

information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). 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 OMB control number.

We will submit a request to OMB to renew its approval of the collection of information associated with the NEPA Compliance Checklist. The Service administers several grant programs authorized by the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669–669i), the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777–777l), the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 757a–757g), the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the Clean Vessel Act (33 U.S.C. 1322, 16 U.S.C. 777c), the Sportfishing and Boating Safety Act (16 U.S.C. 777g–l), North American Wetlands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4401–4412), the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 3951 *et seq.*), and through other Acts and authorities. The Service uses the information collected on the NEPA Compliance Checklist to determine whether a grantee complies with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42

U.S.C. 4321–4347, 40 CFR 1500–1508). The State or other grantee uses the checklist as a guide to general NEPA requirements, and the checklist becomes an administrative record to meet their assurances requirements for receiving a grant.

Certain grant applicants must provide the information requested on the NEPA Compliance Checklist in order to qualify to receive benefits in the form of grants for purposes outlined in the applicable law. This form is designed to cause the minimum impact in the form of hourly burden on respondents and still obtain all necessary information. Only about 3 percent of the Service’s applicants for either a new grant or for an amendment to an existing grant will meet the criteria and need to complete the NEPA Compliance Checklist. The checklist needs to be prepared when (a) The proposed action is not completely covered by a categorical exclusion (*e.g.*, the proposal cannot meet the qualifying criteria in the categorical exclusion, and “is not” will be checked on the Checklist); (b) The proposed action cannot be categorically excluded because an exception to the categorical exclusion applies (*e.g.*, a “Yes” will be checked on the Checklist); (c)

Environmental conditions at or in the vicinity of the site have materially changed, affecting the consideration of alternatives and impacts (applicable to amendments and renewals); (d) There is a need to document a normally categorically excluded action that may be controversial; or (e) Additional internal review and/or documentation of the NEPA administrative record are desirable.

The current OMB control number for this information collection is 1018–0110, and the OMB approval for this collection expires on March 31, 2004. We are requesting a three year term of approval for this information collection activity.

*Title:* NEPA Compliance Checklist.  
*OMB Control Number:* 1018–0110.  
*Frequency of Collection:* Annually.  
*Description of Respondents:* The 50 U.S. States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Indian Tribal Governments, local governments, and others receiving grant funds.  
*Annual Burden Estimates:*

| Name            | Completion time<br>(per checklist) | Annual number of responses | Total annual burden hours |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Checklist ..... | ½ hour .....                       | 160                        | 80                        |

We invite comments on: (1) 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; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimates of burden of the collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**  
**Bureau of Land Management**  
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**Notice of Public Meeting, Central Montana Resource Advisory Council**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Summary of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management ACT (FLMPA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Central Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held December 3, 2003 at the Holiday Inn, in Great Falls, Montana. The meeting will begin at 8 a.m. with a one-hour public comment period. The meeting is scheduled to adjourn at approximately 5:30 p.m.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This 15-member council advises the Secretary of

the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in north central Montana. At this meeting, the RAC will consider these topics, which deal with the Blackleaf Project along the Rocky Mountain Front:

A BLM/U.S. Forest Service update  
A report from Startech Energy  
An update on cultural/Native American interests  
A presentation by environmental/recreation interests  
A report from a Teton County Commissioner  
An update from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks  
The RAC will then participate in a question/answer period with the presenters  
The RAC will then consider making recommendations concerning this project  
The RAC will then address administrative issues (next meeting date/location)

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written