

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management****Privacy Act of 1974; as Amended; Revisions of Existing System of Records**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Proposed revisions to an existing system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552a), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), is issuing public notice of its intent to modify an existing Privacy Act system of records notice, BLM-15, "Correspondence." The revision will change the system location and Systems Manager.

EFFECTIVE DATES: 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(11), requires that the public be provided a 30-day period in which to comment on the intended use of the information in the system of records. The Office of Management and Budget, in its Circular A-130, requires an additional 10-day period (for a total of 40 days) in which to make these comments. Any persons interested in commenting on this revised system of records may do so by submitting comments in writing to the BLM Privacy Act Officer, Information Resources Management Policy Group, U.S. Department of the Interior, WO520/725 LS, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240. Comments received on or before February 2, 2000, will be considered. The system will be effective, as proposed, at the end of the comment period unless comments are received which would require a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to the BLM Privacy Act Officer, Information Resources Management Policy Group, U.S. Department of the Interior, WO-520/725 LS, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240. Hand deliver comments to the Information Resources Management Policy Group, Room 725, 1620 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peggy Britell, Correspondence Unit, BLM, WO-615/406C LS, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM is proposing to amend the system notice for BLM-15, "Correspondence," to more accurately and clearly describe the system. The revisions also reflect changes in the system location and Systems Manager. Accordingly, the BLM proposes to amend BLM-15, "Correspondence," in its entirety to read as follows:

Dated: December 21, 1999.

Michael D. Nedd,

Deputy Assistant Director, Information Resources.

INTERIOR/BLM-15**SYSTEM NAME:**

Correspondence—Interior, BLM-15.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

Communications Directorate, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Public officials and private individuals who have corresponded with the BLM Director, and other Department of the Interior officials on BLM issues, and whose correspondence has been responded to by the Correspondence Unit.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

The record contains the correspondent's name, address, and correspondence history, which includes subject matter, text, and tracking, if applicable.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

5 U.S.C. 301, 43 U.S.C. 1457, 44 U.S.C. 3101, Reorganization Plan 3 of 1950.

ROUTINE USE OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF USES:

The primary use of the records is to identify correspondents to the BLM Director and other Department of the Interior officials on BLM issues, and their subject matter of interest whose correspondence has been responded to by the Correspondence Unit. Disclosures outside the Department of the Interior may be made:

(1) Another Federal agency to enable that agency to respond to an inquiry by the individual to whom the record pertains.

(2) The Department of Justice, or to a court, adjudicative or other administrative body, or to a party in litigation before a court or adjudicative or administrative body, when:

(a) One of the following is a party to the proceeding or has an interest in the proceeding:

(1) The Department or any component of the Department;

(2) Any Departmental employee acting in his or her official capacity;

(3) Any Departmental employee acting in his or her individual capacity where the Department or the Department of Justice has agreed to represent the employee; or

(4) The United States, when the Department determines that the Department is likely to be affected by the proceeding; and

(b) The Department deems the disclosure to be:

(1) Relevant and necessary to the proceedings, and

(2) Compatible with the purpose for which we compiled the information.

(3) The appropriate Federal, State, tribal, local or foreign governmental agency that is responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing or implementing a statute, rule, regulation, order or license, when we become aware of an indication of a violation or potential violation of the statute, rule, regulation, order or license.

(4) A congressional office in response to an inquiry to that office by the individual to whom the records pertains.

(5) To a Federal agency which has requested information relevant or necessary to its hiring or retention of an employee, or issuance of a security clearance, license, contract, grant, or other benefit.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**STORAGE:**

Computer database: Paper records are maintained in folders, by year.

RETRIEVABILITY:

Computer database files are retrievable by name of correspondent. Paper file copies are retrievable by subject matter.

SAFEGUARDS:

Records are stored in a controlled area where access is controlled by a key card and is limited to BLM personnel, and maintained with safeguards meeting the requirements of 43 CFR 2.51, "Assuring Integrity of Records." Paper records are maintained in folders in locked file cabinets. Access to computerized records requires use of proper passwords and user identification codes.

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

Computer database-and file copies-destroyed in accordance with National Archives and Records Administration procedures and General Record Schedule 23/8.

SYSTEMS MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

Assistant Director for Communications, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

To determine whether the records are maintained on you in this system, inquiries should be made to the Systems Manager identified above. A written, signed request stating that the requester seeks information concerning records pertaining to him/her is required. The request envelope and letter should be clearly marked "PRIVACY ACT INQUIRY." (See 43 CFR 2.60 for procedures on making inquiries.)

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

To see your records, write to the Systems Manager above. Describe as specifically as possible the records sought. The request envelope and letter should be clearly marked "PRIVACY ACT REQUEST FOR ACCESS." A request for access must meet the content requirements of 43 CFR 2.63. If copies are sought, indicate the maximum you are willing to pay (43 CFR 2.63(b)(4)).

CONTESTING RECORDS PROCEDURES:

Follow procedures addressed in the "Records Access Procedures" section above.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Correspondence responded to by the BLM Correspondence Unit.

SYSTEM EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

None.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Reclamation****Battle Creek Salmon and Steelhead Restoration Project, Tehama and Shasta Counties, CA**

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/ Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and notice of public scoping meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and Public Resources Code, Sections 21000-21178.1 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), the lead Federal agency, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), a cooperating Federal agency, and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), the lead State agency, propose to prepare a joint EIS/EIR for the proposed Battle Creek Salmon and

Steelhead Restoration Project (Restoration Project).

The proposed Restoration Project is described as modification of the Battle Creek Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project 1121 (Hydroelectric Project), owned and operated by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and licensed by FERC, to restore 42 miles of salmon and steelhead habitat within and adjacent to reaches of Battle Creek and its tributaries. Project alternatives range from "No Action" (no change to the Hydroelectric Project) to decommissioning and removal of all hydropower diversion dams, water conveyance facilities, powerhouses, transmission lines, and related support installations within the restoration area. Action alternatives within the range consist of various combinations of dam decommissioning and removals, fish screen improvements, fish ladder improvements and increased streamflows below dams. To ensure biological effectiveness of the proposed Restoration Project, monitoring and adaptive management are included in all "action" alternatives.

DATES: A scoping meeting will be held to solicit comments from interested parties to assist in determining the scope of the environmental analysis and to identify the significant issues related to the proposed Restoration Project. The meeting will be held on January 31, 2000 at the Manton Joint Union Elementary School located at 31345 Forward Road in Manton, California. A display session and informal discussion will occur from 5-6 p.m., and the public scoping meeting will occur from 6-8 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on the scope of the project to Mary Marshall, Environmental Specialist, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825 by February 14, 2000.

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. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold a respondent's identity from public disclosure, as 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Mary Marshall, Reclamation Environmental Specialist at telephone number: (916) 978-5248 or e-mail address:

MMARSHALL@MP.USBR.GOV.

Additional information regarding the proposed Restoration Project can also be accessed on the Reclamation Web Site: <http://www.mp.usbr.gov/regional/battlecreek/index.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Battle Creek is a tributary of the Sacramento River entering at river mile 271, between Red Bluff and Redding in California. Battle Creek lies on the volcanic slopes of Mount Lassen in Shasta and Tehama Counties, contains cold, spring-fed water, maintains relatively high flows throughout the year, and stretches through remote, deep, shaded canyons and riparian corridors. Prior to human-influenced alterations to the Battle Creek watershed beginning around the turn of the 20th century, Battle Creek historically provided a contiguous stretch of prime habitat for anadromous fish, specifically the salmon and steelhead species.

In June, 1999, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) along with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) and PG&E which signaled the intent of these agencies to pursue a restoration effort on Battle Creek in relation to modification of the Hydroelectric Project. Consequently, the California-Federal interagency program known as "CALFED" provided \$28 million in directed funding to Reclamation for the planning and implementation of the proposed Restoration Project. As lead Federal agency, Reclamation is responsible for ensuring NEPA compliance for the proposed Restoration Project.

The Federal Power Act establishes with FERC the exclusive authority to license nonfederal water power projects on navigable waterways and Federal lands. PG&E will be required to file an application with FERC for an amendment to PG&E's existing license to operate the hydropower facilities on Battle Creek that would be affected by implementation of the proposed Restoration Project. FERC will ensure that proposed changes in the Hydroelectric Project comply with NEPA prior to issuing the license amendment.

All FERC licensing actions in California, including new licenses,