

between Kelso and Martin's Bluff (south of Kalama, Washington).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 22, 1992, the U.S. Department of Transportation designated the existing rail corridor from Eugene, Oregon through Portland, Oregon and Seattle, Washington to Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada as a high-speed rail corridor pursuant to section 1010 of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA). As part of phase one of the long-term plan to develop high-speed intercity passenger service on the corridor, the Washington State Department of Transportation proposes to improve the Burlington Northern Santa Fe mainline between the City of Kelso and Martin's Bluff (south of Kalama, Washington). Proposed improvements include: additional tracks and associated roadbed, drainage structures, signal systems, and other related facilities. FHWA and FRA, as joint lead federal agencies, in cooperation with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), will prepare an environmental impact statement on WSDOT's proposal. The purpose of this corridor improvement project is to increase capacity for passenger rail service along the Pacific Northwest Rail Corridor. This increased capacity will result in faster, safer, more reliable and more frequent service. The added capacity along the main line is also expected to have secondary benefits for freight rail movement.

The three agencies intend to implement agency and public involvement programs that will describe the proposed action and solicit comment from citizens, organizations, and federal, state, and local agencies on the proposed improvements and possible environmental considerations. The agencies will solicit comments and questions, which may be provided by telephone, internet, public meetings, and the mail. In addition, targeted direct mail, advertisements, and media

relations efforts may be used to reach the public and agencies.

Public scoping meetings are being held on March 28, 2001 in Kalama and on March 29, 2001 in Kelso as announced by the Washington State Department of Transportation. The scoping meetings are to include presentations by the agencies about the scope of the project and an opportunity for the public and agency representatives to ask questions and provide comments and suggestions regarding the project and relevant environmental considerations. The comments made at these scoping meetings will be considered in preparation of the scope of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement along with subsequent comments submitted by April 30, 2001. Comments submitted after that date will be considered to the greatest extent possible.

Following completion of the scoping process, the agencies will initiate appropriate environmental and related studies. Following completion of the environmental analysis, the agencies will issue a draft environmental impact statement which will be circulated for public and agency comment. Advertisements offering interested persons the opportunity to attend and offer comments at a public hearing will be published contemporaneously with the circulation of the draft environmental impact statement. Public notice of actions related to the proposal that identify the date, time, place of meetings, and the length of review periods will be published at the appropriate time.

To ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed improvement program and its reasonable alternatives are addressed and all significant issues are identified, comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action, the scoping process, and the environmental impact statement should be directed to the FHWA or FRA at the address provided above.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Research, Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation of

federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

March 26, 2001.

The Department of Treasury has submitted the following public information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling the Treasury Bureau Clearance Officer listed. Comments regarding this information collection should be addressed to the OMB reviewer listed and to the Treasury Department Clearance Officer, Department of the Treasury, Room 2110, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20220.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 2, 2001 to be assured of consideration.

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF)

OMB Number: New.
Form Number: ATF F 2300.10.
Type of Review: Extension.
Title: Special Agent Medical Preplacement.

Description: Information collected will be used to determine whether or not an applicant is actually qualified for the position. The information will be initially used to make a recommendation on either hiring or not hiring an applicant.

Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Recordkeepers: 300.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Recordkeeper: 45 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Other (as long as employed).

Estimated Total Recordkeeping Burden: 225 hours.

OMB Number: 1512-0025.
Form Number: ATF F 2 (5320.2).
Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Notice of Firearms Manufactured or Imported.

Description: This form is used by qualified persons to register National

Firearms Act firearms imported or manufactured. The information on the form establishes eligibility and exemption from tax.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 816.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 45 minutes .

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 3,750 hours.

OMB Number: 1512-0508.

Form Number: ATF F 5300.28.

Recordkeeping Requirement ID

Number: ATF REC 5300/28.

Type of Review: Extension .

Title: Application for Registration for Tax-Free Transactions Under 26 U.S.C. 4221.

Description: Business, State and local governments, and small businesses apply for registration to sell or purchase firearms or ammunition tax free on this form. ATF uses the form to determine an applicant's qualification.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 125.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 3 hours.

Frequency of Response: Other (one-time).

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 375 hours.

Clearance Officer: Frank Bowers (202) 927-8930, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Room 3200, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20226.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

OMB Number: 1545-0047.

Form Number: IRS Form 990 and Schedules A & B.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax Under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code (Except Black Lung Benefit Trust or Private Foundation) or Sections 527 and 4947(a)(1) Non-Exempt Charitable Trust (Form 990); Organization Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3) (Except Private Foundation) and Section 501(e), 501(f), 501(k), 501(n), or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust (Schedule A); and Schedules of Contributors (Schedule B)

Description: Form 990 is needed to determine that Internal Revenue Code (IRC) section 501(a) tax-exempt organizations fulfill the operating conditions within the limitations of their tax exemption.

Respondents: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents/Recordkeepers: 287,769.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent/Recordkeeper:

Form/schedule	Recordkeeping	Learning about the law or the form	Preparing the form	Copying, assembling, and sending the form to the IRS
990	95 hr., 23 min	16 hr., 48 min	21 hr., 55 min	48 min.
990-EZ	28 hr., 28 min	10 hr., 24 min	12 hr., 16 min	16 min.
Schedule A (990/990-EZ)	50 hr., 13 min	9 hr., 26 min	10 hr., 40 min	0 min
Schedule B (990/990-EZ)	4 hr., 32 min	1 hr., 23 min	1 hr., 31 min	0 min.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Reporting/

Recordkeeping Burden: 47,397,875 hours.

OMB Number: 1545-0962.

Publication Number: IRS Publication 1075.

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Tax Information Security Guidelines for Federal, State, and Local Agencies.

Description: Internal Revenue Code section 6103(p) requires that IRS provide periodic reports to Congress describing safeguard procedures, utilized by agencies which receive

information from IRS, to protect the confidentiality of the information. This section also requires that these agencies furnish reports to the IRS describing their safeguards.

Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government, Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,100.

Estimated Burden Hours Per Respondent: 40 hours.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

Estimated Total Reporting Burden: 204,000 hours.

Clearance Officer: Garrick Shear, Internal Revenue Service, Room 5244, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20224.

OMB Reviewer: Alexander T. Hunt, (202) 395-7860, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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