

**Bureau of Land Management****[WO-880-9500-00-24 1A]****Extension of Approved Information Collection; OMB Number 1004-0109****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) is announcing its intention to request renewal of approval to collect certain information from the Governors of States to allow the BLM to compute units of payments due to local governments. The Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Act of September 13, 1982, as amended, requires that the Governor of each State furnish BLM with a listing of payments that have been made to local governments by the State on behalf of the Federal government under eleven receipt-sharing statutes. This information helps local governments recover some of the expenses they incur by providing services on public lands.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by May 20, 1996, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Management Team (420), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW., Room 401LS, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: !WO140@attmail.com. Please include "ATTN: 1004-0109" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

Comments may be hand-delivered 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:** Bill Howell, Budget and Finance Team, (202) 452-7721.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), BLM is required to provide 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning a collection of information contained in a published current rule to solicit comments on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the

proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. BLM will receive and analyze any comments sent in response to this notice and include them with its request for approval from the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

BLM makes payments in lieu of taxes (PILT) to units of local government for certain Federal lands within their boundaries through authority provided by the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Act of October 20, 1976 (90 Stat. 2662, 31 U.S.C. 6901-6907). The implementing regulations are found at 43 CFR Subpart 1881—Payments in Lieu of Taxes. The regulations were issued on September 29, 1977 (35 FR 51580), amended on July 15, 1980 (45 FR 47619), and last amended on January 10, 1985 (50 FR 1305). The Governor of each State or his agent must furnish BLM with a listing of payments that have been made to local governments by the State on behalf of the Federal government under eleven revenue-sharing laws specified at 31 U.S.C. 6903(a)(1). BLM provides the States with a printout matrix designed to facilitate recording the requested information. Each printout lists each qualifying unit of local government down the left hand side of the page along with the unit of local government code used by the Census Bureau. Across the top of the printouts are columns which indicate each of the revenue acts. BLM uses the information provided by the States to compute the PILT payments to local governments within the State.

Based on BLM's experience in administering PILT, BLM estimates the State reporting burden for this information collection to average 20 hours. The respondents already maintain this information for their own record-keeping purposes and need only transfer it to the matrix described above. The estimate includes time for research, time to transcribe and audit the data, and time to prepare the PILT submission. The respondents are offices designated by the Governor of each State, usually the Treasurer's office. The frequency of response is once annually, reporting on the previous fiscal year's revenues. The number of responses per year is 50. The estimated total annual

burden on the States collectively is about 1,000 hours.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 15, 1996.

Annetta L. Cheek,

Chief, Regulatory Management Team.

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**[WO-320-1330-01-24 1A]****Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection; OMB Approval 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) is announcing its intention to request extension of approval for the collection of information from applicants to lease solid minerals other than coal and oil shale. The information supplied allows BLM to determine whether an applicant, permittee, or lessee is qualified to hold an interest under the terms of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (MLA).

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by May 20, 1996, to be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Management Team (420), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW., Room 401 LS, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: !WO140@attmail.com. Please include "ATTN: 1004-0121" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

Comments may be hand delivered 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:** Patrick J. Sheehy, (202) 452-0350.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), BLM is required to provide a 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning a collection of information contained in published current rules to solicit comments on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary

for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

BLM plans to seek from the Office of Management and Budget extension of approval for the information collection requirements in 43 CFR Parts 3500

through 3580, which cover the leasing of solid minerals other than coal and oil shale. These regulations implement the statutory authority governing leasing activities on Federal lands which is found in the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*), the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of 1947 (30 U.S.C. 351-359), Section 402 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1946 (5 U.S.C. Appendix 1031), the Multiple Mineral Development Act of 1954 (30 U.S.C. 521-531), the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1967 (43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*).

The implementing regulations outline procedures for members of the public to submit applications, offers, statements, petitions, and various forms. The

information required in the applications, statements and petitions is needed by BLM to determine applicant qualifications to hold a lease to obtain a benefit under the terms of the MLA and its subsequent amendments and the regulations. Information collection requirements are based on the statutory requirements concerning the qualifications and eligibility to hold title to or interest in Federal mineral leases and on the regulatory requirements relating to the identification, location and quality of minerals under application and identification of proposed operational activities. The affected public consists of all prospective holders of Federal non-energy leases, prospecting permits, use permits, and exploration licenses.

#### BREAKDOWN OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS AND TOTAL HOURS

Type of Information collection	No. of responses	Hours per response	Total hours
Prospecting Permit (Form 3510-1) .....	325	5/6	271
Exploration plan for Prospecting Permit .....	250	10	2,500
Prospecting Permit Extension .....	125	1	125
Preference Right Lease (Form 3520-7) .....	25	10	250
Competitive Lease Bids .....	12	1	12
Fringe acreage/Lease Modification .....	10	2	20
Assignments/Sublease .....	50	2	100
Lease Renewals/Adjustments .....	30	2	60
Use Permit (Form 3510-2) .....	6	2	12
Exploration License .....	10	3	30
Development Contract .....	3	3	9
Bonding (Forms 3504-1, 3 and 4) .....	400	5/6	333
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Total .....	1,246	.....	3,722

Based on its experience administering the leasing program, BLM estimates that it will take an average of about three hours to complete the applications, petitions, offers and statements required. The applicants will have access to records, plats and maps necessary for providing legal land descriptions. The type of information necessary is outlined in the regulations and is already maintained by the respondents for their own recordkeeping purposes and needs only to be compiled in a reasonable format. The estimate also includes the time required for assembling the information, as well as the time of clerical personnel, if needed.

BLM estimates that approximately 1,246 filings will be made annually for a total of 3,722 reporting hours. Respondents vary from individuals to

small businesses and major corporations.

Any interested member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, copies of any of forms listed in this notice by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become part of the public record.

Dated: March 15, 1996.

Annetta L. Cheek,

Chief, Regulatory Management Team.

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#### Termination of Classification and Opening of Lands to Entry in Mohave County, Arizona

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice will open 60 acres to location and entry under the public land laws and general mining laws.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 22, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joyce Bailey, Realty Specialist, Kingman Resource Area, 2475 Beverly Avenue, Kingman, Arizona 86401, telephone (520) 757-3161.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following described lands were classified on March 11, 1975, under the