

help achieve conservation identified in the MSHCP. The financing plan for the local portion of the reserve assembly of 97,000 acres includes a mitigation fee, tipping fee for use of waste management facilities, and other funding sources to conserve 56,000 acres. Conservation of the remaining 41,000 acres would accrue through the implementation of developer incentives and on-site set asides accomplished through the development review process. The proposed 153,000 acre reserve area is not specifically identified in the MSHCP. The conservation of 153,000 acres is anticipated to occur over the first 25 years of the program and when completed, must be in a configuration to, and include the vegetation communities that, provide for the conservation of covered species. To accomplish this, the proposed reserve will be assembled pursuant to written criteria that describe a possible design for the 153,000 acre reserve to be established within an approximately 300,000-acre area termed the "Criteria Area."

Covered Activities would include, but are not limited to: public and private development within the plan area that requires a discretionary action by a permittee subject to consistency with MSHCP policies, two internal regional transportation facilities, maintenance of and safety improvements on existing roads, the Circulation Elements of the permittees, maintenance and construction of flood control facilities, single family homes on existing legal parcels within the Criteria Area, up to 10,000 new acres of agricultural activity within the Criteria Area, and compatible uses in the reserve. The MSHCP makes a provision for the inclusion of special districts and other non-permittee entities in the permit with a certificate of inclusion.

The EIS/EIR considers analyzes four other alternatives in addition to the proposed MSHCP Project Alternative described above including: A listed, proposed and strong candidate species alternative; A listed and proposed species alternative; an existing reserves alternative; and a no project alternative.

The listed, proposed and strong candidate species alternative focuses on the conservation of 29 State and/or federally listed species and 7 unlisted species. This alternative would conserve approximately 119,300 acres.

The listed and proposed species alternative focuses on the conservation of 29 State and/or federally listed or proposed species. This alternative is approximately 93,800 acres.

The existing reserves alternative does not provide any new land acquisition

for conservation purposes, but instead focuses on conservation for six State and/or federally listed or candidate species and some unlisted species present in existing reserves. Species coverage would be dependent upon additional management regimes in the existing reserves.

Public Comments

The Service invites the public to comment on the Draft MSHCP, Draft Implementing Agreement, and Draft EIS/EIR during a 60-day public comment period beginning the date of this notice. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act and Service regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (40 CFR 1506.6). The Service will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to prepare a Final Environmental Impact Statement. A permit decision will be made no sooner than 30 days after the publication of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and completion of the Record of Decision.

Dated: November 7, 2002.

Miel R. Corbett,

Acting Deputy Manager, Region 1, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Proposed Agency Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that we are seeking comments from interested parties to renew the clearance for Application for Job Placement and Training Program, OMB No. 1076-0062.

DATES: Written comments must be received by January 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: Lynn Forcia, Office of Economic Development, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street, NW., Mail Stop 4640-MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information or copies of the forms, call Lynn Forcia at 202-219-5270 (This is not a toll-free number). You may send requests by facsimile to 202-208-3664.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public Law 84-959 and Public Law 88-230 authorize the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to help adult Indians who reside on or near Indian reservations to obtain reasonable and satisfactory employment. The information collection documents provide information necessary to administer the program for Job Placement and Training Program. The Department is authorized to undertake a program of vocational training and direct employment that provides vocational counseling, guidance, and training in any recognized vocation, apprenticeship, trade, or on-the-job training. The program is available to Indians who are primarily not less than 18 years old and not more than 35 years old who reside on or near an Indian reservation. The acts authorize the BIA to enter into contracts or agreements with Federal, State, local government agencies or associations with apprenticeship programs or on-the-job training that leads to skilled employment. The same application form is used for both 25 CFR parts 26 and 27. We are also proposing to combine 25 CFR parts 26 and 27 into one comprehensive Federal regulation combining vocational training and direct employment services. Information of a confidential nature is protected by the Privacy Act.

You are asked to comment on the necessity of the information collection to fulfill the functions of the bureau; whether the burden estimate is accurate and the methodology and assumptions are valid; the utility, quality, and clarity of information requested; and ways that the burden might be minimized for respondents. All comments are subject to review by the public during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.). If you wish your name or address withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will honor your request to the extent allowed by the law. Individuals who represent businesses, or companies will have comments available for review by the public. In some cases we may decide to withhold comments from review for good reason.

Please note that an agency may not sponsor or conduct, and a person need not respond to, an information collection unless a currently valid OMB Control Number is displayed.

Title: Application for Job Placement and Training, 25 CFR 26 and 27 (Proposed 25 CFR 26 combining both regulations).

OMB Control Number: 1076-0062.

Description of Respondents:

Individual Indians living on or near a reservation who seek training or employment provide the information in order to receive a benefit.

Respondents: 4900.

Burden: 30 minutes to complete, total: 2450 hours.

Dated: November 6, 2002.

Neal A. McCaleb,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Mooretown Rancheria Alcoholic Beverage Control Law Amendment

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes the Mooretown Rancheria Alcoholic Beverage Control Law Amendment as set forth by Resolution 98-16. The Mooretown Rancheria Alcoholic Beverage Control Law was originally published in the **Federal Register** of February 11, 2000. This amendment increases the tax on sales of alcoholic beverages from 1 percent of the amount actually collected, including payments by major credit cards, to an amount equal to the current sales tax rate of the State of California. Further, the amendment exempts a tribal enterprise, the Feather Falls Mini Mart, from application of the sales tax. This is in conformity with the laws of the State of California, where applicable and necessary. Although the amendment was adopted on January 3, 2002, it does not become effective until published in the **Federal Register**, because the failure to comply with the ordinance may result in criminal charges.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This amendment is effective on November 15, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kaye Armstrong, Office of Tribal Services, 1849 C Street, NW., MS 4631-MIB, Washington, DC 20240-4001; telephone (202) 208-4400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Act of August 15, 1953, Pub. L. 83-277, 67 Stat. 586, 18 U.S.C. 1161, as interpreted by the Supreme Court in *Rice v. Rehner*, 463 U.S. 713 (1983), the

Secretary of the Interior shall certify and publish in the **Federal Register** notice of adopted liquor ordinances for the purpose of regulating liquor transactions in Indian country. The Mooretown Rancheria Alcoholic Beverage Control Law Amendment, Resolution No. 98-16, was duly adopted by the Tribal Council of the Mooretown Rancheria on January 3, 2002. The Mooretown Rancheria, in furtherance of its economic and social goals, has taken positive steps to regulate retail sales of alcohol and use revenues to combat alcohol abuse and its debilitating effects among individuals and family members within the Mooretown Rancheria.

This notice is published in accordance with the authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 Departmental Manual 8.1.

I certify that by Resolution 98-16, the Mooretown Rancheria Alcoholic Beverage Control Law Amendment was duly adopted by the Mooretown Rancheria Tribal Council on January 3, 2002.

Dated: October 9, 2002.

Neal A. McCaleb,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

The Mooretown Rancheria Alcoholic Beverage Control Law Amendment, Resolution No. 98-16, reads as follows:

Chapter VII—Taxes

Section 701. Sales Tax. There is hereby levied and shall be collected a tax on each sales of alcoholic beverages on the Rancheria in the amount equal to the current sales tax rate of the State of California. The tax imposed by this section shall apply to all retail sales of liquor on the Rancheria (except at Feather Falls Mini Mart) and shall preempt any tax imposed on such liquor sales by the State of California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Fire Management Plan, Environmental Impact Statement, Carlsbad Caverns National Park, New Mexico

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the Fire Management Plan for Carlsbad Caverns National Park.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of

1969, the National Park Service is preparing an environmental impact statement for the Fire Management Plan for Carlsbad Caverns National Park. This effort will result in a new wildland fire management plan that meets current policies, provides a framework for making fire-related decisions, and serves as an operational manual. Development of a new fire plan is compatible with the broader goals and objectives derived from the park purpose that governs resources management. Alternatives to be considered include: (1) No-action, (2) a fully integrated fire management plan with all strategies available for use, and (3) a plan allowing limited prescribed burning and not allowing lightning-started fires (wildland fire use). The no-action alternative maintains the current 1995 fire management plan strategy of suppression, wildland fire use, and prescribed burning. The proposed fully integrated plan alternative defines a relatively small fire management unit (FMU) surrounding the visitor center area, facilities, residences, and the area of the park adjacent to Whites City. This FMU applies full suppression and prescribed burning. The rest of the park comprises the second FMU, in which wildland fire use, prescribed fire, and suppression are management options. This second FMU specifies protection measures for special features, such as habitat of threatened and endangered species and sensitive cultural resources. The limited prescribed burning alternative does not allow wildland fire use. Conservative use of prescribed fire for fuels management or research is an option.

Major issues are environmental effects of the FMP that are potential problems. These include: protection of cultural resources, protection of plant and wildlife habitats, effects on non-native species, habitat protection for threatened and endangered species, protection of park neighbors' property, reducing impacts to park visitors, protection of life and property, effects on tourism, and changes in landscape-scale vegetation patterns.

A scoping brochure has been prepared describing the issues identified to date. Copies of the brochure may be obtained from Superintendent, Carlsbad Caverns National Park, 3225 National Parks Hwy., Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220.

DATES: The scoping period will be 30 days from the date this notice is published in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Information will be available for public review and comment in the office of the Superintendent, Mary Gibson Scott,