

measures to minimize and/or avoid adverse environmental impacts, and any other information relevant to the Proposed Action.

The BLM also requests assistance with identifying potential alternatives to the Proposed Action. As alternatives should resolve an issue with the Proposed Action, please indicate the purpose of the suggested alternative. In addition, the BLM requests the identification of potential issues that should be analyzed. Issues should be a result of the Proposed Action or Alternatives; therefore, please identify the activity along with the potential issues.

Lead and Cooperating Agencies

The BLM Pahrump Field Office is the lead agency for this EIS and RMP amendment. The BLM has initially invited 27 Agencies and 15 Indian Tribal Nations to be cooperating agencies to participate in the environmental analysis of the Project.

Of those invited, 11 agencies have accepted cooperating agency status: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Ecological Services Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Migratory Bird Program; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9; Clark County Department of Aviation; Clark County Department of Environment and Sustainability; Nye County; Nevada Department of Wildlife; Nevada Division of Forestry; Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Off-Highway Vehicles Program; Nevada Division of Emergency Management; and Nevada Department of Public Safety. Additional agencies and organizations may be identified as potential cooperating agencies to participate in the environmental analysis of the Project.

Responsible Official

The Nevada State Director is the deciding official for this planning effort and proposed Copper Rays Solar Project.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The nature of the decision to be made will be the State Director's selection of land use planning decisions for managing BLM-administered lands under the principles of multiple use and sustained yield in a manner that best addresses the purpose and need.

The BLM will decide whether to grant, grant with conditions, or deny the right of way application. Pursuant to 43 CFR 2805.10, if the BLM issues right-of-way grant(s), the BLM decision maker may include terms, conditions, and stipulations determined to be in the public interest.

Interdisciplinary Team

The BLM will use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the EIS/RMP amendment in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Specialists with expertise in the following disciplines will be involved in this process: air quality, archaeology, botany, climate change (greenhouse gases), environmental justice, fire and fuels, geology/mineral resources, hazardous materials, hydrology, invasive/non-native species, lands and realty, National Conservation Lands, National Trails, public health and safety, recreation/transportation, socioeconomics, soils, visual resources, and wildlife.

Additional Information

The BLM will identify, analyze, and consider mitigation to address the reasonably foreseeable impacts to resources from the proposed plan amendment and all analyzed reasonable alternatives and, in accordance with 40 CFR 1502.14(e), include appropriate mitigation measures not already included in the proposed plan amendment or alternatives. Mitigation may include avoidance, minimization, rectification, reduction or elimination over time, and compensation; and may be considered at multiple scales, including the landscape scale.

The BLM will utilize and coordinate the NEPA and land use planning processes for this planning effort to help support compliance with applicable procedural requirements under the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1536) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. 306108) as provided in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3), including public involvement requirements of Section 106. The information about historic and cultural resources and threatened and endangered species within the area potentially affected by the proposed plan amendment will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources.

The BLM will consult with Tribal Nations on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175, BLM MS 1780, and other policies. Tribal concerns, including impacts on Indian trust assets and potential impacts to cultural resources, will be given due consideration. Federal, State, and local agencies, along with Tribal Nations, and other stakeholders that may be interested in or affected by the proposed action that the BLM is evaluating, are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested

by the BLM to participate in the development of the environmental analysis as a cooperating agency. The BLM intends to hold a series of government-to-government consultation meetings. The BLM will send invites to potentially affected Tribal Nations prior to the meetings. The BLM will provide additional opportunities for government-to-government consultation during the NEPA process.

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.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7, 43 CFR 1610.2, and 2800)

Jon Raby,
State Director.

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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; Permits for Recreation on Public Land

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 14, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for this information collection request (ICR) should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about

this ICR, contact KC Craven by email at kcraven@blm.gov, or by telephone at (702) 515-5374. 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: In accordance with the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on new, proposed, revised and continuing collections of information. This helps the BLM assess impacts of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand BLM information collection requirements and ensure requested data are provided 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 August 15, 2022 (87 FR 50118). No comments were received.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we are again inviting the public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed ICR described below. The BLM is especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether the 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 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 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 submitted 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: The BLM is required to manage commercial, competitive and organized group recreational uses of the public lands, and individual use of special areas. The BLM must assess, evaluate and authorize (permit) activities proposed to be conducted on public land. The estimated annual burden is estimated to increase by 308 hours (from 5,292 to 5,600). This increase in burden hours results from increasing the number of estimated annual responses from 1,323 to 1,400. The increase in the number of responses is a result of increase demand for recreation permits. This OMB Control Number is currently scheduled to expire on April 30, 2023. The BLM request that OMB renew this OMB Control Number for an additional three years.

Title of Collection: Permits for Recreation on Public Lands (43 CFR part 2930).

OMB Control Number: 1004-0119.

Form Numbers: 2930-001—Special Recreation Application.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Applicants for recreational use of public lands managed by the BLM.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 1,400.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 1,400.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: 4 hours.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 5,600.

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

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: None.

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 King,

Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Notice of Intent To Prepare North Cascades Ecosystem Grizzly Bear Restoration Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, Washington

AGENCIES: National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) are jointly preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the North Cascades Ecosystem Grizzly Bear Restoration Plan to determine how to restore the grizzly bear to the North Cascades ecosystem (NCE), a portion of its historical range. As part of the planning and EIS process, the NPS and the FWS will evaluate various approaches for the restoration of a grizzly bear population to the NCE. Action is needed to restore grizzly bears to the NCE because they are functionally extirpated from the ecosystem, and restoration there will contribute to overall grizzly bear recovery.

DATES: All comments must be received or postmarked by December 14, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Comment submission: To submit comments for consideration in development of the EIS, you may use any one of the following methods:

- **Agency website:** <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/NCEGrizzly>.
- **U.S. mail:** Office of the Superintendent, 810 State Route 20, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284; or Washington Fish and Wildlife Office, 500 Desmond Dr. SE, Lacey, WA 98503.

Document availability: Information regarding the public scoping process for the EIS and virtual public meetings is available for public review online at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/NCEGrizzly>; or, by appointment in the Office of the Superintendent, 810 State Route 20, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284 (360-854-7200, telephone); and in the Washington Fish and Wildlife Office, 500 Desmond Dr. SE, Lacey, WA 98503 (360-753-9440, telephone).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise Shultz, Public Information Officer, North Cascades National Park Service Complex, 810 State Route 20, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284 (360-854-7200; nce_grizzly@nps.gov), or Andrew LaValle, Public Affairs Specialist, Washington Fish and Wildlife Office, 500 Desmond Dr. SE, Lacey, WA 98503 (nce_grizzly@nps.gov).