

4. How to minimize the burden of collecting the information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

*Title:* Application for Transportation and Utility Systems and Facilities on Federal Lands, Standard Form 299.

*OMB Approval Number:* 1004-0189.

*Bureau Form Number:* SF-299.

*Abstract:* We use the information we collect to issue rights-of-way grants to use a specific piece of the public lands for certain projects, such as roads, pipelines, transmission lines, and communication sites.

*Frequency:* Once.

*Description of Respondents:*

Individuals, partnerships, corporations, associations or other business entity and any Federal, State or local governmental entity including municipal corporations seeking to obtain a rights-of-way grant.

*Estimated Completion Time:* 25 hours.

*Annual Responses:* 5,066.

*Average Application Fee Per*

*Response:* \$368.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 126,650.

*Bureau Clearance Officer:* Michael H. Schwartz, (202) 452-5033.

Dated: July 4, 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-350-1430-EU-24 1A]

#### **OMB Approval Number 1004-0190; Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget Under the Paperwork Reduction Act**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has submitted an extension of a currently approved collection to collect the information listed below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). On August 24, 2001, the BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 44642) requesting comment on this information collection. The comment period ended on October 23, 2001. The BLM received no comments. You may obtain copies of the collection of information and related forms and explanatory material by contacting BLM Information Collection Clearance Officer at the telephone number listed below.

The OMB must respond to this request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. For maximum consideration your comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made within 30 days directly to the Office of Management and Budget, Interior Department Desk Officer (1004-0190), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Bureau Information Collection Clearance Officer (WO-630), Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Blvd., Springfield, Virginia 22153.

*Nature of Comments:* We specifically request your comments on the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the BLM, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of BLM's estimate of the burden of collecting the information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility and clarity of the information we collect; and
4. How to minimize the burden of collecting the information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

*Title:* Indian Allotments (43 CFR 2530).

*OMB Approval Number:* 1004-0190.

*Bureau Form Number:* 2530-1.

*Abstract:* We use the information to:

- (1) Issue Indian allotments to applicants seeking to settle upon and develop certain public lands of the United States; and
- (2) Determine if an allottee is eligible to receive a trust patent (title) to the lands covered by the Indian allotment. The regulations in 43 CFR 2530 establish guidelines and procedures for the orderly and timely processing of applications for Indian allotments.

*Frequency:* Once.

*Description of Respondents:*

Individuals who are members of, or eligible for membership in, an Indian tribe recognized by BIA.

*Estimated Completion Time:* 2 hours.

*Annual Responses:* 6.

*Application Fee per Response:* \$100 (Proposed).

*Annual Burden Hours:* 12.

*Bureau Clearance Officer:* Michael Schwartz, (202) 452-5033.

Dated: June 17, 2002.

**Michael H. Schwartz,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

#### **Navajo Unit, Colorado River Storage Project, New Mexico and Colorado**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and notice of public hearings for the Navajo Reservoir Operations Draft Environmental Impact Statement, INT-DES-02-35.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (as amended), the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on the operations of the Navajo Unit (Navajo Dam and Reservoir) of the Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP).

The DEIS describes the environmental impacts of alternatives to operate Navajo Dam and Reservoir to implement the flow recommendations provided by the San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program (Recovery Program). The purpose of the proposed federal action is to provide sufficient releases of water at times, quantities, and durations necessary to conserve the two endangered fish species, the razorback sucker and Colorado pikeminnow (formerly Colorado squawfish), and their designated critical habitat in the San Juan River downstream from Farmington, New Mexico. Reclamation would maintain the authorized purposes of the Navajo Unit which include enabling future water development to proceed in the San Juan River Basin in compliance with applicable laws, compacts, court decrees, and Indian trust responsibilities.

The DEIS describes and analyzes three alternatives. Under the first alternative (No Action Alternative), which describes historical operations of Navajo Reservoir from 1973 to 1991, the flow recommendations would not be met. Under the second alternative (250/5000 Alternative) (Flow Recommendations), Reclamation would implement the flow recommendations by modifying the operations of Navajo Reservoir to provide sufficient releases of water to conserve the endangered fish and their designated critical habitat. The

third alternative (500/5000 Alternative) considered in the DEIS would not fully meet the flow recommendations.

**DATES:** A 60-day public review period commences with the publication of this notice. Written comments on the DEIS are due by November 4, 2002, and should be submitted to Ken Beck at the address given below. Public hearings will be held during the month of October in New Mexico, Colorado, and Utah. The public hearings schedule is as follows:

- October 1, 2002, 6 to 9 p.m., Farmington Civic Center, 200 West Arrington, Farmington, New Mexico.
- October 2, 2002, 6 to 9 p.m., Doubletree Hotel, 501 Camino Del Rio, Durango, Colorado.
- October 3, 2002, 6 to 9 p.m., Community Center, 190 North Third East, Bluff, Utah.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the DEIS and requests for copies should be addressed to Ken Beck, Bureau of Reclamation, Western Colorado Area Office, 835 East Second Avenue, Suite 400, Durango, Colorado 81301; telephone (970) 385-6558; faxogram (970) 385-6539; e-mail: [navcomments@uc.usbr.gov](mailto:navcomments@uc.usbr.gov). The DEIS is also available on Reclamation's Web site at <http://www.uc.usbr.gov> (click on Environmental Documents).

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Copies of the DEIS are also available for public review and inspection at the following locations:

- Bureau of Reclamation, Main Interior, Room 7060-MIB, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240-0001
- Bureau of Reclamation, Denver Office Library, Denver Federal Center, Building 67, Room 167, Denver, Colorado 80225-0007
- Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Regional Office, 125 South State Street, Room 6107, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138-1102
- Bureau of Reclamation, Western Colorado Area Office, 835 East Second Avenue, Suite 400, Durango, Colorado 81301

- Bureau of Reclamation, Western Colorado Area Office, 2764 Compass Drive, Suite 106, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506
- New Mexico State, Local Government Division, Attention: Ken Hughes, Bataan Memorial Building, Room 201, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503

#### Libraries

Cortez Public Library, Cortez, Colorado  
 Denver Public Library, Denver, Colorado  
 Durango Public Library, Durango, Colorado  
 Fort Lewis College Library, Durango, Colorado  
 Albuquerque Public Library, Albuquerque, New Mexico  
 Bloomfield Library, Bloomfield, New Mexico  
 Farmington Public Library, Farmington, New Mexico  
 San Juan College Library, Farmington, New Mexico  
 Dine' College Library, Shiprock, New Mexico

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ken Beck, Bureau of Reclamation, 835 East Second Avenue, Suite 400, Durango, Colorado 81301, telephone (970) 385-6558.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Navajo Unit was authorized by Congress in 1956 as one of four key features of the CRSP intended to develop the water resources of the Upper Colorado River Basin and is operated in accordance with the CRSP Act and applicable Reclamation and other federal laws.

After completion of the Navajo Unit in December 1962, the focus of the criteria for releasing water from Navajo Dam was primarily on meeting irrigation needs, providing flood control, maintaining stable river flows, and providing a recreation pool in Navajo Reservoir. Over the last decade, however, the focus of the criteria and associated patterns for releasing water from the Navajo Unit was modified to accommodate endangered fish research and recovery efforts in the San Juan River due to Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultations.

Formal consultation under the ESA on the Navajo Unit was requested by Reclamation in 1991. At that time, Reclamation committed to operate Navajo Dam in concert with ongoing research to determine hydrologic conditions beneficial to endangered fish and in a manner most consistent with endangered fish recovery. In a 1991 response to Reclamation, the Fish and Wildlife Service concurred that the consultation process should be initiated and that the consultation period for the operations of the Navajo Unit be

extended while research on the San Juan River was conducted.

Under the direction of the Recovery Program, Navajo Dam releases were evaluated from 1992 to 1998. At the completion of the research period, the Recovery Program completed the *Flow Recommendations for the San Juan River (Holden, 1999)*. The recommendations included suggested Navajo Dam operating rules for various hydrologic conditions and levels of water development in the San Juan River Basin. Applying these rules would allow the flow recommendations to be met and water development to proceed consistent with the ESA and other applicable laws.

#### Proposed Federal Action

Reclamation proposes to operate Navajo Dam and Reservoir to implement ESA-related flow recommendations on the San Juan River in a manner which allows for both current and certain future water depletions, which have obtained appropriate environmental compliance but are not yet exercised, to proceed.

This change in reservoir operation would assist in conserving endangered fish in the San Juan River downstream from Farmington, New Mexico, and in enabling water development to proceed in the San Juan River Basin in compliance with applicable laws, compacts, court decrees, and American Indian trust responsibilities. To accomplish this action, Reclamation would operate Navajo Dam to meet the authorized project purposes while modifying reservoir release patterns to meet flow recommendations designed to maintain or improve habitat for the razorback sucker and Colorado pikeminnow.

#### Hearing Process Information

Oral comments at the hearings will be limited to five minutes. The hearing officer may allow any speaker to provide additional oral comments after all persons wishing to comment have been heard. All comments will be formally recorded. Speakers not present when called will lose their privilege in the scheduled order and will be recalled at the end of the scheduled speakers. Speakers are encouraged to provide written versions of their oral comments, and any other additional written materials, for the hearing/administrative record.

Written comments from those unable to attend or those wishing to supplement their oral presentations at the hearings should be received by Reclamation's Western Colorado Area Office in Durango at the address given

above no later than November 4, 2002, for inclusion in the hearing/administrative record. Under the NEPA process, written and oral comments, received by the due date, are given the same consideration.

Dated: August 5, 2002.

**Rick L. Gold,**

*Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

#### Notice of Proposed Information Collection for 1029-0092 and 1029-0107

**AGENCY:** Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

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

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to request approval for the collections of information for 30 CFR 745, State-Federal cooperative agreements; and 30 CFR part 887, Subsidence Insurance Program Grants. These collection requests have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The information collection requests describe the nature of the information collections and the expected burden and cost.

**DATES:** OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collections but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB by October 4, 2002 in order to be assured of consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request a copy of either information collection request, explanatory information and related forms, contact John A. Trelease at (202) 208-2783, or electronically to [jtreleas@osmre.gov](mailto:jtreleas@osmre.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities [see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)]. OSM has submitted two requests to OMB to renew its approval of the collections of

information contained in: 30 CFR 745, State-Federal cooperative agreements; and 30 CFR part 887, Subsidence insurance program grants. OSM is requesting a 3-year term of approval for each information collection activity.

An agency 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. The OMB control numbers for these collections of information are 1029-0092 for Part 745, and 1029-0107 for Part 887.

As required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), a **Federal Register** notice soliciting comments on these collections of information was published on May 1, 2002 (67 FR 21729). No comments were received. This notice provides the public with an additional 30 days in which to comment on the following information collection activities:

*Title:* State-Federal cooperative agreements—30 CFR 745.

*OMB Control Number:* 1029-0092.

*Summary:* 30 CFR 745 requires that States submit information when entering into a cooperative agreement with the Secretary of the Interior. OSM uses the information to make findings that the State has an approved program and will carry out the responsibilities mandated in the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act to regulate surface coal mining and reclamation activities on Federal lands.

*Bureau Form Number:* None.

*Frequency of Collection:* Once.

*Description of Respondents:* State governments that regulate coal operations.

*Total Annual Responses:* 12.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 454.

*Title:* Subsidence Insurance Program Grants—30 CFR 887.

*OMB Control Number:* 1029-0107.

*Summary:* States and Indian tribes having an approved reclamation plan may establish, administer and operate self-sustaining State and Indian Tribe-administered programs to insure private property against damages caused by land subsidence resulting from underground mining. States and Indian tribes interested in requesting monies for their insurance programs would apply to the Director of OSM.

*Bureau Form Number:* None.

*Frequency of Collection:* Once.

*Description of Respondents:* States and Indian tribes with approved coal reclamation plans.

*Total Annual Responses:* 1.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 8.

Send comments on the need for the collections of information for the performance of the functions of the

agency; the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collections; and ways to minimize the information collection burdens on respondents, such as use of automated means of collections of the information, to the following addresses. Please refer to OMB Control number 1029-0092 for part 745, and 1029-0107 for part 887 in your correspondence.

**ADDRESSES:** Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Department of Interior Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. Also, please send a copy of your comments to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave, NW., Room 210-SIB, Washington, DC 20240, or electronically to [jtrelease@smre.gov](mailto:jtrelease@smre.gov).

Dated: July 25, 2002.

**Richard G. Bryson,**

*Chief, Division of Regulatory Support.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

#### Notice of Proposed Information Collection for 1029-0027 and 1029-0036

**AGENCY:** Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

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

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing that the information collection requests for 30 CFR parts 740 and 780 which relate to surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Federal lands, and Surface mining permit applications—minimum requirements for reclamation and operation plans, respectively. These collection requests have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The information collection requests describe the nature of the information collections and the expected burden and cost.

**DATES:** OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collections but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB by October 4, 2002, in order to be assured of consideration.