

programs such as the National Forest Revenue Act, the Mineral Lands Leasing Act, and the Taylor Grazing Act. PILT payments supplement the payments that local governments receive under these other programs. The President signed the Transportation bill (H.R. 4348) on July 6, 2012, which reauthorizes PILT for 2013, so this necessitates renewing the collection authority for another 3 years beyond 2012.

The PILT Act requires that the Governor of each State furnish the Department of the Interior with a listing of payments disbursed to local governments by the States on behalf of the Federal Government under 12 statutes described in Section 6903 of 31 U.S.C. The Department of the Interior uses the amounts reported by the States to reduce PILT payments to units of general local governments from that which they might otherwise receive. If such listings were not furnished by the Governor of each affected State, the Department would not be able to compute the PILT payments to units of general local government within the States in question.

In fiscal year 2004, administrative authority for the PILT program was transferred from the Bureau of Land Management to the Office of the Secretary of the Department of the Interior. Applicable DOI regulations pertaining to the PILT program to be administered by the Office of the Secretary were published as a final rule in the **Federal Register** on December 7, 2004 (69 FR 70557). The Office of Budget, Office of the Secretary is now planning to extend the information collection approval authority in order to enable the Department of the Interior to continue to comply with the PILT Act.

II. Data

(1) *Title:* Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT Act), Statement of Federal Land Payments, 43 CFR 44.

OMB Control Number: 1093-0005.

Current Expiration Date of Collection Authority: December 31, 2012.

Type of Review: Information Collection Renewal.

Affected Entities: State, local, or tribal government.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 43.

Frequency of Response: Annual.

(2) *Annual reporting and record keeping burden:* Average reporting burden per application: 53 hours.

Total annual reporting: 2,279 hours.

(3) *Description of the need and use of the information:* The statutorily-required information is needed to compute payments due units of general local government under the PILT Act

(31 U.S.C. 6901-6907). The Act requires that the Governor of each State furnish a statement as to amounts paid to units of general local government under 12 revenue-sharing statutes in the prior fiscal year. The President signed the Transportation bill (H.R. 4348) on July 6, 2012, which reauthorizes PILT for 2013, so continued authority is needed.

III. Request for Comments

As required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), a **Federal Register** notice soliciting comments on the collection of information was published on June 19, 2012 (77 FR 36568). No comments were received. This notice provides the public with an additional 30 days in which to comment on the proposed renewal of this information collection activity.

Comments are again invited on: (a) Whether the 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 information collection; (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 respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

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 Office of Management and Budget control number.

All written comments will be available for public inspection in the Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC during normal business hours, excluding legal holidays. For an appointment to inspect comments, please contact Niall

O'Connor by telephone on (202) 513-7785, or by email at Niall.O'Connor@ios.doi.gov to make an appointment. Valid picture identification is required for entry into the Department of the Interior.

Public Comment Policy: Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us, in your comment, to withhold your personal identifying information from public view, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Pam Haze,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget, Finance, Performance, and Acquisition.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of an extension of an information collection (1028-0051).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are notifying the public that we will submit to OMB an information collection request (ICR) to renew approval of the paperwork requirements for respondents to submit proposals and fulfill assistance reporting requirements for research in earthquake hazard assessments and earthquake occurrence under the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, as amended, Public Law 95-124, 42 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.* To submit a proposal, three standard OMB forms and a project narrative must be completed and submitted via Grants.gov. This collection is scheduled to expire on February 28, 2013. This notice provides the public an opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of these forms.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before December 31, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this information collection to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive MS 807, Reston, VA 20192 (mail); (703) 648-7199 (fax);

or smbaloch@usgs.gov (email). Please Reference Information 1028–0051 in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this IC, Elizabeth Lemersal, Earthquake Hazards Program, (703) 648–6716.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Earthquake Hazards Program Research and Monitoring.

OMB Control Number: 1028–0051.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Research and monitoring findings are essential to fulfilling USGS's responsibility under the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act to develop earthquake hazard assessments and recording and reporting earthquake activity nationwide. Residents, emergency responders, and engineers rely on the USGS for this accurate and scientifically sound information. Respondents to Program Announcements submit proposals to support research and monitoring related to earthquake hazard assessments, earthquake causes and effects, and earthquake monitoring. This information is used as the basis for selection and award of projects meeting the USGS's Earthquake Hazards Program objectives. Final reports of research and monitoring findings are required for each funded proposal; annual progress reports are required for awards of a two- to five-year duration. Final reports are made available to the public at the Web site <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/research/external/>.

Responses are voluntary. No questions of a "sensitive" nature are asked.

Affected Public: Research scientists, engineers, and the general public.

Respondent Obligation: Voluntary; necessary to receive benefits.

Frequency of Collection: Annually; Grant proposals and reporting; Every two to five years: Cooperative Agreement proposals and reporting.

Estimated Annual Number of and Description of Respondents: 250 Educational institutions, and profit and non-profit organizations.

Estimated Annual Number of Responses: 350 (250 applications and narratives and 100 annual and final reports).

Estimated Completion Time: 45 hours per application response and 12 hours per final report.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 12,450 (11,250 hours for applications and 1,200 hours for final reports).

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: We estimate the public reporting burden

will average 45 hours per application response. This includes time to develop project goals, write the statement of work, perform internal proposal reviews, and submit the proposal through grants.gov. We estimate the public reporting burden will average 12 hours per final or annual report response. This includes summarizing accomplishments for the past year's funded efforts.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden: We have not identified any "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this collection of information.

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Comments: We are soliciting comments as to: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) how to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) how to minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Please note that the comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee we will be able to do so.

Dated: October 23, 2012.

William Leith,

Senior Science Advisor for Earthquake and Geologic Hazards.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey, New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of filing of plats of survey.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey described below are scheduled to be officially filed in the New Mexico State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Santa Fe, New Mexico, thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Indian Meridian, Oklahoma (OK)

The plat, in six sheets, representing the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 14 North, Range 19 East, of the Indian Meridian, accepted September 11, 2012, for Group 67 OK.

The plat, in three sheets, representing the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 15 North, Range 20 East, of the Indian Meridian, accepted September 28, 2012, for Group 67 OK.

The plat, in two sheets, representing the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 14 North, Range 20 East, of the Indian Meridian, accepted September 28, 2012, for Group 67 OK.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

These plats will be available for inspection in the New Mexico State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 301 Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Copies may be obtained from this office upon payment. Contact Marcella Montoya at 505–954–2097, or by email at mmontoya@blm.gov, for assistance. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. These plats are to be scheduled for official filing 30 days from the notice of publication in the **Federal Register**, as provided for in the BLM Manual Section 2097—Opening Orders. Notice from this office will be provided as to the date of said publication. If a protest against a survey, in accordance with 43 CFR 4.450–2, of the above plats is received prior to the date of official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest.

A plat will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

A person or party who wishes to protest against any of these surveys