

telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) on 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Mr. Deery.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 5 CFR 1320.12(a) requires that we provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information to solicit comments on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of our estimates of the information collection burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use;

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

(d) Ways to minimize the information collection burden 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.

Under the General Mining Law, a citizen may enter onto public domain lands that are subject to the law to prospect and explore for valuable mineral deposits. They may do so without seeking the government's permission beforehand. The rights to a deposit of a valuable mineral are granted through the act of discovering the mineral deposit. After making a discovery, a prospector may choose to locate and record a mining claim to protect investments in exploration and to have a secure tenure to discovered valuable mineral deposits. Locating a mining claim is not a prerequisite for conducting operations on the public lands, nor is it even a requirement for carrying out mining operations. BLM uses the regulations at 43 CFR 3809 to govern hardrock mineral exploration and development on the public lands and Federal interests in the lands. The hardrock minerals are subject to the provisions of the 1872 General Mining Law (30 U.S.C. 22, *et seq.*, as amended).

BLM collects nonform information on surface management activities from mining claimants and operators.

Information collection for surface mgmt activities	Estimated hours
Notice Level Activities:	
1. Small exploration operations .....	16
2. Medium scale exploration operations .....	48
Plan Level Activities:	
3. Small placer operation ..	80
4. Placer mine operations	160

Information collection for surface mgmt activities	Estimated hours
5. Industrial mineral operations .....	160
6. Small underground mine	160
7. Open pit mine operations .....	480
8. NEPA compliance:	
Exploration .....	320
EA-level mines, simple320.	
EA-level mines, standard .....	890
EIS-level mines .....	2,480
9. Section 106 of NHPA ....	30

You must submit the requested information and forms to the proper BLM office. BLM uses Form 3809-1—Surface Management Surety Bond Form, 3809-2—Surface Management Personal Bond Form, and 3809-4—Generalized Bond Rider Form for submitting financial guarantee on surface management activities.

Based on BLM's experience administering this program, we estimate the public reporting burden is 8 minutes each to complete Forms 3809-1, 3809-2 and 3809-4. These estimates include the time spent on research, gathering, and assembling information, reviewing instructions, and completing the respective forms. In FY 2000, BLM estimated 1,897 surface management activity responses are filed annually, with a total annual burden of 306,536 hours. Respondents vary from individuals and small businesses to large corporations.

Any member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of BLM Forms 3809-1, 3809-2, and 3809-4 by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of a public record.

Dated: July 23, 2002.

**Michael H. Schwartz,**

*Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

**[WO-250-1220-PC-24 1A]**

### Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Approval Number 1004-0165

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) requests the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend an existing approval to collect information from individuals submitting nominations for significant caves under the Federal Cave Resources Protection Act of 1988 and requesting confidential cave information. BLM needs the information to determine which caves we will list as significant and decide whether to grant access to confidential cave information.

**DATES:** You must submit your comments to BLM at the address below on or before September 30, 2002. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail comments to: Regulatory Affairs Group (WO-630), Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Blvd., Springfield, Virginia 22153.

You may send comments via Internet to: [WOCComment@blm.gov](mailto:WOCComment@blm.gov). Please include "Attn: 1004-0165" and your name and address with your comments.

You may deliver comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.) Monday through Friday.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may contact James Goodbar, BLM Field Office, Carlsbad, New Mexico, on (505) 234-5929 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) on 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Mr. Goodbar.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 5 CFR 1320.12(a) requires that we provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information to solicit comments on:

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The Federal Cave Resources Protection Act of 1988, 102 Stat. 4546, 16 U.S.C. 4301, requires identifying, protecting, and maintaining significant caves on public lands the Department of the Interior, BLM manages. The implementing regulations are found at 43 CFR 37-Cave Management. Federal agencies must consult with "cavers" and other interested parties and develop a list of significant caves. The regulations establish criteria for identifying significant caves and integrate cave management into existing planning and management processes to protect cave resource information. We protect this information to prevent vandalism and disturbance of significant caves. Other Federal or state agencies, bona fide educational or research institutes, or individuals or organizations who assist land management agencies with cave management activities may request access to confidential cave information. BLM uses the Significant Cave Nomination Worksheet to collect some of the requested information on cave management activities.

Based on BLM's experience administering this program, we estimate the public reporting burden is 3 hours for each nomination and 30 minutes for each request for confidential cave information. In FY 2000, BLM estimated 50 cave nominations and 10 requests for confidential cave information are filed annually, with a total annual burden of 155 hours. Respondents are cavers and other interested parties.

BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of a public record.

Dated: July 19, 2002.

**Michael H. Schwartz,**

*Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[Docket No. WO-320-1330-PB-1A]

#### Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Approved Number 1004-0121

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) requests the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend an existing approval to collect information from applicants to lease and develop solid minerals other than coal and oil shale. BLM uses the information to determine whether an applicant, permittee, or lessee is qualified to hold an interest under the terms of the implementing regulations at 43 CFR Part 3500.

**DATES:** You must submit your comments to BLM at the address below on or before September 30, 2002. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail comments to: Regulatory Affairs Group (WO-630), Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Blvd., Springfield, Virginia 22153.

You may send comments via Internet to [WOCComment@blm.gov](mailto:WOCComment@blm.gov). Please include "Attn: 1004-0121" and your name and address with your comments.

You may deliver comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L. Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.) Monday through Friday.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may contact Phillip Allard, Solid Minerals Group, on (202) 452-5195 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use

a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) on 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Mr. Allard.

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These regulations implement numerous statutes including:

(1) The Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*)

(2) The Mineral Leasing Act of 1947 (30 U.S.C. 351-359);

(3) Section 402 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1946 (5 U.S.C. Appendix);

(4) The Multiple Mineral Development Act of 1954 (30 U.S.C. 521-531);

(5) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1710 *et seq.*).

The implementing regulations (43 CFR part 3500) outline procedures for members of the public to submit applications, offers, statements, petitions, and various forms. BLM uses Forms 3510-1, 3520-7, 3510-2, 3504-1, 3504-3, and 3504-4 to collect the information to determine whether an applicant qualifies to hold a lease to obtain a benefit under the terms of the MLA, its subsequent amendments, related statutes, and the regulations. The affected public consists of all present and prospective holders of Federal solid material leases other than coal or oil shale, prospecting permits, use permits, and exploration licenses.

## BREAKDOWN OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS AND TOTAL HOURS

Type of info collection	Number of responses	Hrs. per response	Total hours
Prospecting Permit .....	25	1	25
Exploration Plan for Prospecting Permit .....	20	80	1,600
Prospecting Permit Extension .....	5	1	5