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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Bruce Rogers, telephone (907) 822-3217.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Currently, a Management Framework Plan (MFP) completed in 1980 guides the use of these lands. A new RMP is necessary to respond to increasing tourism and recreational use in the area, and new issues that have developed since 1980. Preliminary issues and management concerns have been identified by BLM personnel, other agencies, and in meetings with individuals and user groups. They represent the BLM's knowledge to date on the existing issues and concerns with current management. The major issue themes that will be addressed in the plan effort include: How will people's uses and activities be managed; how to we protect and conserve lands having special critical or unique features or resource values; and how will the natural resources of the East Alaska planning area be managed and conserved? After gathering public comments on what issues the plan should address, the suggested issues will be placed in one of three categories: 1. Issued to be resolved in the plan; 2. Issues resolved through policy or administrative action; or 3. Issues beyond the scope of this plan.

Rationale will be provided in the plan for each issue placed in category two or three. In addition to these major issues, a number of management question and concerns will be addressed in the plan. The public is encouraged to help identify these questions and concerns during the scoping phase.

An interdisciplinary approach will be used to develop the plan in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Disciplines involved in the planning process will include specialists with expertise in outdoor recreation, minerals and geology, forestry, archaeology, paleontology, wildlife and fisheries,

lands and realty, hydrology, soils, vegetation, sociology and economics.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

#### Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Renewal

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is seeking a renewal of the following information collection:

Diversions, Return Flow, and Consumptive Use of Colorado River Water in the Lower Colorado River Basin, OMB No. 1006-0015.

Before submitting the information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget for approval, Reclamation is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the information collection.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by May 19, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments concerning this notice to Nancy DiDonato, BCOO-4445, Bureau of Reclamation, P.O. Box 61470, Boulder City, Nevada 89006-1470. A copy of the information collection form can be obtained by writing to the above address or calling Nancy DiDonato at (702) 293-8532.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy DiDonato, Contracts and Repayment Specialist, (702) 293-8532.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of Reclamation's functions, including whether the information will have practical use; (b) the accuracy of Reclamation's estimated time and cost burdens of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, use, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of

automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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.

Information on water diversions is reported on four different types of forms. The base form (Form LC-72) was developed for use by respondents in the State of Nevada and variations of the form have been used by other respondents. Some respondents choose to use their own format to report diversions and return flows. Water delivery contracts regulation some respondents to supply both monthly and annual reports on the same form.

**Title:** Diversions, Return Flow, and Consumptive Use of Colorado River Water in the Lower Colorado River Basin.

**OMB No.:** 1006-0015.

**Abstract:** Reclamation delivers Colorado River water to water users for diversion and beneficial consumptive use in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada. Under Supreme Court order, the United States is required, at least annually, to prepare and maintain complete, detailed, and accurate records of diversions of water, return flow, and consumptive use. This information is needed to ensure that a State or a water user within a State does not exceed its authorized use of Colorado River water. Water users are obligated to provide information on diversions and return flows to Reclamation by provisions in their water delivery contracts. Reclamation determines the consumptive use by subtracting return flow from diversions or by other engineering means. Without the information collected, Reclamation could not comply with the order of the United States Supreme Court to prepare and maintain detailed and accurate records of diversions, return flow, and consumptive use.

**Description of respondents:** The Lower Basin States (Arizona, California, and Nevada), local and tribal entities,