

adopt to result in safer, stronger, and more resilient communities and also to promote protection of listed species and their critical habitats. Specifically, FEMA is seeking input through a series of questions in the RFI on opportunities for the agency to improve the minimum floodplain management standards for land management and use which better align the NFIP with the current understanding of flood risk and flood risk reduction approaches. Current FEMA floodplain management standards for flood-prone area regulations have not been revised since they were implemented in 1976. The agency is considering revision to these regulations based on its current understanding of flood risk and flood risk reduction approaches and is now taking a thorough review of the floodplain management standards, along with prior published studies and reports, to determine how these standards can best meet FEMA and stakeholder needs.<sup>2</sup>

FEMA also plans to re-evaluate the implementation of the NFIP under the Endangered Species Act at the national level to complete a revised Biological Evaluation<sup>3</sup> re-examining how NFIP actions influence land development decisions; the potential for such actions to have adverse effects on listed species and critical habitats; and to identify program changes to mitigate adverse effects to avoid jeopardy to listed species and/or critical habitats. Public feedback will help FEMA with this process.

The purpose of this request for information is to seek feedback on the agency's request for information on the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Floodplain Management Standards for Land Management and Use, and an Assessment of the Program's Impact on Threatened and Endangered Species and Their Habitat published October 12, 2021. Individuals cannot apply for FEMA assistance by submitting a comment in the **Federal Register** or at these public meetings. If you are an individual who has been impacted by a disaster and you are seeking assistance from FEMA, please visit <https://www.fema.gov/assistance/>

<sup>2</sup> See generally "National Flood Insurance Program: Evaluation Studies" found at <http://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/rules-legislation/2006-evaluation> (last accessed July 8, 2021) and "Building Codes Save: A Nationwide Study of Loss Prevention" found at <http://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/building-science/building-codes-save-study> (last accessed July 8, 2021) among others.

<sup>3</sup> Agencies may submit to the Services, an evaluation on the likely effects of an action, if listed species or critical habitat are likely to be affected by Agency action.

*individual* or call the FEMA Helpline (1-800-621-3362/TTY (800) 462-7585) to apply or receive information on a pending request.

FEMA will hold public meetings to ensure all interested parties have sufficient opportunity to provide comments on FEMA programs. As the RFI seeks information regarding a series of questions, the public may wish to review the RFI in advance of these meetings. FEMA will carefully consider all relevant comments received during the meetings, and during the rest of the RFI's comment period. All comments or remarks provided on the request for information during the meeting will be recorded and posted to the rulemaking docket on <https://www.regulations.gov>.

**Deanne Criswell,**

*Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

**[L19900000.PO0000.LLWO320.20X; OMB Control No. 1004-0025]**

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Mineral Surveys, Mineral Patent Applications, Adverse Claims, Protests, and Contests

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

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

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

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 27, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your written comments on this Information Collection Request (ICR) by mail to Darrin King, Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Attention PRA Office, 440 W 200 S #500, Salt Lake City, UT 84101; or by email to [BLM\\_HQ\\_PRA\\_Comments@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_HQ_PRA_Comments@blm.gov). Please reference Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 1004-0025 in the subject line of your comments. Please note that due to COVID-19, the electronic submission of comments is recommended.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about

this ICR, contact Elaine Guenaga by email at [eguenaga@blm.gov](mailto:eguenaga@blm.gov), or by telephone at 775-276-0287. Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY assistance. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all information collections require approval under the PRA. The BLM may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we invite the public and other Federal agencies 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 especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) How might the agency minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

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:** The General Mining Law (30 U.S.C. 29, 30, and 39) authorizes a holder of an unpatented claim for hardrock minerals to apply for fee title (patent) to the federal land (as well as minerals) embraced in the claim. Division G, Title I of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (H.R. 133), annual appropriation bill for the Department of the Interior, has prevented the BLM from processing mineral patent applications unless the applications were grandfathered under the initial legislation. While grandfathered applications are rare at present, the approval to collect the information continues to be necessary because of the possibility that the moratorium will be lifted and applicable regulations that contain the information are still part of the Code of Federal Regulations.

There are no proposed program or other policy changes requested. The BLM will be adjusting the non-hour cost burden from \$255,375 to \$256,425, an increase of \$1,050. The adjustment results from updating costs estimates.

OMB control number 1004-0025 is scheduled to expire on February 28, 2022. This request is for OMB to renew this OMB control number for an additional three (3) years.

**Title of Collection:** Mineral Surveys, Mineral Patent Applications, Adverse Claims, Protests, and Contests (43 CFR parts 3860 and 3870).

**OMB Control Number:** 1004-0025.

**Form Numbers:** 3860-2 and 3860-5.

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

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Owners of unpatented mining claims and mill sites upon the public lands, and of reserved mineral lands of the United States, National Forests, and National Parks.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:** 1.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 10.

**Estimated Completion Time per Response:** Varies from 1-100 hours, depending on activity.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 559.

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

**Frequency of Collection:** On occasion.

**Total Estimated Annual Non-hour Burden Cost:** \$256,425.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor and, notwithstanding any other provision of law, 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 PRA of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

**Darrin A. King,**

*Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Intent To Amend the Moab, Price, and Vernal Resource Management Plans and Prepare Environmental Assessments To Comply With the 2019 Dingell Act

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to prepare up to six Environmental Assessments (EA) to amend the Resource Management Plans (RMP) for the Moab Field Office, Price Field Office, and Vernal Field Office, which were approved in 2008. By this notice, the BLM is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

**DATES:** This Notice of Intent (NOI) initiates the public scoping process for up to six amendments and associated EAs affecting three RMPs and 10 Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). The BLM requests comments concerning the scope of the analysis, planning criteria, potential alternatives, and identification of relevant information, studies, and analyses. All comments must be received in writing by November 29, 2021. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media outlets and the BLM websites at <http://go.usa.gov/xV7yu> and <https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/plans-in-development/utah/green-river-dingell-act>. In order to be included in the analyses, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 30-day scoping period as described above or within 15 days after the last public scoping meeting, whichever is later. The BLM may later hold individual project scoping periods for each of the six amendments before the publication of

the Draft RMP amendments/EAs for public comment, to be announced through the above websites.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be sent to the BLM Green River District, 170 South 500 East, Vernal, Utah 84078. Comments may also be sent via email to [blm\\_ut\\_vernal\\_comments@blm.gov](mailto:blm_ut_vernal_comments@blm.gov) or the ePlanning project specific websites. Documents pertinent to this project may be examined during regular business hours upon request using the email listed below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and/or to have your name added to the mailing list, contact Amber Koski, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, BLM Green River District, 170 South 500 East, Vernal, Utah 84078; email [blm\\_ut\\_vernal\\_comments@blm.gov](mailto:blm_ut_vernal_comments@blm.gov); telephone (435) 781-4465. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to leave a message or question for the above individual. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Replies are provided during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This action will ensure consistency with Public Law 116-9, the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act's (Dingell Act), designation of Jurassic National Monument, John Wesley Powell National Conservation Area, McCoy Flats Trail System, three Green River Wild and Recreational River segments, San Rafael Swell Recreation Area and 14 surrounding Wilderness Area designations, and release of areas in Emery County from wilderness study and three adjacent Wilderness Area designations.

#### Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action

This document provides notice that the BLM Utah Moab Field Office, Price Field Office, and Vernal Field Office plan to prepare up to six amendments for each field office's associated RMPs to ensure compliance with applicable laws, policies, and regulations. The Dingell Act requires the BLM to develop either a comprehensive management plan (Jurassic National Monument) or a management plan (John Wesley Powell National Conservation Area, McCoy Flats Trail System, and San Rafael Swell Recreation Area) for the long-term protection and management of these areas. Similarly, Public Law 99-590, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act Amendment of 1986 (WSR Act), requires the BLM to develop a management plan to provide for protection of the designated river