

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is submitting the information collection titled 25 CFR part 103, Loan Guaranty, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy, OMB Control Number 1076-0020, for renewal. We are renewing the collection for Loan Guaranty, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy whose clearance expires October 31, 2003. Otherwise, the collection of this information would be prohibited.

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 19, 2003.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the information collection to the Desk Officer for Department of the Interior at OMB, either by facsimile at (202) 395-6566, or you may send an e-mail to: *OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov*.

Please send a copy of your comments to Ray Brown, Chief, Division of Financial Assistance, Office of Tribal Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C St., NW., Mail Stop 2412-MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may request further information or obtain copies of the information collection request submission from David Johnson, Solicitor, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240 or by telefacsimile at (202) 208-7419.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Loan Guaranty, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy Program, 25 U.S.C. 1481 *et seq.* and 25 U.S.C. 1511 *et seq.*, is to encourage private lending to individual Indians and organizations of Indians, by providing lenders with loan guaranties or loan insurance to reduce their potential risk. Lenders, borrowers, and the loan purpose all must qualify under Program terms. In addition, the Secretary of the Interior must be satisfied that there is a reasonable prospect that the loan will be repaid. BIA collects information under the proposed regulations to assure compliance with Program requirements. A request for comments on this information collection request appeared in the **Federal Register** on June 10, 2003 (68 FR 34640). No comments were received.

Request for Comments: The Bureau of Indian Affairs requests you to send your comments on this collection to the locations listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Your comments should address: (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; (b) the accuracy of the

agency's estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways we could enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents, such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that an agency may not sponsor or request, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it has a valid OMB Control Number.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the Bureau of Indian Affairs location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section, room 2412, during the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday except for legal holidays. If you wish to have your name and/or address withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will honor your request according to the requirements of the law. All comments from organizations or representatives will be available for review. We may withhold comments from review for other reasons.

OMB Approval Number: 1076-0020.

Title: 25 CFR 103, Loan Guaranty, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy.

Brief Description of collection: The Loan Guaranty, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy Program (Program) was established by the Act of April 12, 1974, as amended, 88 Stat. 79, 25 U.S.C. 1481 *et seq.* and 25 U.S.C. 1511 *et seq.* The Program has existed since 1974 and the regulations implementing it have existed since 1975, with significant revision in 2001. It is necessary to collect information from users of this program in order to determine eligibility and credit worthiness of Indian applicants for loans. Submission of this information is mandatory for respondent to receive or maintain a benefit.

Type of review: Renewal.

Respondents: Commercial banks.

Number of Respondents: 84.

Estimated Time per Response: ¼ hour to 2 hours.

Frequency of Response: As needed.

Total Annual Responses: 852.

Total Annual Burden to Respondents: 519 hours.

Dated: September 29, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Public Meeting: Resource Advisory Council to the Lower Snake River District, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Lower Snake River District Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held November 18, 2003, beginning 9 a.m. at the Bureau of Land Management, Lower Snake River District Office Sage Brush Conference Room, located at 3948 Development Ave, Boise, Idaho 83705. Public comment periods will be held after topics on the agenda. The meeting will adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: MJ Byrne, Public Affairs Officer and RAC Coordinator, Lower Snake River District, 3948 Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705, Telephone (208) 384-3393.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in southwestern Idaho. At this meeting, the following topics will be discussed:

- Overview of American Indian statutes, regulations, and treaties, trust relationship, tribal resource rights, tribal sovereignty and governmental authority, Native American consultation and coordination—Douglas McConaughy, Facilitator, Mediator, and Arbitrator;
- Subcommittee Reports
- Grouse Habitat Management, Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV) and Transportation Management, River Recreation and Resource Management Plans, and Fire and Fuels Management;
- Two Resource Management Plans under development in the District—update on progress during workshops for Alternatives development;
- OHV Update—
- Status of BLM Idaho's Strategic Plan—Terry Heslin
- Progress in OHV trails mapping and public outreach—Lower Snake