

Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may contact Ken Visser on (202) 452-7743 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) on 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Mr. Visser.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 5 CFR 1320.12(a) requires that we provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information to solicit comments on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) the accuracy of our estimates of the information collection burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use;

(c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and

(d) ways to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The Taylor Grazing Act (TGA) of 1934 (43 U.S.C. 315 *et seq.*) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLMPA) of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) provide the authority for the BLM to administer the livestock grazing program consistent with land use plans, multiple use objectives, sustained yield, environmental values, economic considerations, and other factors.

Sections 4 and 15 of the TGA and the regulation at 43 CFR 4120.3-3 allow permittees the opportunity to construct and maintain rangeland improvements on the public lands. Applicants must submit Form 4120-7, Application and Approval for Range Improvement Permit, to request rangeland improvement projects. BLM authorizes rangeland improvement projects to facilitate handling livestock while they are using public lands as an important and integral part of grazing use administration. BLM uses the information the permittees and lessees provide to:

(1) Review requests for privately funded rangeland improvement projects for compatibility with multiple use objectives and land use plans;

(2) Develop appropriate conditions and specifications; and

(3) Approve or reject the applications.

We use the name and address to determine if the applicant is a grazing permittee in compliance with 43 CFR 4120.3-3(a). Applicants also specify if they will construct a new improvement or obtain a permit to maintain an existing improvement. The applicant must briefly state a purpose or justification to determine the compatibility of proposed use with multiple use plans. The applicant identifies the specific location to determine land ownership and if needed, provides a plat to delineate linear improvements such as fences or pipelines.

Because of the variations in size and complexity of rangeland improvement projects, BLM estimates it takes 20 minutes to complete the required information. We estimate 60 responses per year and a total annual burden of 20 hours.

BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 3, 2003.

Michael H. Schwartz,

Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Extension of Approved Information Collection. OMB Control Number 1004-0034

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is requesting the office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend an existing approval to collect certain information from those persons who wish to transfer interest in oil and gas or geothermal leases by assignment of record title or transfer operating rights (sublease) in oil and gas or geothermal leases under the terms of the mineral leasing laws. BLM uses Form 3000-3, Assignment of Record Title Interest In A Lease for Oil and Gas or Geothermal Resources, and Form 3000-3a, Transfer of Operating

Rights (Sublease) In A Lease for Oil and Gas or Geothermal Resources, to collect this information. This information allows the BLM to transfer interest in oil and gas or geothermal leases by assignment of record title or transfer operating rights (sublease) in oil and gas or geothermal leases under the regulations at 43 CFR 3106, 3135, and 3216.

DATES: You must submit your comments to BLM at the address below on or before April 8, 2003. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to: Bureau of Land Management, (WO-630), Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Blvd., Springfield, Virginia 22153.

You may send comments via Internet to: WOComment@blm.gov. Please include "ATTN: 1004-0034" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

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The Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*) and the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1001-1025) authorize the Secretary of the