

identified issues to be addressed in the plans, and will place them into one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the plans;
2. Issues to be resolved through policy or administrative action; or
3. Issues beyond the scope of these plans.

The BLM and USFS will provide an explanation in the Draft MMPs/Draft EIS as to why an issue was placed in category two or three. The public is also encouraged to help identify any management questions and concerns that should be addressed in the plans.

The BLM and USFS will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns.

The BLM and USFS will utilize and coordinate the NEPA scoping process to help fulfill the public involvement process under the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. 306108) as provided in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). The information about historic and cultural resources within the area potentially affected by the proposed action will assist the BLM and USFS in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources.

The BLM and USFS will consult with Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175 and other policies. Tribal concerns, including impacts on Indian trust assets and potential impacts to cultural resources, will be given full consideration consistent with these authorities and policies. Federal, State, and local agencies, along with tribes and other stakeholders that may be interested in or affected by the proposed action that the BLM and USFS are evaluating, are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM and USFS to participate in the development of the environmental analysis as a cooperating agency.

The BLM and USFS will use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the plans in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Specialists with expertise in the following disciplines will be involved in the planning process: Rangeland management, minerals and geology, forestry, outdoor recreation, archaeology, paleontology, wildlife and fisheries, lands and realty, hydrology, soils, sociology, and economics.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1501.7, 43 CFR 1610.2.

**Edwin L. Roberson,**  
*State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

**[LLW035000.L14400000.PN0000.18X; OMB Control Number 1004-0153]**

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Conveyance of Federally Owned Mineral Interests

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

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), are proposing to renew an information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 19, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 2134LM, Washington DC 20240, Attention: Jean Sonneman; by email to [jesonnem@blm.gov](mailto:jesonnem@blm.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1004-0153 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Robert Jolley by email at [rbjolley@blm.gov](mailto:rbjolley@blm.gov), or by telephone at (202) 912-7350.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the BLM; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the

BLM enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the BLM minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

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 ICR. 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.

**Abstract:** Section 209(b) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 U.S.C. 1719) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to convey Federally-owned mineral interests to non-Federal owners of the surface estate. The respondents in this information collection are non-Federal owners of surface estates who apply for underlying Federally-owned mineral interests. This information collection enables the BLM to determine if the applicants are eligible to receive title to the Federally-owned mineral interests beneath their lands. Regulations at 43 CFR part 2720 establish guidelines and procedures for the processing of these applications.

**Title of Collection:** Conveyance of Federally-Owned Mineral Interests.

**OMB Control Number:** 1004-0153.

**Form Numbers:** None.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Owners of surface estates (*i.e.*, individuals, businesses, or state, local, or tribal governments) that want to obtain underlying Federally-owned mineral estates.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:** 11 businesses, 10 individuals, and 3 State/Local/Tribal Governments.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 24.

**Estimated Completion Time per Response:** 10 hours per response.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 240 hours.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

**Frequency of Collection:** On occasion.

**Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:** \$1,200 dollars.

Type of response	Number of responses	Hours per response	Total hours (Column B × Column C)
A.	B.	C.	D.
Conveyance of Federally-Owned Mineral Interests—Businesses .....	11	10	110
Conveyance of Federally-Owned Mineral Interests—Individuals .....	10	10	100
Conveyance of Federally-Owned Mineral Interests—State/Local/Tribal Governments .....	3	10	30
Totals .....	24	.....	240

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.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

**Jean Sonneman,**  
Information Collection Clearance Officer,  
Bureau of Land Management.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Onshore Oil and Gas Operations and Production**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), are proposing to renew an information collection with revisions.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 15, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on this information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget’s Desk Officer for the

Department of the Interior by email at *OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov*; or via facsimile to (202) 395-5806. Please provide a copy of your comments to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 2134LM, Washington, DC 20240, Attention: Jean Sonneman; or by email to *jesonnem@blm.gov*. Please reference OMB Control Number 1004-0137 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Subijoy Dutta by email at *sdutta@blm.gov*, or by telephone at 202-912-7152. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on September 12, 2017 (82 FR 42832). No comments were received.

We are again soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection

necessary to the proper functions of the BLM; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the BLM enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the BLM minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit 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 us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

*Abstract:* Various Federal and Indian mineral leasing statutes authorize the BLM to grant and manage onshore oil and gas leases on Federal and Indian (except Osage Tribe) lands. In order to fulfill its responsibilities under these statutes, the BLM needs to perform the information collection (IC) activities set forth in the regulations at 43 CFR parts 3160 and 3170, and in onshore oil and gas orders promulgated in accordance with 43 CFR 3164.1. The BLM requests renewal and revision of OMB control number 1004-0137. Some of the revisions are a result of the rules and the order that are listed in the following table:

**RECENT BLM ACTIONS THAT AFFECT INFORMATION COLLECTION ACTIVITIES IN CONTROL NO. 1004-0137**

Title of order or rule	Regulatory information No.	Federal Register citation	Control No.
Onshore Oil and Gas Operations; Federal and Indian Oil and Gas Leases; Onshore Oil and Gas Order Number 1, Approval of Operations (Final Order).	RIN 1004-AE37	82 FR 2906 (Jan. 10, 2017)	1004-0213 (expires March 31, 2020).
Onshore Oil and Gas Operations; Federal and Indian Oil and Gas Leases; Site Security (Final Rule).	RIN 1004-AE15	81 FR 81356 (Nov. 17, 2016)	1004-0207 (expires Jan. 31, 2020).
Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation (Final Rule) <sup>1</sup> .	RIN 1004-AE14	81 FR 83008 (Nov. 18, 2016)	1004-0211 (expires Jan. 31, 2018).

<sup>1</sup> This rule is under review in federal district court (*State of Wyoming v. U.S. Department of the Interior*, Case No. 2:16-CV-0285-SWS (D. Wyo.)).