

- Sec. 14, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 22, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 23, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 26, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 27, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Mudgetts/Little Mudgetts Caves

- T. 24 S., R. 24 E.,
 Sec. 21, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Big Manhole/Little Manhole Caves

- T. 24 S., R. 24 E.,
 Sec. 22, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Honest Injun Cave

- T. 22 S., R. 25 E.,
 Sec. 28, lot 6.

Yellow Jacket and Lair Caves

- T. 23 S., R. 25 E.,
 Sec. 14, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 23, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

KFF (Elliott's) Cave

- T. 24 S., R. 25 E.,
 Sec. 23, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 24, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Chosa Draw Caves

- T. 25 S., R. 25 E.,
 Sec. 20, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 21, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 22, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 27, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 28, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 29, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Lost Cave

- T. 22 S., R. 26 E.,
 Sec. 22, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 23, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Fence Canyon Cave Area

- T. 24 S., R. 26 E.,
 Sec. 17, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 18, lot 3, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The following describe non-Federal surface and Federal minerals:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

Chosa Draw Caves

- T. 25 S., R. 25 E.,
 Sec. 28, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The total areas described aggregate 2,924.64 acres of public lands and 440 acres of Federal minerals underlying non-Federal lands in Eddy County.

The Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget approved the BLM's petition/application; therefore, the petition constitutes a withdrawal

proposal of the Secretary of the Interior (43 CFR 2310.1–3(e)).

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect highly significant caves and their associated resources.

The use of a right-of-way, interagency agreement, or cooperative agreement would not adequately constrain non-discretionary uses that could irrevocably destroy the area's cave resources.

There are no suitable alternative sites as the described lands contain the significant caves and their associated natural resource values.

No water rights would be needed to fulfill the purpose of the requested withdrawal.

Records relating to the application including maps may be examined by contacting Jim Goodbar of the BLM Carlsbad Field Office at the above address and phone number. Cave locations are confidential information, therefore not subject to the Freedom of Information Act in accordance with the Federal Cave Resources Protection Act of 1988.

For the period until November 7, 2013, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal application may present their views in writing to the BLM Carlsbad Field Office at the address noted above. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM Carlsbad Field Office, at the address above, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Before including address, phone number, email address, or any other personal identifying information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment—including 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 view, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the BLM Carlsbad Field Office no later than November 7, 2013. If the authorized officer determines that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register**

and through local media, newspapers, and the BLM Web site at: http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/fo/Carlsbad_Field_Office.html, at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

For a period until August 10, 2015 the public lands and federally reserved minerals described in this notice will be segregated from location and entry under the United States mining laws unless the application is denied or cancelled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. Licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, or discretionary land use authorizations of a temporary nature which will not significantly impact the values to be protected by the withdrawal may be allowed with the approval of the authorized officer of the BLM during the segregative period.

This application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2310.3.

William Merhege,

Deputy State Director, Division of Lands and Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

[NPS–WASO–NRSS–EQD–13710; PPWONRADN1, PPMRSNR1N.NS0000]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request: NPS Study of Value of Natural Sounds: A Pilot Study

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (National Park Service) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection request (ICR) described below. This collection will consist of a pretest of a survey of the general public concerning the value of natural quiet in national parks. To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and as a part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other federal agencies to comment on this ICR. A Federal 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.

DATES: To ensure that your comments on this ICR are considered, OMB must receive them on or before September 9, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Please submit written 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 to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax at 202-395-5806; and identify your submission as "1024-SOUND". Please also send a copy of your comments to Phadrea Ponds, Information Collection Coordinator, National Park Service, 1201 Oakridge Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80525 (mail); or phadrea_ponds@nps.gov (email). Please reference Information Collection "1024-SOUND" in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Catherine Taylor, Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, Economics and Industry Analysis Division (RVT-21), 55 Broadway, Cambridge, MA 02142 (mail); via email at Catherine.Taylor@dot.gov (email); or at 617-494-2380 (phone). You may also access this ICR at www.reginfo.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Currently, the NPS has no information about the value that visitors hold for preserving natural sound conditions in national parks. Nor does NPS have any information of how human-caused sound conditions affect the likelihood of visitation to national parks. The National Park Service is requesting permission to conduct focus groups that will be used to pilot test the central questions that will be used in a subsequent survey to estimate the general public's value for natural sounds in national parks. Once the pilot sessions are completed, a final survey will be developed and submitted to OMB for review and consideration for approval.

II. Data

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

Title: NPS Study of Value of Natural Sounds: A Pilot Study.

Type of Request: New.

Affected Public: General public.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: One-time.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 514.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 183 hours.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden: None.

III. Request for Comments

On February 4, 2011, we published a **Federal Register** notice (76 FR 6495) announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval. Public comments were solicited for 60 days ending April 5, 2011. We did not receive any comments that addressed the information collection requirements.

We again invite comments concerning this ICR on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- 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: August 5, 2013.

Madonna L. Baucum,
Information Collection Clearance Officer,
National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

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Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Arkansas Valley Conduit and Long-Term Excess Capacity Master Contract, Fryingpan-Arkansas Project; Bent, Chaffee, Crowley, Custer, El Paso, Pueblo, Fremont, Lake, Kiowa, Otero, and Prowers Counties, Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Arkansas

Valley Conduit (AVC) and Long-Term Excess Capacity Contract, Fryingpan-Arkansas Project, Colorado, is available for public review. The Bureau of Reclamation has evaluated comments and is recommending a preferred alternative for approval. The proposed Arkansas Valley Conduit, conveyance contract for the Pueblo Dam north-south outlet works interconnect, and long-term excess capacity master contract to store water in available space in Pueblo Reservoir would deliver high-quality water that would meet Environmental Protection Agency and State water quality requirements, and help water providers throughout the Arkansas River Basin in Colorado reliably meet existing and future water demands.

DATES: The Bureau of Reclamation will not make a decision on the proposed action until at least 30 days after release of the Final EIS.

ADDRESSES: The final EIS is available for review at <http://www.usbr.gov/avceis>. Send requests for an executive summary and compact disc to Ms. J. Signe Snortland, Bureau of Reclamation, P.O. Box 1017, Bismarck, North Dakota 58502; or by email to jsnortland@usbr.gov.

See Supplementary Information section for locations where copies of the Final EIS are available for public review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Signe Snortland, Environmental Specialist, at (701) 221-1278; or jsnortland@usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Three proposed Federal actions by the Bureau of Reclamation are analyzed in the Final EIS: (1) Construct and operate the AVC and enter into a repayment contract with Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District; (2) enter into a conveyance contract with various water providers for use of a pipeline interconnection between Pueblo Dam's north and south outlet works; and (3) enter into an excess capacity master contract with Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District to store water in Pueblo Reservoir. While serving similar water supply and delivery purposes, the proposed actions are independent of each other.

The AVC was authorized by Congress in the original Fryingpan-Arkansas legislation in 1962 (Pub. L. 87-590). However, it was not constructed with the original project, primarily because of the beneficiaries' inability to repay the construction costs. In 2009, Congress amended the original legislation in Public Law 111-11, which authorized annual Federal funding as necessary for