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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; OMB Approval Number 1004–0194

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has sent a request to extend the current information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). On July 30, 2002, the BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 49369) requesting comment on this information collection. The comment period ended on September 30, 2002. BLM received no comments. You may obtain copies of the

collection of information and related forms and explanatory material by contacting the BLM Information Collection Clearance Officer at the telephone number listed below.

The OMB must respond to this request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. For maximum consideration your comments and suggestions on the requirement should be directed within 30 days to the Office of Management and Budget, Interior Department Desk Officer (1004–0194), at OMB–OIRA via facsimile to (202) 395–6566 or e-mail to [OIRA\\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov). Please provide a copy of your comments to the Bureau of Information Collection Clearance Officer (WO–630), Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Blvd., Springfield, Virginia 22153.

#### Nature of Comments

We specifically request your comments on the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the property functioning of the BLM, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. The accuracy of our estimates of the information collection burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use;

3. Ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information we collect; and

4. Ways to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

*Title:* Surface Management Activities under the General Mining Law of 1872 (43 CFR 3809).

*OMB Approval Number:* 1004–0194.

*Bureau Form Numbers:* 3809–1, 3809–2, 3809–4, 3809–4a, and 3809–5.

*Abstract:* The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) collects and uses the information to manage the surface management activities under the General Mining Law of 1872 and the regulations at 43 CFR 3809.

*Frequency:* Occasional.

*Description of Respondents:*

Individuals, groups, or corporations.

*Estimated Completion Time:*

Information collected	Public burden hours/action	Estimated number actions	Total burden hours	Total public burden cost
<b>Notices (nonform)</b>				
Small Exploration .....	16	193	3,088	\$231,600
Medium Exploration .....	48	193	9,264	694,800
Sub Total .....		386	12,352	926,400
<b>Plan of Operations</b>				
Exploration .....	48	15	720	64,800
Placer .....	160	67	10,720	964,800
Open Pit .....	480	45	21,600	1,944,000
Industrial .....	160	8	1,280	115,200
Underground .....	160	7	1,120	100,800
Milling .....	160	8	1,280	115,200
Sub Total .....		150	36,720	3,304,800
<b>NEPA</b>				
Exploration .....	320	15	4,800	336,000
EA (Simple) .....	320	82	26,240	1,836,800
EA (Standard) .....	890	45	40,050	3,600,000
EIS .....	2,480	8	19,840	4,075,600
Sub Total .....		150	90,930	9,848,400
Section 106—NHPA .....	30	150	4,500	744,490
Forms .....				
<b>Financial Guarantee</b>				
Notices .....	18	386	51	2,040
Plans of Operations .....	18	150	21	840
Bond/Surety Riders or Change of Operator .....	18	180	24	960