by the notice published in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 63508, Oct. 24, 2008). Those changes were designed to assist the respondents by increasing their

understanding of the forms, clarifying the instructions for use when completing the forms, and clarifying the information that is required to be submitted to the districts with the forms. We received no public comments from the 60-day public comment period. The proposed revisions to the RRA forms will be included starting in the 2010 water year.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondents:* Contracting entities that are subject to the acreage limitation provisions of Federal reclamation law.

*Estimated Total Number of Respondents:* 210.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1.25.

*Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses:* 263.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 10,520 hours.

**ESTIMATE OF BURDEN FOR EACH FORM**

Form No.	Estimated number of respondents	Frequency of response	Total annual responses	Burden hours per response	Total burden hours
7-21SUMM-C and tabulation sheets .....	174	1.25	218	40	8,720
7-21SUMM-R and tabulation sheets .....	36	1.25	45	40	1,800
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>1.25</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>10,520</b>

*Comments.* Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of our functions, including whether the information will have practical use;

(b) The accuracy of our burden estimate for the proposed collection of information;

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

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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 OMB control number. Reclamation will display a valid OMB control number on the RRA forms. A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 63508, Oct. 24, 2008). No public comments were received.

OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove this information collection, but may respond after 30 days; therefore, public comment should be

submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure maximum consideration.

Before including your address, telephone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: April 21, 2009.

**Richard W. Rizzi,**

*Acting Director, Program and Policy Services, Denver Office.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement**

**Notice of Proposed Information Collection for 1029-0061**

**AGENCY:** Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to request renewed approval for the collection of information for 30 CFR part 795—Permanent Regulatory Program—Small Operator Assistance Program (SOAP). This collection request has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request describes the nature of the information collection and the expected burden and cost.

**DATES:** OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collections but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB by July 9, 2009, in order to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Department of Interior Desk Officer, by telefax at (202) 395-5806 or via e-mail to [OIRA\\_Docket@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Docket@omb.eop.gov). Also, please send a copy of your comments to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement,