

Dam and have an affect on water storage in Lakes Powell and Mead.

The Record of Decision for the Colorado River Interim Surplus Guidelines adopted specific objective elevation levels at Lake Mead at which surplus water (*i.e.*, amounts to satisfy consumptive use in excess of 7.5 million acre-feet) could be delivered to the Lower Division States (Arizona, California, and Nevada) from Lake Mead through the year 2016. The purpose of the proposed 602(a) storage guideline is to adopt a similar objective elevation level in Lake Powell during the time period that the Colorado River Interim Surplus Guidelines are in place. The Colorado River Interim Surplus Guidelines are applicable through 2016, and the proposed 602(a) storage guideline is proposed to remain in effect through that same period.

The need for the proposed 602(a) storage guideline arises because of the potential for additional surplus deliveries to the Lower Division States, during the period through 2016, to further draw down Lake Powell (through storage equalization releases), thus affecting Upper Basin resources such as water supply, recreation, and power generation. Just as the Interim Surplus Guidelines provide a lower limit at Lake Mead for declaration of surplus through the year 2016, the proposed 602(a) storage guideline would provide a lower limit for annual releases of water in excess of 8.23 million acre-feet from Lake Powell through the year 2016. The action is therefore needed to provide for coordinated operation of these two reservoirs on the Colorado River.

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. 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.

NEPA Process

Public comments on the draft EA will be considered as part of the Secretary's decision in determining whether to adopt an interim 602(a) storage guideline for management of the Colorado River. Written and/or oral comments already received in response

to the January 28, 2003, **Federal Register** notice (68 FR 4230–31) soliciting public comments and initiating a NEPA process need not be resubmitted as they have been retained and will be considered during this open comment period. Although we have used information already received in formulating the draft EA, we will address that information as well as any new comments received in our final EA, as appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Ryan, Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Regional Office, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138, telephone (801) 524–3732.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians

New Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Submission of Information Collection to the Office of Management and Budget.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians announces the submission of an information collection concerning Individual Indian Money (IIM) Accounts. This is a new collection for the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians. Previously, this information collection, Individual Indian Money (IIM), OMB Control No. 1076–0154, had been submitted and cleared as a Bureau of Indian Affairs responsibility. The Bureau of Indian Affairs collection will expire prior to or concurrent with the time the new collection is approved by the Office of Management and Budget and assigned a new control number. The request to the Office of Management and Budget is to approve the new collection for a period of three years.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: You may telefax your comments to: Attention: Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Management and Budget, at (202) 395–6566. You may also e-mail comments to: OIRA DOCKET@omb.eop.gov. Send a copy of your comments to: Sarah Yepa,

Office of Trust Regulations, Policies and Procedures, Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, 505 Marquette NW., Suite 1000, Albuquerque, NM 87102.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sarah Yepa, Telephone (505) 816–1003, Fax (505) 816–1377.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994 (the Reform Act) makes provision for the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians to administer trust fund accounts for individuals and tribes. The collection of information is required to facilitate the processing of deposits, investments, and distribution of monies held in trust by the U.S. Government and administered by the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians. The collection of information provides the information needed to establish procedures to: deposit and retrieve funds from accounts, perform transactions such as cashing checks, reporting lost or stolen checks, stopping payment of checks, and general verification of account activities.

The collection showed 1,577,125 total burden hours when it was maintained by the Bureau of Indian Affairs with the OMB Control Number 1076–0154. Upon review of the collection, a total of 990,211 burden hours have been removed from the public burden; 114,700 burden hours are part of the federal burden; the remaining burden is the result of re-evaluating the number of responses for each collection. The review by the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians resulted in a reduction of responses from 1,997,500 to 677,675; this is a reduction of 1,329,825 responses. The reduction in the overall burden results from activity generated by the collection. We reviewed the number of respondents. To arrive at the number of total respondents, we added 500 tribes to the 285,000 IIM accounts, for a total of 285,500 respondents. As required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), a **Federal Register** notice soliciting comments on the proposed renewal of this collection of information was published on June 19, 2003 (68 FR 36837); no comments were received.

Request for Comments: The Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians requests your comments on this collection concerning:

(a) The necessity of this information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;