

Proposed Authorization

The Service proposes to issue BlueCrest Energy, Inc., Apache Alaska Corporation, and SAExploration, Inc., LLC, individual IHAs for the nonlethal, incidental, unintentional take by Level B harassment of small numbers of northern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris kenyoni*) in the Southcentral Alaska stock during industry exploration activities in the lower Cook Inlet of Alaska, as described in this document and in their individual applications. We neither anticipate nor propose authorization for take by injury or death. The final IHAs would be effective for 1 year after the date of issuance. Authorization for incidental take beyond the period specified in the final IHA will require application for a new IHA.

The final IHA for each applicant will also incorporate the mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements described in this proposal. The applicants will be expected and required to implement and fully comply with those requirements. These IHAs will not authorize the intentional take of northern sea otters, nor take by injury or death.

If the nature or level of activity changes or exceeds that described in this proposal and in the individual applications for IHAs, or the nature or level of take exceeds that projected in this proposal, the Service will reevaluate its findings. The Secretary may modify, suspend, or revoke these authorizations if the findings are not accurate or the mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements described herein are not being met.

Request for Public Comments

The Service requests interested persons to submit comments and information concerning these proposed IHAs. Consistent with section 101(a)(5)(D)(iii) of the MMPA, we are opening the comment period on this proposed authorization for 30 days (see **DATES**).

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 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: August 1, 2014.

Geoffrey L. Haskett,

Regional Director, Alaska Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Renewal of Agency Information Collection for Federal Acknowledgment of Tribes

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of submission to OMB.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the collection of information for Federal Acknowledgment of Tribes. This information collection is currently authorized by OMB Control Number 1076–0104, which expires August 31, 2014.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 29, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the information collection to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at the Office of Management and Budget, by facsimile to (202) 395–5806 or you may send an email to: *OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov*. Please send a copy of your comments to R. Lee Fleming, Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment, Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, 1951 Constitution Avenue NW., MS–34B SIB, Washington, DC 20240; facsimile: (202) 219–3008; email: *Lee.Fleming@bia.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: R. Lee Fleming, (202) 513–7650.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs held listening sessions in July and August 2013 and consultation sessions in July and August 2014 to receive feedback on ways to improve the Department's process for acknowledging an Indian tribe, as set forth in 25 CFR 83. The Assistant Secretary is currently in the process of revising the process for acknowledging an Indian tribe; however, this request for extension for this information collection request does not include the suggestions and feedback from the listening sessions and consultations. To not stall or delay

potential petitioners that may want to submit this information, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs is requesting an extension of the approval for the information collection conducted under 25 CFR 83.

The information collection is conducted under 25 CFR 83, 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. Approval for this collection expires August 31, 2014. Three forms are used as part of this information collection.

II. Request for Comments

The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs requests your comments on this collection concerning: (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.

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

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. 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 us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 1076–0104.
Title: Documented Petitions for Federal Acknowledgment as an Indian Tribe, 25 CFR 83.

Brief Description of Collection: Submission of this information allows Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) to review applications for the Federal acknowledgment of a group as an Indian tribe. The acknowledgment

regulations at 25 CFR 83 contain seven criteria that 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. Respondents are not required to retain copies of the information submitted to OFA but will probably maintain copies for their own use; therefore, there is no recordkeeping requirement included in this information collection.

Type of Review: Extension without change of currently approved collection.

Respondents: Groups petitioning for Federal acknowledgment as Indian tribes.

Number of Respondents: 10 per year, on average.

Number of Responses: 10 per year, on average.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Time per Response: 2,075 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 20,750 hours.

Dated: August 26, 2014.

Philip Brinkley,

Assistant Director for Information Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Call for Nominations for the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to solicit public nominations for three positions on the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board (Board). The Board provides advice concerning the management, protection, and control of wild free-roaming horses and burros on public lands administered by the Department of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the Department of Agriculture, through the U.S. Forest Service.

DATES: Nominations must be post marked or submitted to the address listed below no later than October 14, 2014.

ADDRESSES: All mail sent via the U.S. Postal Service should be sent as follows: Division of Wild Horses and Burros, U. S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW., Room 2134 LM, Attn: Sarah Bohl, WO 260, Washington, DC 20240. All mail and packages that are sent via FedEx or UPS should be addressed as follows: Division of Wild Horses and Burros, U. S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 20 M Street SE., Room 2134 LM, Attn: Sarah Bohl, Washington, DC 20003. You may also send a fax to Sarah Bohl at 202-912-7182, or email her at stbohl@blm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sarah Bohl, Wild Horse and Burro Program Specialist, 202-912-7263. 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. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the Board serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business, Board and subcommittee members engaged in Board or subcommittee business, approved by the Designated Federal Official (DFO), may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in government service under Section 5703 of Title 5 of the United States Code. Nominations for a term of 3 years are needed to represent the following categories of interest:

Wild Horse and Burro Advocacy Veterinary Medicine (Equine Science)

Public Interest (with special knowledge about protection of wild horses and burros, management of wildlife, animal husbandry, or natural resource management). The Board will meet one to four times annually. The DFO may call additional meetings in connection with special needs for advice. Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Any individual or organization may nominate one or more persons to serve on the Board. Nominations will not be accepted without a complete resume. The following information must accompany all nominations for the individual to be considered for a position:

1. The position(s) for which the individual wishes to be considered;
2. The individual's first, middle, and last name;

3. Business address and phone number;

4. Home address and phone number;

5. Email address;

6. Present occupation/title and employer;

7. Education: (colleges, degrees, major field of study);

8. Career Highlights: Significant related experience, civic and professional activities, elected offices (include prior advisory committee experience or career achievements related to the interest to be represented). Attach additional pages, if necessary;

9. Qualifications: Education, training, and experience that qualify the individual to serve on the Board;

10. Experience or knowledge of wild horse and burro management;

11. Experience or knowledge of horses or burros (Equine health, training, and management);

12. Experience in working with disparate groups to achieve collaborative solutions (e.g., civic organizations, planning commissions, school boards, etc.);

13. Identification of any BLM permits, leases, or licenses held by the individual or his or her employer;

14. Indication of whether the individual is a federally registered lobbyist; and

15. Explanation of interest in serving on the Board.

At least one letter of reference sent from special interests or organizations the individual may represent, including, but not limited to, business associates, friends, co-workers, local, State, and/or Federal government representatives, or members of Congress should be included along with any other information that is relevant to the individual's qualifications.

As appropriate, certain Board members may be appointed as special government employees. Special government employees serve on the Board without compensation, and are subject to financial disclosure requirements in the Ethics in Government Act and 5 CFR part 2634. Nominations are to be sent to the address listed under **ADDRESSES** above.

Privacy Act Statement: The authority to request this information is contained in 5 U.S.C. 301, the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), and 43 CFR part 1784. The appointment officer uses this information to determine education, training, and experience related to possible service on a BLM advisory council. If you are appointed as an advisor, the information will be retained by the appointing official for as long as you serve. Otherwise, it will be destroyed 2 years after termination of