
**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

JUSTIFICATION FOR A NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE REQUEST

**PERMITS FOR RECREATION ON PUBLIC LANDS
(43 CFR PART 2930)**

OMB CONTROL NUMBER 1004-0119

The EXPLORE Act (Pub. L. 18–234) was signed into law on January 4, 2025. The Act *inter alia* changed the definitions of the types of Special Recreation Permits. The Bureau of Land Management is proposing to remove one question and the associated definitions from the Form 2930-1 to comply with the new law.

The EXPLORE Act introduced statutory changes that impact how we define and administer Special Recreation Permits, including refined definitions for permit types, which was Commercial, Competitive, Organized Group, and Vending. These changes aim to improve consistency and better reflect the range of recreational activities occurring on public lands.

Historically, the BLM has asked applicants to indicate the type of permit they were applying for on Form 2930-1, this was in a simple checkbox format. However, under the EXPLORE Act, there are new considerations that affect how applicants may qualify for various permit types. As a result, BLM is transitioning to a process where the agency—rather than the proponent—determines the appropriate permit type after a full review of the completed application. No longer will the applicant need to attempt to determine the type of permit for which they are applying. This shift is intended to ensure consistent application of the updated definitions and to reduce confusion for applicants navigating the permitting process.

Form 2930-1 is being updated to reflect these changes. Specifically, the check boxes pertaining to permit type in question 11 are being removed because the underlying definitions no longer apply. This change is not projected to impact the estimated public reporting burden.

The current and revised versions of the Form 2930-1 are included with this change request. The EXPLORE Act is also provide as a reference as a supplementary document.

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