

After gathering public comments on issues and policy proposals that should be addressed in the Programmatic EIS, the BLM will identify the issues and policy proposals to be addressed in the Programmatic EIS and the issues and proposals determined to be beyond the scope of the Programmatic EIS.

Following closure of the scoping period, the BLM will prepare a scoping summary report and will make the report available to the public. The report will be posted on the project Web site (http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/energy/coal_and_non-energy/details_on_coal_peis.html), or may be requested from Mitchell Leverette, as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Authority: The BLM will prepare the Programmatic EIS in accordance with, but not limited to, the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*; the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (CEQ), 40 CFR parts 1500–1508; the U.S. Department of the Interior regulations implementing NEPA, 43 CFR part 46; and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), 43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*

This notice is published in accordance with section 40 CFR 1501.7 of the CEQ regulations and 43 CFR 46.235 of the DOI regulations implementing the NEPA.

Neil Kornze,

*Director, Bureau of Land Management,
Department of the Interior.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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00000000; Control No. 1004-0019]

Renewal of Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: 60-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) invites public comments on, and plans to request approval to continue, the collection of information from individuals, households, farms, and businesses interested in cooperating with the BLM in constructing or maintaining range improvement projects that enhance or

improve livestock grazing management, improve watershed conditions, enhance wildlife habitat, or serve similar purposes. The BLM also invites public comments on this collection of information. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has assigned control number 1004-0019 to this information collection.

DATES: Please submit comments on the proposed information collection by May 31, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, fax, or electronic mail.

Mail: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW., Room 2134LM, Attention: Jean Sonneman, Washington, DC 20240.

Fax: to Jean Sonneman at 202-245-0050.

Electronic mail: Jean_Sonneman@blm.gov.

Please indicate “Attn: 1004-0019” regardless of the form of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kimberly Hackett, at 202-912-7216. Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339, to leave a message for Ms. Hackett.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521, require that interested members of the public and affected agencies be given an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8 (d) and 1320.12(a)). This notice identifies an information collection that the BLM plans to submit to OMB for approval. The Paperwork Reduction Act provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

The BLM will request a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity. Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such

as use of automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will accompany our submission of the information collection requests to OMB.

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.

The following information pertains to this request:

Title: Grazing Management: Range Improvements Agreements and Permits (43 CFR Subpart 4120).

OMB Control Number: 1004-0019.

Summary: This request pertains to range improvements on public lands managed by the BLM. Range improvements enhance or improve livestock grazing management, improve watershed conditions, enhance wildlife habitat, or serve similar purposes. At times, the BLM may require holders of grazing permits or grazing leases to install range improvements to meet the terms and conditions of their permits or leases. Operators may also come to the BLM with proposals for range improvements. Often the BLM, operators, and other interested parties work together and jointly contribute to construction of range improvements in order to facilitate improved grazing management or enhance other multiple uses. Cooperators may include lenders which provide the funds that operators contribute for improvements.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Forms:

- Form 4120-6 (Cooperative Range Improvement Agreement); and
- Form 4120-7 (Range Improvement Permit).

Description of Respondents: Holders of BLM grazing permits or grazing leases; affected individuals and households; and affected tribal, state, and county agencies.

Estimated Annual Responses: 1,110.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 1,640.

Estimated Annual Non-Hour Costs: None.

The estimated burdens are itemized in the following table:

Type of response A	Number of responses B	Hours per response C	Total hours (Column B × Column C) D
Cooperative Range Improvement Agreement, 43 CFR 4120.3–2, Form 4120–6 and related non-form information	500	2	1,000
Range Improvement Permit, 43 CFR 4120.3–3, Form 4120–7 and related non-form information	30	2	60
Affected Public/Individuals and Households, 43 CFR 4120.5–1	50	1	50
Affected Public/Tribal, State, and County Agencies, 43 CFR 4120.5–2	530	1	530
Total	1,110	1,640

Jean Sonneman,
 Bureau of Land Management, Information
 Collection Clearance Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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**Renewal of Approved Information
 Collection; OMB Control No. 1004–
 0121**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management,
 Interior.

ACTION: 30-Day notice and request for
 comments.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land
 Management (BLM) has submitted an
 information collection request to the
 Office of Management and Budget
 (OMB) to continue the collection of
 information regarding authorizations
 pertaining to solid minerals other than
 coal and oil shale. The Office of
 Management and Budget (OMB)
 previously approved this information
 collection activity, and assigned it
 control number 1004–0121.

DATES: The OMB is required to respond
 to this information collection request
 within 60 days but may respond after 30
 days. For maximum consideration,
 written comments should be received
 on or before April 29, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Please submit comments
 directly to the Desk Officer for the
 Department of the Interior (OMB #1004–
 0121), Office of Management and
 Budget, Office of Information and
 Regulatory Affairs, fax 202–395–5806,
 or by electronic mail at *OIRA_*
submission@omb.eop.gov. Please
 provide a copy of your comments to the
 BLM. You may do so via mail, fax, or
 electronic mail.

Mail: U.S. Department of the Interior,
 Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C
 Street NW., Room 2134LM, Attention:
 Jean Sonneman, Washington, DC 20240.

Fax: to Jean Sonneman at 202–245–
 0050.

Electronic mail: *Jean_Sonneman@*
blm.gov.

Please indicate “Attn: 1004–0121”
 regardless of the form of your
 comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Vince Vogt, at 202–912–7125. Persons
 who use a telecommunication device for
 the deaf may call the Federal
 Information Relay Service at 1–800–
 877–8339, to leave a message for Mr.
 Vogt. You may also review the
 information collection request online at
[http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain)
PRAMain.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
 Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C.
 3501–3521) and OMB regulations at 5
 CFR part 1320 provide that an agency
 may not conduct or sponsor a collection
 of information unless it displays a
 currently valid OMB control number.
 Until OMB approves a collection of
 information, you are not obligated to
 respond. In order to obtain and renew
 an OMB control number, Federal
 agencies are required to seek public
 comment on information collection and
 recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR
 1320.8(d) and 1320.12(a)).

As required at 5 CFR 1320.8(d), the
 BLM published a 60-day notice in the
Federal Register on September 16, 2015
 (80 FR 55640), and the comment period
 ended November 16, 2015. The BLM
 received no comments.

The BLM now requests comments on
 the following subjects:

1. Whether the collection of
 information is necessary for the proper
 functioning of the BLM, including
 whether the information will have
 practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the BLM’s estimate
 of the burden of collecting the
 information, including the validity of
 the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility and clarity of
 the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the information
 collection burden on those who are to

respond, including the use of
 appropriate automated, electronic,
 mechanical, or other forms of
 information technology.

Please send comments as directed
 under **ADDRESSES** and **DATES**. Please
 refer to OMB control number 1004–0121
 in your correspondence. 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.

The following information pertains to
 this request:

Title: Leasing of Solid Minerals Other
 Than Coal and Oil Shale (43 CFR parts
 3500, 3580, and 3590).

OMB Control Number: 1004–0121.

Abstract: This control number enables
 the BLM to fulfill its responsibilities
 regarding prospecting permits,
 exploration licenses, leases, the
 exchange of leases, use permits, and the
 regulation of mining activities for solid
 minerals other than coal or oil shale.
 The information activities currently
 approved under control number 1004–
 0121 include requirements that an
 applicant, a permittee or a lessee submit
 information that enables the BLM to:

- Determine if applicants, permittees,
 and lessees meet qualification criteria;
- Assure compliance with various
 other legal requirements relating to the
 leasing of solid minerals other than coal
 or oil shale;
- Gather data needed to determine
 the environmental impacts of
 developing solid leasable minerals other
 than coal or oil shale;
- Maintain accurate leasing records;
 and
- Oversee and manage the leasing of
 solid minerals other than coal or oil
 shale.

Forms: