

the Program develops its next implementation schedule.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tribal staff should contact buybackprogram@ios.doi.gov with questions regarding the expressions of interest. Landowners seeking to register their interest should contact the Call Center at (888) 678–6836.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Buy-Back Program is the Department of the Interior's collaborative effort with Indian Country to realize the historic opportunity afforded by the *Cobell* Settlement—a \$1.9 billion Trust Land Consolidation Fund—to compensate individuals who voluntarily choose to sell fractional land interests for fair market value. Purchased lands are then transferred to the tribal government with jurisdiction for uses to benefit the tribal community as a whole.

Individuals who accept their purchase offers receive payments directly into their Individual Indian Money accounts at the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians (OST). In addition to receiving fair market value based on objective appraisals, individuals also receive a base payment of \$75 per offer, regardless of the value of the land.

The Department is currently implementing the Buy-Back Program at multiple locations across Indian Country. Thus far, the Program has paid nearly \$715 million directly to individuals who have chosen to sell fractional interests. This has restored the equivalent of more than 1.5 million acres to tribes. Our working relationships with tribes (25 cooperative agreements or other arrangements to date) and continued outreach to landowners are important elements of continued progress.

II. Planning Initiative—Tribal Nations

The Buy-Back Program's implementation schedule has thus far been guided by various planning activities, an open solicitation from November 2013–March 2014, and by a number of factors developed in partnership with tribal leaders and individuals through early Program consultation and one-on-one meetings. Those factors include severity of fractionation; degree of ownership overlap between locations; geographic location to maximize efficiency and resources; appraisal complexity; and overall interest of a tribe.

Using this strategy, the Department identified 42 locations where land consolidation activities—such as

planning, outreach, mapping, mineral evaluations, appraisals or acquisitions—are expected to take place through the middle of 2017. These communities represented approximately 83 percent of all outstanding fractional interests across Indian Country. More information on this selection can be found in the Program's 2014 Status Report: <https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/Buy-BackProgramStatusReport-11-20-14.pdf>.

The Program is currently inviting all eligible tribal governments that exercise jurisdiction over locations not on its current implementation schedule to submit expressions of interest regarding participation. In addition to noting any interest, the Program also seeks to understand what plans each tribal government may have to utilize consolidated lands, such as economic development, additional housing, infrastructure improvements, habitat protection, and cultural preservation. Details regarding this solicitation are available at <https://www.doi.gov/buybackprogram/tribes>. This will likely be one of the final opportunities for the remaining eligible tribal governments to register their interest in participating in the Program. The Program will accept expressions of interest through March 11, 2016.

III. Planning Initiative—Interested Landowners

There are about 245,000 owners of nearly three million fractional interests across Indian Country who are eligible to participate in the Buy-Back Program. Many receive little or no economic benefit from what are often small, undivided interests in lands that cannot be utilized due to their highly fractionated state.

Since the inception of the Buy-Back Program, it has been a priority to provide as much access to information as possible to landowners who may be interested in participating. Across the Department, teams within the Offices of the Secretary and Deputy Secretary, OST and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) have conducted significant outreach to provide resources to individuals so that they may make informed decisions about the use of their fractional land.

The level of interest—or willing sellers—registered with the Department has always been one of the determining factors as the Program develops its implementation schedules. In fact, we have identified more than 15,000 unique willing sellers across the country. The Program has now launched a nationwide recruitment drive to further identify and engage landowners

who are interested in participating in the Program.

Interested landowners should call the Call Center at (888) 678–6836 to register their interest and confirm contact information. While landowners who do not register as willing sellers may still receive an offer, contacting the Call Center is the best way to ensure that the Program is aware of their interest in receiving and considering an offer. Registration in no way commits a landowner to sell their land and is no guarantee that they will receive an offer; it merely identifies the landowner's interest in receiving an offer.

IV. Additional Resources

Information about the Program is available at: <http://www.doi.gov/buybackprogram>. To learn more about how the Program works, understand the appraisal process, or receive financial training and resources to think strategically about how to use funds they may receive, individuals can contact the Call Center or visit their local OST or BIA office.

Extensive frequently asked questions and answers are also online at: <http://www.doi.gov/buybackprogram/landowners/upload/Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf>.

Dated: December 21, 2015.

Michael L. Connor,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Proposed Renewal of Information Collection; Historic Preservation Certification Application

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (National Park Service, NPS) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to renew approval for the information collection (IC) described below. To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and as a part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this IC. This IC is scheduled to expire on July 31, 2016. We may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

DATES: Please submit your comment on or before March 14, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Please send your comments on the ICR to Madonna L. Baucum, Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Room 2C114, Mail Stop 242, Reston, VA 20192 (mail); or *madonna_baucum@nps.gov* (email). Please reference “1024–0009” in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Goeken, Chief, Technical Preservation Services, 1849 C St. NW. (2255), Washington, DC 20240. You may send an email to *brian_goeken@nps.gov* or via fax at (202) 371–1616.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program encourages private sector investment in the rehabilitation and re-use of historic buildings. Through this program, underutilized or vacant schools, warehouses, factories, retail stores, apartments, hotels, houses, offices, and other buildings throughout the country, of every period, size, style and type, have been returned to useful life in a manner that maintains their historic character.

Section 47 of the Internal Revenue Code requires that the Secretary of the Interior certify to the Secretary of the Treasury upon application by owners of historic properties for Federal tax benefits: (a) The historic character of the property, and (b) that the rehabilitation

work is consistent with that historic character. We administer the program with the Internal Revenue Service in partnership with the State Historic Preservation Offices. We use the Historic Preservation Certification Application (Forms 10–168, 10–168a, 10–168b, and 10–168c) to evaluate the condition and historic significance of buildings undergoing rehabilitation for continued use, and to evaluate whether or not the rehabilitation work meets the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation. Regulations at 36 CFR part 67 contain a requirement for completion of an application form. We need the information required on the application form to allow the authorized officer to determine if the applicant is qualified to obtain historic preservation certifications from the Secretary of the Interior. These certifications are necessary for an applicant to receive substantial Federal tax incentives authorized by Section 47 of the Internal Revenue Code. These incentives include a 20% Federal income tax credit for the rehabilitation of historic buildings and an income tax deduction for the donation of easements on historic properties. The Internal Revenue Code also provides a 10% Federal income tax credit for the rehabilitation of nonhistoric buildings built before 1936, and an owner of a nonhistoric building in a historic district must also use the application to obtain a certification from the Secretary of the Interior that his or her building does not contribute to the significance of the historic district

before claiming this lesser tax credit for rehabilitation.

State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs) are the first point of contact for property owners wishing to use the rehabilitation tax credit. They help applicants determine if an historic building is eligible for Federal or State historic preservation tax incentives, provide guidance on an application before or after the project begins, and provide advice on appropriate preservation work. SHPOs use Forms 10–168d and 10–168e to make recommendations to NPS.

In accordance with 36 CFR 67, we also collect information for: (1) Certifications of State and local statutes (§ 67.8), (2) certifications of State or local historic districts (§ 67.9), and (3) appeals (§ 67.10).

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1024–0009.

Title: Historic Preservation Certification Application—36 CFR part 67.

Form Numbers (s): 10–168, 10–168a, 10–168b, 10–168c, 10–168d, and 10–168e.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection of information.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households, businesses, and other for-profit entities.

Respondent’s Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Activity	Estimated total annual responses	Estimated average completion time	Estimated total annual burden hours
Part 1—Form 10–168	1,117	27	15,066
Part 2—Form 10–168a	1,181	51	30,090
Amendment—Form 10–168b	1,817	17	15,436
Part 3—Form 10–168c	790	14	5,530
State Review			
Form 10–168d	1,117	2.5	2,793
Form 10–168e (for Part 2s)	1,181	5	5,905
Form 10–168e (for Part 3s)	790	3.5	2,765
Form 10–168e (for Amds.)	1,817	2.5	4,543
Certification of Statutes	2	5	10
Certification of Historic Districts	2	60	120
Appeals	34	40	160
Totals	9,848	82,418

Estimated Total Annual Nonhour Cost Burden: \$3,407.43, primarily associated with application fees and other costs, such as printing photographs and architectural drawings.

III. Comments

We invite comments concerning this IC on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;

- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Please note that the 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.

Dated: January 7, 2016.

Madonna L. Baucum,
Information Collection Clearance Officer,
National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request: NPS Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) General Submission, Annual Review, Amendment, and Exhibitor Forms

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (National Park Service, NPS) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve an information collection (IC) described below. This is a renewal for a collection currently consisting of four forms (General Submission, Annual Review, Amendment, and Exhibitor Submission) used by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (NPS IACUC/the Committee) to ensure compliance with the Animal Welfare Act (AWA), its regulations (AWAR) and standards, and the Interagency Research Animal Committee (IRAC) principles for projects involving the use of vertebrate animals in research, teaching, and/or exhibition. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. We may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

DATES: To ensure that your comments on this IC are considered, we must receive them on or before March 14, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments on this IC to Phadrea Ponds, Information Collection Coordinator, National Park Service, 1201 Oakridge Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80525 (mail); or pponds@nps.gov (email). Please reference Information Collection "1024-0265 IACUC" in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Aaron Smith, NPS IACUC Administrator by mail at Biological Resource Division, 1201 Oakridge Dr, Suite 200, Fort Collins, CO, 80525 or aaron_d_smith@nps.gov (email). You may also contact Tracy Thompson at tracy_thompson@nps.gov (email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

All research, teaching, and exhibition projects involving vertebrate animals taking place on NPS territories must be approved by the NPS IACUC prior to their commencement. Principal Investigators (PI) are required to submit the completed General Submission, Annual Renewal, Amendment, or Exhibitor Submission as required for approval to the NPS IACUC Office.

II. Data

OMB Number: 1024-0265.
Title: NPS Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) General Submission, Annual Review, Amendment, and Exhibitor Forms.
Type of Request: Renewal.
Affected Public: Any researcher affiliated with an academic research institution; or state or federal agency.
Respondent Obligation: Mandatory.
Frequency of Collection: One-time, on occasion.
Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 190.
Annual Burden Hours: 570 hours. We expect to receive 190 annual responses. We estimate an average of 3 hours per response.
Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden: We have not identified any "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this collection of information.

III. Request for Comments

We invite comments concerning this information collection on:

- The practical utility of the information being gathered;
- The accuracy of the burden for this collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Please note that the comments submitted 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 IC. 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 OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be to do so.

Dated: January 7, 2016.

Madonna L. Baucum,
Information Collection Clearance Officer,
National Park Service.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 731-TA-770-773, and
775 (Third Review)]

Stainless Steel Wire Rod From Italy, Japan, Korea, Spain, and Taiwan; Scheduling of Full Five-Year Reviews

AGENCY: United States International
Trade Commission.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of full reviews pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act" as amended) to determine whether revocation of the antidumping duty orders on stainless steel wire rod from Italy, Japan, Korea, Spain, and Taiwan would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury within a reasonably foreseeable time. The Commission has determined to exercise its authority to extend the review period by up to 90 days.

DATES: *Effective Date:* January 6, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Ruggles (202-205-3187), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for these reviews may be viewed on the