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(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.

BLM manages and sells timber located on the revested Oregon and California Railroad and the reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Grants Lands under the authority of the Act of August 28, 1937 (50 Stat. 875, 43 U.S.C. 1181e). Under the Act of July 31, 1947, as amended (61 Stat. 681, 30 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), BLM also manages and sells timber located on other lands under our jurisdiction. The Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Acts of 1975 and 1976 contained a requirement for the inclusion of provisions in timber sale contracts that will ensure that unprocessed timber sold from public lands under the jurisdiction of the BLM will not be exported or used by the purchasers as a substitute for timber they export or sell for export. The regulations at 43 CFR 5400, Sales of Forest Products, General, cover these provisions.

Timber purchasers or their affiliates must submit the information listed at 43 CFR 5424.1(a) using Form 5460-17, Substitution Determination. We collect the purchaser's name, timber contract number, processing facility location, total volume of Federal timber purchases on an annual basis, total volume of private timber exported on an annual basis, and method of measuring the volume. The regulation 43 CFR 5424.1(b) requires that the purchasers or affiliates retain a record of Federal timber acquisitions and private timber exports for three years from the date they activity occurred. BLM uses this information to determine if there was a substitution of Federal timber for exported private timber in violation of 43 CFR 5400.0-3(c). We could not protect against export and substitution if we did not collect this information.

Based on BLM's experience administering timber contracts, we estimate the public reporting burden to collect the information is one hour per response. The respondents are Federal timber purchasers who exported private timber within one year preceding the

purchase date of Federal timber and/or affiliates of a timber purchaser who exported private timber within one year before the acquisition of Federal timber from the purchaser. The frequency of response is annually. We estimate 25 responses per year and a total annual burden of 25 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 5, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Control Number 1004-0168

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 private landowners. BLM uses Form OR 2812-6, Report and Road Use, to collect this information. This information allows the BLM to determine road use and maintenance fees for logging road right-of-way permits issued under the O&C Logging Road Right-of-Way regulations (43 CFR part 2812).

DATES: You must submit your comments to BLM at the address below on or before April 14, 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: WOCComment@blm.gov. Please include "ATTN: 1004-0168" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

You may deliver comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

All comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may contact John Styduhar, BLM Oregon State Office, on (503) 952-6454 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Mr. Styduhar.

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 burden of the proposed collection of information, 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 burden of the collection of information 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.

BLM may authorize private landowners in western Oregon to transport their timber over BLM-controlled roads under Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761). The logging road right-of-way permits that BLM issues are subject to the requirements of the O&C Logging Road Right-of-Way regulations (43 CFR part 2812). As a condition of each right-of-way permit, a permittee must provide us with a certified statement containing the amount of timber removed, the lands from which the timber was removed, and the BLM roads used to transport the timber. Permittees must submit this information on a quarterly basis using the Form OR-2812-6, Report of Road Use.

The monies we receive for road use contributes to the recovery of costs incurred in the construction of forest access roads. The fees we collect for road maintenance are reimbursements for services we provide to maintain roads the permittee's use. If we did not require the collection of information included in the Report of Road Use Form, it would not be possible to