

above. Written statements must be supplied to the Council Coordinator in both of the following formats: One hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via email (acceptable file formats are Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or rich text file).

#### Giving an Oral Presentation

Individuals or groups requesting to make an oral presentation at the Council meeting will be limited to 2 minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of 30 minutes for all speakers. Interested parties should contact the Council Coordinator by the date above, in writing (preferably via email; see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), to be placed on the public speaker list for either of these meetings. Nonregistered public speakers will not be considered during the Council meeting. Registered speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, or those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, are invited to submit written statements to the Council within 30 days following the meeting.

#### Meeting Minutes

Summary minutes of the Council and meeting will be maintained by the Council Coordinator at the address under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Council meeting minutes will be posted at <http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/Grants/NAWCA/CouncilAct.shtm#CouncilMeet> within 30 days following the meeting. Personal copies may be purchased for the cost of duplication.

Dated: November 26, 2012.

**Jerome Ford,**

*Assistant Director, Migratory Birds.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### U.S. Geological Survey

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#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submitted for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of an extension of currently approved information Collection, 1028-0103.

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is inviting comments on an

information collection request (ICR) that we have sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The ICR concerns the paperwork requirements for the *USA National Phenology Network—The Nature's Notebook Plant and Animal Observing Program*. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this ICR. This collection is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2013.

**DATES:** Submit written comments by January 3, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit comments on this information collection directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior via email:

([OIRA\\_SUBMISSION@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_SUBMISSION@omb.eop.gov)); or by fax (202) 395-5806; and identify your submission with #1028-0103. Please also submit a copy of your comments to Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, Reston, VA 20192 (mail); or [smbaloch@usgs.gov](mailto:smbaloch@usgs.gov) (email). Please Reference Information Collection 1028-0103 in the subject line.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jake F. Weltzin, Ecologist, U.S. Geological Survey, [jweltzin@usgs.gov](mailto:jweltzin@usgs.gov), (520) 626-3821.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** USA National Phenology Network—The *Nature's Notebook* Plant and Animal Observing Program.

**OMB Control Number:** 1028-0103.

**Type of Request:** Notice of an extension of a currently approved information collection.

**Respondent Obligation:** Voluntary.

**Abstract:** The USA-NPN is a program sponsored by the USGS that uses standardized forms for tracking plant and animal activity as part of a project called *Nature's Notebook*. The *Nature's Notebook* forms are used to record phenology (e.g., timing of leafing or flowering of plants and reproduction or migration of animals) as part of a nationwide effort to understand and predict how plants and animals respond to environmental variation and changes in weather and climate. Contemporary data collected through *Nature's Notebook* are quality-checked, described and made publicly available; data are used to inform decision-making in a variety of contexts, including

agriculture, drought monitoring, and wildfire risk assessment. Phenological information is also critical for the management of wildlife, invasive species, and agricultural pests, and for understanding and managing risks to human health and welfare, including allergies, asthma, and vector-borne diseases. Participants may contribute phenology information to *Nature's Notebook* through a browser-based web application or via mobile applications for iPhone and Android operating systems, meeting GPEA requirements. The web application interface consists of several components: user registration, a searchable list of 877 plant and animal species which can be observed; a "profile" for each species that contains information about the species including its description and the appropriate monitoring protocols; a series of interfaces for registering as an observer, registering a site, registering plants and animals at a site, generating datasheets to take to the field, and a data entry page that mimics the datasheets.

**Frequency of Collection:** On occasion. During the Spring and Fall seasons when phenology is changing quickly, we recommend respondents make observations twice per week.

**Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:** In addition to those users already registered, we expect an additional 1,027 users will register each year. These respondents are members of the public, registered with *Nature's Notebook*.

**Estimated Annual Responses:** 501,130.

**Estimated Annual burden hours:** 17,032.

**Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden:** We estimate the non-hour cost burden to be \$3.34 per respondent. This cost applies to new observers and includes material used to mark sites or plants during the first observation. Marking helps to ensure reporting consistency for future observations.

**Public Disclosure Statement:** The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**Comments:** To comply with the public consultation process, on August 10, 2012, we published a **Federal Register** notice (77 FR 47867) announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval. The notice provided the required 60-day public comment period, which ended October 9, 2012. In response to our **Federal Register** Notice, we received one

comment, which consisted of a general invective about the U.S. Government and did not pertain to this information collection. We again invite comments concerning this information collection 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. Please note that the comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, email 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 OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

Dated: November 26, 2012.

**William Lellis,**

*Deputy Associate Director, Ecosystems Mission Area.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[LLMT921000-12-L13200000-EL0000-P; MTM 103852]

#### Notice of Invitation—Coal Exploration License Application MTM 103852, MT

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Members of the public are hereby invited to participate with Ambre Energy on a pro rata cost sharing basis in a program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in lands located in Big Horn County, Montana, encompassing 9,474.45 acres.

**DATES:** Any party seeking to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to both the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Ambre Energy as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section below no later than January 3, 2013 or 10 calendar days after the last publication of this Notice in the *Sheridan Press* newspaper, whichever is

later. This Notice will be published once a week for 2 consecutive weeks in the *Sheridan Press*, Sheridan, Wyoming. Such written notice must refer to serial number MTM 103852.

**ADDRESSES:** The proposed exploration license and plan are available for review from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the public room at the BLM Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana.

A written notice to participate in the exploration licenses should be sent to the State Director, BLM Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, MT 59101 and Ambre Energy, 170 South Main Street, Suite 700, Salt Lake City, UT 84101.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Robert Giovanini by telephone at 406-896-5084 or by email at [rgiovanini@blm.gov](mailto:rgiovanini@blm.gov); or Connie Schaff by telephone at 406-896-5060 or by email at [cschaff@blm.gov](mailto:cschaff@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The exploration activities will be performed pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, 30 U.S.C. 201(b), and to the regulations at 43 CFR part 3410. The purpose of the exploration program is to gain additional geologic knowledge of the coal underlying the exploration area for the purpose of assessing the coal resources. The exploration program is fully described and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration license and plan approved by the BLM. The exploration plan may be modified to accommodate the legitimate exploration needs of persons seeking to participate.

The lands to be explored for coal deposits in exploration license MTM 103852 are described as follows:

**Principal Meridian, Montana**

- T. 8 S., R. 40 E.,  
 Sec.27, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec.28, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 Sec.29, S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 Sec.32, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec.34, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
 and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
 T. 9 S., R. 39 E.,  
 Sec.12, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec.13, lots 1 thru 4, inclusive, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  
 and W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 Sec.24, lots 1 thru 4, inclusive, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  
 and W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 Sec.25, lots 1 thru 4, inclusive, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  
 and W $\frac{1}{2}$ .  
 T. 9 S., R. 40 E.,

- Sec.2, lots 1 and 2, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec.4, lot 4, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec.5, lots 1 thru 4, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec.7, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec.8, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
 and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec.11, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec.17, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec.18, lots 1 thru 4, inclusive, E $\frac{1}{2}$  and  
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 Sec.19, lots 1 thru 3, inclusive, E $\frac{1}{2}$  and  
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 Sec.20, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec.23, E $\frac{1}{2}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and  
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec.24, All;  
 Sec.25, N $\frac{1}{2}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec.26, All;  
 Sec.29, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and  
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec.30, lots 2 thru 4, inclusive, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
 and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
 Containing 9,474.45 acres.

The Federal coal within the lands described for exploration license MTM 103852 is currently unleased for development of Federal coal reserves.

**Phillip C. Perlewitz,**

*Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability of the BLM's Responses to Public Comments and of the BLM's Environmental Assessment on the Proposed Order of the Secretary on Oil, Gas, and Potash Leasing and Development Within the Designated Potash Area of Eddy and Lea Counties, NM

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Under the authority of the Mineral Leasing Act, as amended, on December 3, 2012 the Secretary of the Interior issued Order 3324 (2012 Secretary's Order) to address oil, gas, and potash leasing and development within the Designated Potash Area in Eddy and Lea counties in New Mexico. The 2012 Secretary's Order supersedes a previous Order issued in 1986 and corrected in 1987 that addresses these issues. In developing the 2012 Secretary's Order, a draft Order was released for a public comment period that began on July 13, 2012 and ended