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(4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

Dated: September 13, 2017.

Anna P. Guido,

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5997-N-57]

30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Housing Counseling Program—Application for Approval as a Housing Counseling Agency

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD submitted the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 30 days of public comment.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* October 23, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-5806, Email: OIRASubmission@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inez C. Downs, Reports Management Officer, QMAC, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; email Inez.C.Downs@hud.gov, or telephone 202-402-8046. This is not a toll-free number. Person with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Downs.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

The **Federal Register** notice that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 60 days was published on July 14, 2017 at 82 FR 32568.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Housing Counseling Program—Application for Approval as a Housing Counseling Agency.

OMB Approval Number: 2502-0573.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Form Number: HUD-9900.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: The Office of Housing Counseling is responsible for administration of the Department's Housing Counseling Program, authorized by Section 106 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. The Housing Counseling Program supports the delivery of a wide variety of housing counseling services to homebuyers, homeowners, low- to moderate-income renters, and the homeless. The primary objective of the program is to educate families and individuals in order to help them make smart decisions regarding improving their housing situation and meeting the responsibilities of tenancy and homeownership, including through budget and financial counseling.

Counselors also help borrowers avoid predatory lending practices, such as inflated appraisals, unreasonably high interest rates, unaffordable repayment terms, and other conditions that can result in a loss of equity, increased debt, default, and possible foreclosure. Counselors may also provide reverse mortgage counseling to elderly homeowners who seek to convert equity in their homes to pay for home improvements, medical costs, living expenses or other expenses. Additionally, housing counselors may distribute and be a resource for information concerning Fair Housing and Fair Lending. The Housing Counseling Program is instrumental to achievement of HUD's mission. The Program's far-reaching effects support numerous departmental programs, including Federal Housing Administration (FHA) single family housing programs.

Approximately 1,900 HUD-participating agencies provide housing

counseling services nation-wide currently. Of these, approximately 920 have been directly approved by HUD. HUD maintains a list of these agencies so that individuals in need of assistance can easily access the nearest HUD-approved housing counseling agency via HUD's Web site, an automated 1-800 Hotline, or a smart phone application. HUD Form 9900, Application for Approval as a Housing Counseling Agency, is necessary to make sure that people who contact a HUD approved agency can have confidence they will receive quality service and these agencies meet HUD requirements for approval.

To participate in HUD's Housing Counseling Program, a housing counseling agency must first be approved by HUD. Approval entails meeting various requirements relating to experience and capacity, including nonprofit status, a minimum of one year of housing counseling experience in the target community, and sufficient resources to implement a housing counseling plan. Eligible organizations include local housing counseling agencies, private or public organizations (including grassroots, faith-based and other community-based organizations) such as nonprofit, state, or public housing authorities that meet the Program criteria. HUD uses form HUD-9900 to evaluate whether applying organizations meet minimum requirements to participate in the Housing Counseling Program. The instruction on how to become a HUD approved Housing Counseling Agency is found at <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/housing-counseling/agency-application/>. HUD is seeking a revision for the Application for Approval as a Housing Counseling Agency, form HUD-9900. There have been no changes in program eligibility requirements. The form will be updated to reflect a streamlined, fillable PDF interactive version and will continue to require electronic submission of applications through email in place of paper submissions.

Respondents (i.e. affected public): Not for profit institution.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 800.

Estimated Number of Responses: 800.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Hours per Response: 8.

Total Estimated Burden: 6,400.

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of

information described in Section A on the following:

(1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed 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 those who are to respond: Including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

Dated: September 15, 2017.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting for the John Day—Snake Resource Advisory Council, Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) John Day—Snake Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The RAC will hold a public meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2017, from 12:00 p.m. until 5 p.m., and on Friday, October 13, 2017, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. A public comment period will be held during Friday's meeting from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Springhill Suites, 551 Industrial Way, Bend, OR 97702. If you cannot attend the meeting in person, you may

call in on the telephone conference line number at 1-877-989-1244, Participant Code: 3005406#. The agenda will be posted online by September 11, 2017, at <https://www.blm.gov/site-page/get-involved-resource-advisory-council-near-you-oregon-washington-john-day-rac>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Clark, Public Affairs Officer, BLM Prineville District Office, 3050 NE 3rd St., Prineville, Oregon 97754; 541-416-6700; lmclark@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1(800) 877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS 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 15-member John Day—Snake RAC was chartered to provide advice to BLM and U.S. Forest Service resource managers regarding management plans and proposed resource actions on public land in central and eastern Oregon. All advisory council meetings are open to the public. If you have information that you wish to distribute to the RAC, please do so prior to the start of each meeting.

Agenda items for the meeting include: A presentation on the Ochoco National Forest sustainable recreation strategy and subsequent fee proposal; a subcommittee report on the Lower Deschutes River Fee Proposal and potential decision; an update on Central and Eastern Oregon Greater sage-grouse populations, including an overview of the causal factor analysis process and any plans for reducing impacts to local Sage-Grouse populations; a presentation by the South Fork John Day Watershed Council; a fee proposal by the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest; an update on the Blue Mountain Forest Resiliency project; and an update on Torrefied Biomass as a fuel commodity by Matt Krumenauer, Principle, Oregon Torrefaction, LLC. In addition, RAC members will set the 2018 meeting schedule and will identify future-topic presentations for the RAC meetings. Any other matters that may reasonably come before the RAC may also be addressed. A public comment period will be available on October 13 from 10:00-10:30 a.m. During this time, each speaker may address the RAC for a maximum of 5 minutes. Meeting times and the duration of the public comment period may be extended or altered when the authorized representative considers it necessary to accommodate business

and all who seek to be heard regarding matters before the RAC.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, please 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.

Authority: 43 CFR 1784.4-2.

Donald Gonzalez,

Vale District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Meeting for the Steens Mountain Advisory Council's Public Land Access Subcommittee, Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Steens Mountain Advisory Council's (SMAC) Public Land Access subcommittee will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The SMAC Public Land Access subcommittee will have a field trip on Thursday, September 21, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time, and a public meeting on Friday, September 22, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The meeting may end early if all business items are accomplished ahead of schedule, or may be extended if discussions warrant more time.

ADDRESSES: The field trip will begin at 9 a.m. at the Roaring Springs Ranch, 31437 Highway 205, Frenchglen, Oregon, 97736. The meeting will be held at the same location. Written comments may be sent to the BLM Burns District office, 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tara Thissell, Public Affairs Specialist, 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738; telephone 541-573-4519; email tthissell@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf