

of approximately 11.29 miles in Yakima County, WA. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 98902, 98904, 98908, and 98937.¹

YILA has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) there is no overhead traffic on the line; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements of 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to the exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979). To address whether this condition adequately protects affected employees, a petition for partial revocation under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) must be filed.

Provided no formal expression of intent to file an offer of financial assistance (OFA) has been received, the exemption will be effective on February 18, 2006, unless stayed pending reconsideration. Petitions to stay that do not involve environmental issues,² formal expressions of intent to file an OFA under 49 CFR 1152.27(c)(2),³ and trail use/rail banking requests under 49 CFR 1152.29 must be filed by January 30, 2006. Petitions to reopen or requests for public use conditions under 49 CFR 1152.28 must be filed by February 8, 2006, with: Surface Transportation

Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423–0001.

A copy of any petition filed with the Board should be sent to applicant's representative: Charles H. Montange, 426 NW. 162nd St., Seattle, WA 98177.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*.

YILA has filed an environmental report which addresses the effects, if any, of the abandonment on the environment and historic resources. SEA will issue an environmental assessment (EA) by January 24, 2006. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the EA by writing to SEA (Room 500, Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423) or by calling SEA, at (202) 565–1539. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.] Comments on environmental and historic preservation matters must be filed within 15 days after the EA becomes available to the public.

Environmental, historic preservation, public use, or trail use/rail banking conditions will be imposed, where appropriate, in a subsequent decision.

Pursuant to the provisions of 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2), YILA shall file a notice of consummation with the Board to signify that it has exercised the authority granted and fully abandoned the line. If consummation has not been effected by YILA's filing of a notice of consummation by January 19, 2007, and there are no legal or regulatory barriers to consummation, the authority to abandon will automatically expire.

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov>.

Decided: January 12, 2006.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0610]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995

(44 U.S.C. 3501–3521), this notice announces that the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 21, 2006.

For Further Information or a Copy of the Submission Contact: Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005E3), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 565–8374, FAX (202) 565–6590 or e-mail: denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0610.”

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395–7316. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0610” in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Ecclesiastical Endorsing Organization, Request to Designate Ecclesiastical Endorsing Official, VA Form 10–0379.

OMB Control Number: 2900–0610.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The information collected on VA Form 10–0379 is used to assure that individuals employed by VA as chaplains are qualified to provide for the constitutional rights of veterans to free exercise of religion. Applicants are required to submit an official statement (“ecclesiastical endorsement”) from their religion or faith group, certifying that they are in good standing with the faith group and is qualified to perform the full range of ministry required in VA setting. VA uses this information to determine (1) who the faith group designates as its endorsing official(s); (2) whether the faith group provides ministry to a lay constituency; and (3) what is the constituency to which person endorsed by this group may minister.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on October 5, 2005, at page 58256.

¹ YILA seeks exemption from 49 U.S.C. 10904 (offer of financial assistance procedures). Also included with the verified notice of exemption is a request on behalf of Yakima County for issuance of a notice of interim trail use pursuant to section 8(d) of the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1247(d). The Board will address these requests in a subsequent decision.

² The Board will grant a stay if an informed decision on environmental issues (whether raised by a party or by the Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) in its independent investigation) cannot be made before the exemption's effective date. See *Exemption of Out-of-Service Rail Lines*, 5 I.C.C.2d 377 (1989). Any request for a stay should be filed as soon as possible so that the Board may take appropriate action before the exemption's effective date.

³ Each OFA must be accompanied by a \$1,200 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 8 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 45 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10.

By direction of the Secretary.

Dated: January 3, 2006.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0209]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed revision of a currently approved collection and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to determine a claimant's eligibility for work-study benefits.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before March 20, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: irmnkess@vba.va.gov. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0209" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of

Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Titles:

a. Application for Work-Study Allowance (Chapters 30, 31, 32 or 35, Title 38, U.S.C.; Chapter 1606 and 1607), VA Form 22-8691.

b. Student Work-Study Agreement (Student Services), VA Form 22-8692.

c. Extended Student Work-Study Agreement, VA Form 22-8692a.

d. Work-Study Agreement (Student Services), VA Form 22-8692b.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0209.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract:

a. Eligible veterans, reservists, and survivors or dependents complete VA Form 22-8691 to apply for work-study benefits.

b. VA Form 22-8692 is used by claimants to request an advance payment of work-study allowance.

c. VA Form 22-8692a is used by the claimant to extend his or her work-study contract.

d. VA Form 22-8692b is used by claimants who do not want a work-study advanced allowance payment.

VA uses the data collected to determine the applicant's eligibility for work-study allowance and the amount payable.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 11,984.

a. Application for Work-Study Allowance (Chapters 30, 31, 32 or 35, Title 38, U.S.C., Chapter 1606 and 1607), VA Form 22-8691—9,125 hours.

b. Student Work-Study Agreement (Student Services), VA Form 22-8692—1,167 hours.

c. Extended Student Work-Study Agreement, VA Form 22-8692a—275 hours.

d. Work-Study Agreement (Student Services), VA Form 22-8692b—1,417 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:

a. Application for Work-Study Allowance (Chapters 30, 31, 32 or 35, Title 38, U.S.C.; Chapter 1606 and 1607), VA Form 22-8691—15 minutes.

b. Student Work-Study Agreement (Student Services), VA Form 22-8692—5 minutes.

c. Extended Student Work-Study Agreement, VA Form 22-8692a—3 minutes.

d. Work-Study Agreement (Student Services), VA Form 22-8692b—5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Semi-Annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 73,000.

a. Application for Work-Study Allowance (Chapters 30, 31, 32 or 35, Title 38 U.S.C.; Chapter 1606 and 1607), VA Form 22-8691—36,500.

b. Student Work-Study Agreement (Student Services), VA Form 22-8692—14,000.

c. Extended Student Work-Study Agreement, VA Form 22-8692a—5,500.

d. Work-Study Agreement (Student Services), VA Form 22-8692b—17,000.

Dated: January 3, 2006.

By direction of the Secretary.

Denise McLamb,

Program Analyst, Records Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-New]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each existing collection in use without an OMB Control Number, and allow 60 days for