

(c) The state standards for payment of attorney fees in juvenile delinquency proceedings, (d) The name of the attorney, and his actual voucher certified by the court for the work completed on a preapproved case. This information is required for payment of appointed counsel as authorized by Public Law 95-608.

### III. Request for Comments

We specifically request your comments on the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the BIA, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the Bureau's estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical or other forms of information technology.

### IV. Data

*Title of the Collection of Information:* Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Payment for Appointed Counsel in Involuntary Indian Child Custody Proceedings in State Courts.

*OMB Number:* 1076-0111.

*Affected Entities:* State Courts and individual Indians eligible for payment of attorney fees pursuant to 25 CFR 23.13.

*Frequency of response:* Once.

*Estimated number of annual responses:* 4.

*Estimated annual reporting and record keeping burden that will result from the Reporting:* 2 hours/response  $\times$  4 respondents = 8 hours.

*Recordkeeping:* 1 hour/response  $\times$  4 respondents = 4 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 12 hours.

Dated: June 23, 1997.

**Ada E. Deer,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has submitted the proposed renewal of the information collection for the Housing Assistance Application, codified at 25 CFR 256.5, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et. seq.*). On February 19, 1997, BIA published a notice in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 7470) requesting public comments on the proposed information collection. The comment period ended on April 21, 1997. BIA received no comments from the public in response to the notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Copies of the proposed collection of information and related form and explanatory materials may be obtained by contacting June Henkel, Bureau of Indian Affairs (Bureau), Department of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, MS-4603 MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240. (202) 208-2721.

**DATES:** OMB is required to respond to this request within 60 days of publication of this notice on or before September 2, 1997 but may respond after 30 days. For maximum consideration, your comments should be submitted by August 1, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Your comments and suggestions on the requirements should be made directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20503, (202) 395-7340. Please provide a copy of your comments to June Henkel, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Tribal Services, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-4603-MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 208-2721.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The information collection is needed to establish whether an applicant is eligible to receive services under the Housing Improvement Program (HIP) and to establish the priority order in which eligible applicants may receive services under the program.

##### II. Request for Comments

We specifically request your comments on the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the BIA, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. The accuracy of the Bureau's estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. The quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and, 4. How to minimize the burden of the information collection on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical or other forms of information technology.

### III. Data

*Title of the Collection of Information:* Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Housing Assistance Application.

*OMB Number:* 1076-0084

*Affected Entities:* Individual members of Indian tribes who are living on or near a tribally, or by law, defined service area.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually or less frequently, depending on length of waiting list, funding availability and dynamics of service population.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 3,500.

*Estimated Time per Application:* 1/2 hour.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1750 hours.

Dated: June 23, 1997.

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*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Plan for the Use and Distribution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Indian Judgment Funds in Docket No. 22-H Before the United States Court of Federal Claims

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the plan for the use and distribution of judgment funds awarded to the White Mountain Apache Tribe in Docket No. 22-H is effective as of April 29, 1997. Distribution of the funds in accordance with the plan shall be administered by the Special Trustee for American Indians through the Office of Trust Funds Management.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Joe Weller, Office of Trust Funds Management, 505 Marquette, NW, Suite 1000, Albuquerque, NM 87102, (505) 248-5723.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Act of October 19, 1973, as amended (25 U.S.C. 1402 *et seq.*), requires that a plan be prepared and submitted to Congress for the use and distribution of funds appropriated to pay a judgment of the Indian Claims Commission or Court of Claims to any Indian tribe. Funds were appropriated on December 11, 1995, in satisfaction of the award granted to the White Mountain Apache Tribe before the United States Court of Federal Claims in Docket No. 22-H. The plan for the use and distribution of the funds, including supporting documents referenced by and incorporated therein, was submitted to Congress on December 10, 1996, with letters bearing the same date. The receipt of the letters by the Senate the House of Representatives was recorded in the Congressional Record published on January 10, 1997. The plan became effective on April 29, 1997, since a joint resolution disapproving it was not enacted. The General Provisions section shall be interpreted in conjunction with currently governing regulations with reference to limitations on distribution of funds for the use/benefit of minors and legal incompetents. Such restrictions may be found at 25 CFR §§ 87.10, 115.4, and 115.5. The plan reads as follows:

**Plan for the Use and Distribution of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Judgment Funds in Docket 22-H Before the United States Court of Federal Claims**

The funds appropriated on December 11, 1995, in satisfaction of the judgment granted to the White Mountain Apache Tribe in Docket 22-H by the United States Court of Federal Claims, less attorney fees and litigation expenses, and including all interest and investment income accrued, shall be used and distributed as herein provided:

**Per Capita Aspect**

Eighty percent (80%) of the funds shall be distributed in the form of per capita payments by the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter the "Secretary") in sums as equal as possible to all tribal members born on or prior to and living on the effective date of this plan, except that individuals who have received judgment fund per capita payments while enrolled with any other tribe shall

be ineligible to participate in the distribution of Docket 22-H funds. The tribal governing body shall establish, with the approval of the Secretary, procedures and a deadline for the filing of applications for tribal enrollment. Such deadline shall not be established on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

**Programming Aspect**

Twenty percent (20%) of the funds, and any amounts remaining from the per capita payments provided above, shall be used to establish a perpetual and permanent White Mountain Apache Land Restoration Fund (hereinafter referred to as the "Fund"). The principal of the Fund shall never be expended. The Fund's investment income shall be used for the following types of land and water restoration projects:

1. A portion of the fund may be used for fund administration in the form of an endowment governed by a Board of Directors who would recommend projects for funding, set policy direction for the fund, and made decisions regarding scholarships and internships with preferences given to projects which use funds to match outside grants and which promote the long term recovery of Apache lands and values.

2. A permanent matching fund annually for federal, state, and private grants.

3. Restoration projects may be conducted in a variety of locations across the Reservation, including the following:

a. Riparian and cienega restoration, including fencing, development of alternative water resources for cattle and wildlife, erosion control, revegetation;

b. Rangeland restoration, including irrigation, reseeding, and fencing;

c. Ecological educational projects, including interpretive nature trails, community nature parks, curricula development for schools, and television programming;

d. Ecosystems monitoring and research projects in the area of water quality and habitat;

e. Plant and wildlife restoration, such as reintroduction of native species and elimination of exotics; and

f. Cultural and language restoration, including recording and transmitting tribal elders' knowledge of ecosystems, such as place names, herbs, plants, and animals.

4. Scholarships may be made available to tribal members who are college or university level juniors,

seniors, or graduate students majoring in natural resources fields, and special intern programs to provide tribal members with unique opportunities to learn about and work in a range of natural resource fields on the Reservation.

5. The investment income may also be used to develop and implement potential initiatives to protect and restore tribal lands and waters which emphasize the involvement of tribal elders and youth. Those initiatives may include stream and lake restoration projects; tribal youth training camp; ethnecology project; tribal ecological research institute; adopt-a-stream program for local schools; oral history project; and ecotourism development program.

**General Provisions**

The per capita shares of living, competent adults shall be paid directly to them. The per capita shares of deceased individual beneficiaries shall be determined and distributed in accordance with 43 CFR, part 4, subpart D. Per capita shares of legal incompetents and minors shall be handled as provided in 25 U.S.C. 1403(b)(3).

The Secretary, in arranging for the per capita payments to be made, shall withhold sufficient shares for individuals, whose eligibility may be in question. Those shares shall be held at interest in a separate Individual Indian Money (IIM) account, pending determination of an individual's enrollment appeal. The amount of any shares not used to pay successful appellants shall be available for use in the programming aspect of this plan.

None of the funds distributed per capita or made available under this plan for programming shall be subject to Federal or State income taxes, nor shall such funds nor their availability be considered as income or resources nor otherwise utilized as the basis for denying or reducing the financial assistance or other benefits to which such household or member would otherwise be entitled under the Social Security Act or, except for per capita shares in excess of \$2,000, any Federal or federally assisted programs.

Dated: June 25, 1997.

**Ada E. Deer,**

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