

burden per response for these activities is estimated to range from 5 minutes for a simple card to 1 hour for a focus group. Summarized results of customer satisfaction surveys will be published annually by the USGS in a *Report to Customers*, which will be made available to customers through USGS information centers and through its web pages.

*Bureau form number:* None.

*Frequency:* An estimated 10–20 surveys (ranging from comment cards, web-based and electronic surveys, and mail-out questionnaires) and 5–10 focus groups per year to evaluate customer satisfaction with specific products, information and services.

*Description of respondents:*

Representatives of state, local, and tribal government agencies; universities and schools; non-government and nonprofit natural resource organizations; and some private citizens.

*Estimated completion time:* Varies depending upon the mechanism used: approximately 5 minutes for a comment card to one hour for a focus group session.

*Annual responses:* Approximately 20 surveys each with 500 responses and 10 focus groups each with 25 responses.

*Annual burden hours:* 2250 hours. (20 surveys)(500 responses)(0.2 hours)+(10 focus groups)(25 responses)(1 hour)

*Bureau clearance officer:* John Cordyack, 703/648–7313.

Dated: July 23, 1998.

**Michael P. McDermott,**

*Chief, Office of Outreach.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[ES–930–08–1430–00 Michigan]

**Notice of Disclaimer of Interest**

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to inform claimants, the State of Michigan, and the general public of a decision by the United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals affecting the processing of claims to certain islands under the Michigan Public Lands Improvement Act (MPLIA) of October 28, 1998, Pub. L. No. 100–537, 102 Stat. 2711. The court’s decision in the case of *Barbara W. Wolff and Janice Wheeler Tinker v. United States (Wheeler)*, 967 F. 2nd 222 (1992), held that, under Michigan law, title to islands which had been omitted from the original Federal survey passed to the littoral land owner when the littoral lands were patented. This is because the government did not survey the islands prior to the original conveyance, nor did the United States make any reservations of the islands in the patents for the littoral lands. Upon advice from the Department of the Interior’s Office of the Solicitor, in accordance with the above Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals decision, it has been determined that the United States has no claim or interest in the islands listed below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deputy State Director, Walter Rewinski, at (703) 440–1727, Eastern States, Division of Resources Planning, Use and Protection, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, VA 22153.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Federal land policy has long held that lands, including islands, that were omitted from the original Federal survey remain the property of the United States

until the United States officially patents the lands out of Federal ownership. In 1988, the MPLIA was enacted to transfer unsurveyed islands in Michigan to the State of Michigan unless a valid claim by a private party to an island exists. Section 3 of the MPLIA allows islands to be sold by the Secretary of the Interior to parties who could demonstrate valid claims. The rights, title, and interest of the United States to any islands not purchased by claimants within 10 years after the date of enactment of the MPLIA would be transferred by the Secretary of the Interior to the State of Michigan under and subject to this Act. Following the passage of the MPLIA, the BLM received claims for a number of unsurveyed islands. In the early 1990’s, the BLM transferred ownership of all unsurveyed islands that did not receive claims to the State of Michigan in accordance to the MPLIA. The BLM then began adjudicating the claims filed under the MPLIA. Before adjudication could be completed, however, the Sixth Circuit decided *Wheeler*. The court held that under Michigan law, the unsurveyed islands had passed to the owners of the adjacent littoral land because the Government did not survey the island prior to the conveyance of the adjacent littoral lands, nor had the United States made any reservation of the islands in the patents for the littoral lands. According to *Wheeler*, the United States no longer has jurisdiction to sell islands to qualified claimants or to transfer islands to the State of Michigan. Therefore, the United States disclaims any interest in the islands listed below subject to *Wheeler*. Seventeen islands were surveyed by the United States after the MPLIA was enacted but before the *Wheeler* decision was made. These islands are subject to *Wheeler* and the United States disclaims interest in these islands also.

**UNSURVEYED ISLANDS SUBJECT TO WHEELER**

[All are in Michigan Meridian]

County	CCN	TNP	RNG	SEC	Acres	Location
Alpena .....	001	31N	6E	3	0.80	Island in Thunder Bay River.
	002	31N	6E	3	1.50	Island in Thunder Bay River.
	003	31N	6E	11	0.30	Island in Thunder Bay River.
	004	31N	6E	3	0.20	Island in Thunder Bay River.
	005	32N	6E	36	0.20	Island in Thunder Bay River.
	006	31N	8E	7	1.50	Island in Thunder Bay River.
	007	31N	8E	7	0.20	Island in Thunder Bay River.
	008	31N	8E	7	0.30	Island in Thunder Bay River.
	009	31N	8E	7	0.40	Island in Thunder Bay River.
	009	31N	8E	7	0.40	Island in Thunder Bay River.
Barry .....	010	31N	8E	18	0.30	Island in Thunder Bay River.
	004	1N	10W	7	1.30	Island In Pine Lake.
Berrien .....	005	1N	10W	15	2.80	Island In Crooked Lake.
	005	6S	18W	1	0.80	Island in St. Joseph River.
Branch .....	002	7S	5W	5	1.50	Island in Marble Lake.

UNSURVEYED ISLANDS SUBJECT TO WHEELER—Continued

[All are in Michigan Meridian]

County	CCN	TNP	RNG	SEC	Acres	Location
Calhoun	011	3S	6W	15	1.50	Island in Cedar Lake.
Cass	005	7S	13W	19	0.80	Island in Shavehead Lake.
	012	7S	15W	30	1.50	Island in Pine Lake.
Clare	002	20N	4W	26	0.50	Island in Long Lake.
Genesee	006	9N	5E	21	8.00	Island in Flint River
Iron	022	41N	23W	5	0.10	Island in Stager Lake.
	055	42N	33W	15	0.60	Island in Buck Lake.
Kent	015	8N	11W	7	3.20	Island in Little Pine Island Lake.
Keweenaw	023	58N	31W	1	0.50	Island in Lake Superior.
Marquette	018	50N	26W	21	0.60	Island in Lake Superior.
	019	50N	26W	21	0.30	Island in Lake Superior.
	020	50N	26W	27	4.00	Garlic Island in Lake Superior.
	021	47N	27W	13	0.80	Island in Lake Miller.
	022	46N	28W	15	0.20	Island in Island Lake
Montcalm	003	10N	5W	17	0.30	Island in Crystal Lake.
Oakland	001	2N	9E	4	0.30	Island in Cass Lake.
Ogemaw	004	23N	1E	2	0.20	Island in Clear Lake.
	005	23N	1E	2	0.90	Island in Clear Lake.
	006	23N	1E	11	1.20	Island in Clear Lake.
	010	23N	4E	8	1.80	Island in George Lake.
Presquew	002	34N	4E	31	0.10	Island in Lake Nettie.
Isle	004	33N	7E	25	0.10	Island in Long Lake.
	005	33N	7E	25	0.20	Island in Long Lake.
Roscommon	001	22N	1W	31	1.00	Island in West Twin Lake.
	003	21N	2W	12	0.20	Island in Clear Lake.
Washtenaw	014	2S	6E	21	1.30	Island in Huron River.
	015	2S	6E	21	0.10	Island in Huron River.

SURVEYED ISLANDS SUBJECT TO WHEELER

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County	Serial/No.	TWP	RNG	SEC	Subdiv	AC	Location/name
Chippewa	041337	47N	1E	11	Tr. 41	1.05	Black Point.
							Sugar Island.
Chippewa	041338	46N	2E	14	Tr. 38	0.60	Rock Island.
					Tr. 37	1.68	Advance Island.
Chippewa	041339	42N	4E	16	Lot 2	1.24	Sweets Island.
Chippewa	041340	41N	5E	14	Tr. 39	0.28	Huron Bay.
					23 Tr. 38	1.27	Huron Bay.
Chippewa	035667	43N	6E	30	Tr. 39	0.06	Potaganissing Bay.
					31 Tr. 37 & 38	0.47	Potaganissing Bay.
					31 Tr. 40 & 41	0.36	Potaganissing Bay.
Grand Traverse	041343	26N	10W	1	Tr. 37	0.10	Rennie Lake.
Mackinac	041349	41N	1E	3	Tr. 37	1.10	Little Island.
Mackinac	041350	42N	1W	28	Tr. 39	0.19	Lake Huron.
					Tr. 40	0.02	Lake Huron.
Mackinac	035172	42N	1W	28	Tr. 37	0.45	Lake Huron.
Mackinac	036455	42N	1W	29	Tr. 41	0.45	Burnam Island.
Otsego	041360	30N	4W	32	Tr. 37	1.02	Buhl Lake.
Otsego	041361	30N	4W	32	Tr. 38	0.91	Buhl Lake.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-050-1220; GP8-0256]

Amendment to Prohibited Acts Within the Boundaries of the Deschutes Wild and Scenic River Area, Located in the Prineville District; Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District Office.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing amendments to existing special rules which apply to public use of land and water surfaces administered by the BLM within the boundaries of the Deschutes National Wild and Scenic River Area. The existing special rules were published in the Federal Register on April 15, 1994 (Vol. 59, No. 73) and June 20, 1997 (Vol. 62, No. 119). The