

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Geological Survey**

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**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget; The William T. Pecora Award Application and Nomination Process**

**AGENCY:** Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

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

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is proposing to renew an existing information collection without change.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 13, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Please provide a copy of your comments by mail to USGS, Information Collections Clearance Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 159, Reston, VA 20192 or by email to [gs-info\\_collections@usgs.gov](mailto:gs-info_collections@usgs.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1028–0101 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this information collection request (ICR), contact Sarah Cook by email at [scook@usgs.gov](mailto:scook@usgs.gov) or by telephone at 703–648–6136. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 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 November 24, 2023 (88 FR 82395). No comments were received.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we are again soliciting comments from the public and other Federal agencies on the proposed ICR that is described below. 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 the agency might 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. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

*Abstract:* The Pecora Award was established in compliance with the following authorities:

- Department of the Interior’s Appropriations Act of 1992 (sec. 115 of H.R. 2686, Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1992)
- President Obama’s “Guidance on the Use of Challenges and Prizes to Promote Open Government” March 8, 2010.
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
  - Agency-Funded and Agency-

Administered Prizes: NASA (42 U.S.C. 2459f–1)

- 42 U.S.C. 2457, The National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, as amended
- 42 U.S.C. 2458, The National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, as amended
- 5 CFR part 451, Awards

The William T. Pecora Award is presented annually to individuals or teams using satellite or aerial remote sensing that make outstanding contributions toward understanding the Earth (land, oceans, and air), educating the next generation of scientists; informing decision makers; or supporting natural or human-induced disaster response. The award is sponsored jointly by the Department of the Interior and NASA.

The award was established in 1974 to honor the memory of Dr. William T. Pecora, former director of the U.S. Geological Survey and Under Secretary, Department of the Interior. Dr. Pecora was a motivating force behind the establishment of a program for civil remote sensing of the Earth from space. His early vision and support helped establish what we know today as the Landsat satellite program. The purpose of the award is to recognize individuals or groups working in the field of remote sensing of the Earth. National and international nominations are accepted from public and private sector individuals, teams, organizations, and professional societies.

Nomination packages include three sections: a cover sheet, a summary statement, and supplemental materials. The cover sheet includes professional contact information. The summary statement is limited to two pages and describes the nominee’s achievements in the scientific and technical remote sensing community; contributions leading to successful practical applications of remote sensing; and/or major breakthroughs in remote sensing science or technology. Nominations may include up to 12 pages of supplemental materials such as a resume, a publications list, letters of endorsement, etc., which highlight the specific individual or group’s achievements. These should be peer-reviewed and documented in industry-recognized and scientifically credible publications.

*Title of Collection:* The William T. Pecora Award Application and Nomination Process.

*OMB Control Number:* 1028–0101.

*Form Number:* None.

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

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals, businesses, and other

academic and non-profit institutions; and state, local, and Tribal governments.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 12.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 12.

*Estimated Completion Time per Response:* 6 hours.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 72 hours.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Frequency of Collection:* Annually.

*Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:* None.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, nor is a person is 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 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a modified system of records.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the Department of the Interior (DOI) is issuing a public notice of its intent to modify the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Privacy Act system of records, INTERIOR/LLM-37, Wild Horse & Burro Program System (WHBPS), to consolidate two systems of records, change the title to INTERIOR/BLM-37, Wild Horse and Burro Program (WHBP), and makes changes to all sections of the system of records notice (SORN) to reflect the expanded scope of the consolidated and modified system in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) policy. This modified system will be included in DOI's inventory of record systems.

**DATES:** This modified system will be effective upon publication. New or modified routine uses will be effective May 13, 2024. Submit comments on or before May 13, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments identified by docket number [DOI-

2023-0020] by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:*

<https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for sending comments.

- *Email:* DOI\_Privacy@ios.doi.gov.

Include docket number [DOI-2023-0020] in the subject line of the message.

- *U.S. Mail or Hand-Delivery:* Teri Barnett, Departmental Privacy Officer, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Room 7112, Washington, DC 20240.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number [DOI-2023-0020]. All comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ashanti Murphy-Jones, Acting Associate Privacy Officer, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 5644, Washington, DC 20240, [blm\\_wo\\_privacy@blm.gov](mailto:blm_wo_privacy@blm.gov) or (202) 365-1429.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The BLM created the Wild Horse and Burro Program (WHBP) to implement the Wild-Free Roaming Horses and Burros Act, passed by Congress in 1971. Broadly, the law declares wild horses and burros to be "living symbols of the historic and pioneer spirit of the West" and stipulates that the BLM and the U.S. Forest Service (FS) have the responsibility to manage and protect herds in their respective jurisdictions within areas where wild horses and burros were found roaming in 1971.

To maintain wild horses and burros in good condition and protect the health of our public lands, the BLM must manage the population growth of wild horse and burro herds. Without natural population controls, such as predation, herds can increase at a rate of up to 20 percent annually, doubling in size in just 4 to 5 years, if not appropriately managed. Population control must be implemented to protect scarce and fragile resources in the arid West and ensure healthy animals. To carry out this mission, the BLM controls herd growth through the application of fertility measures, such as birth control, and through the periodic removals of excess animals and the placement of those animals into private care.

The BLM manages the WHBP, which includes records on individuals covered by two SORNs. The INTERIOR/BLM-28,

Adopt a Wild Horse, 51 FR 25111 (July 10, 1986), modifications published at 73 FR 17376 (April 1, 2008) and 86 FR 50156 (September 7, 2021). SORN covers the management of placing excess animals into private care through its adoption and sales programs. The INTERIOR/LLM-37, Wild Horse & Burro Program System (WHBPS), 72 FR 67956 (December 3, 2007), modifications published at 73 FR 17376 (April 1, 2008) and 86 FR 50156 (September 7, 2021), SORN covers the overall management, protection, and study of wild and free-roaming horses and burros on public lands in the United States.

During an annual review of these notices, the BLM determined that these two systems were managed by one system manager located in the WHBP Office, shared the same legal authorities, and generally had the same overarching purposes, categories of individuals and records, and retention. In an effort to streamline WHBP functions, improve consistency, and eliminate duplicative content, the BLM is proposing to consolidate these two systems of records into one, and change the system name from INTERIOR/LLM-37, Wild Horse & Burro Program System (WHBPS), to INTERIOR/BLM-37, Wild Horse and Burro Program (WHBP), to reflect the program-level management and clearly describe the records collected, used, and/or maintained in support of the overall WHBP. This notice also reorganizes the sections and provides updates to all sections to accurately reflect the scope of the new consolidated system of records in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 and OMB Circular A-108, *Federal Agency Responsibilities for Review, Reporting, and Publication under the Privacy Act*. The INTERIOR/BLM-28, Adopt a Wild Horse, SORN will be rescinded after the publication and comment period for the new consolidated SORN.

This revised notice combines the records in the two previous systems of records under one program SORN; updates the system location to reflect a centralized point of contact for the program; updates authorities to properly cite to all the specific programmatic authorities for collecting, maintaining, using, and disseminating the information under the WHBP; adds a new section to describe the purposes of the system; expands on the categories of individuals and categories of records to more accurately reflect the types of individuals and administrative records contained within the system; updates the record sources to include a more inclusive list; provides updates for the storage, retrieval, safeguards, and