

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Billings Area Office, 316 North 26th Street, Billings, Montana 59101-1362, telephone (406) 247-7998.

DATES: Interested parties may submit comments on the proposed rate adjustment. Comments must be submitted on or before September 24, 1997.

ADDRESSES: All comments concerning the proposed rate increase must be in writing and addressed to: Director, Office of Trust Responsibilities, Attn.: Irrigation and Power, MS#4513-MIB, Code 210, 1849 "C" Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240, Telephone (202) 208-5480.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The authority to issue this document is vested in the Secretary of the Interior by 5 U.S.C. 301 and the Act of August 14, 1914 (38 Stat. 583, 25 U.S.C. 385). The Secretary has delegated this authority to the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs pursuant to part 209 Departmental Manual, Chapter 8.1A and Memorandum dated January 25, 1994, from Chief of Staff, Department of the Interior, to Assistant Secretaries, and Heads of Bureaus and Offices.

This notice is given in accordance with § 171.1(e) of part 171, Subchapter H, Chapter 1, of Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations, which provides for the fixing and announcing the rates for annual operation and maintenance assessments and related information of the Crow Irrigation Project for Calendar Year 1998 and subsequent years.

The assessment rates are based on a prepared estimate of the cost of normal

operation and maintenance of the irrigation project. Normal operation and maintenance means the expenses we incur to provide direct support or benefit to the project's activities for administration, operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation. We must include at least:

- (a) Personnel salary and benefits for the project engineer/manager and our employees under his management/control;
- (b) Materials and supplies;
- (c) Major and minor vehicle and equipment repairs;
- (d) Equipment, including transportation, fuel, oil, grease, lease and replacement;
- (e) Capitalization expenses;
- (f) Acquisition expenses; and
- (g) Other expenses we determine necessary to properly perform the activities and functions characteristic of an irrigation project.

Payments

The irrigation operation and maintenance assessments become due based on locally established payment requirements. No water shall be delivered to any of these lands until all irrigation charges have been paid.

Interest and Penalty Fees

Interest, penalty, and administrative fees will be assessed, where required by law, on all delinquent operation and maintenance assessment charges as prescribed in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 4, Part 102, Federal Claims Collection Standards; and 42 BIAM Supplement 3, part 3.8 Debt Collection Procedures. Beginning 30

days after the due date interest will be assessed at the rate of the current value of funds to the U.S. Treasury. An administrative fee of \$12.50 will be assessed each time an effort is made to collect a delinquent debt; a penalty charge of 6 percent per year will be charged on delinquent debts over 90 days old and will accrue from the date the debt became delinquent. No water shall be delivered to any farm unit until all irrigation charges have been paid. After 180 days a delinquent debt will be forwarded to the United States Treasury for further action in accordance with Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-134).

Dated: August 13, 1997.

Ada E. Deer,

Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Operation and Maintenance Rate Adjustment: Fort Hall Irrigation Project, Idaho

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Rate Adjustment.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs proposes to change the assessment rates for operating and maintaining the Fort Hall Irrigation Project, Michaud Unit, for 1998, 1999, and subsequent years. The following table illustrates the impact of the rate adjustment.

FORT HALL IRRIGATION PROJECT
[Michaud unit irrigation rate per assessable acre]

Rate category	Present rate	Proposed 1998 rate	Proposed 1999 rate
Basic Rate	\$25.50	\$26.50	\$27.50
Pressure Rate	37.50	38.50	39.50

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Portland Area Office, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4169, telephone (503) 231-6702.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 24, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on rate adjustments should be sent to Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Attn: Branch of Irrigation and Power, MS-4513-MIB, Code 210, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The authority to issue this document is vested in the Secretary of the Interior by 5 U.S.C. 301 and the Act of August 15, 1914 (38 Stat. 583, 25 U.S.C. 385). The Secretary has delegated this authority to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs pursuant to part 209, Departmental Manual, Chapter 8.1A and Memorandum dated January 25, 1994, from Chief of Staff, Department of the Interior, to Assistant Secretaries, and Heads of Bureaus and Offices.

This notice is given in accordance with § 171.1(e) of part 171, Subchapter

H, Chapter I, of Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations, which provides for the fixing and announcing the rates for annual operation and maintenance assessments and related information for BIA operated and owned irrigation projects.

The purpose of this notice is to announce a proposed increase in the Michaud Unit, Fort Hall Irrigation Project, assessment rates proportionate with actual operation and maintenance costs. The change in the assessment rate is based on the electrical energy cost increase imposed by the Bureau of

Reclamation (BOR). In September 1996 the BOR notified us they are increasing the electrical energy charge for its users. The rate was set at 12.70 mills per kilowatt hour, an increase of 19.5%. The increased electrical energy cost was absorbed by the project during the 1997 irrigation season.

The assessment rates are based on an estimate of the cost of normal operation and maintenance of the irrigation project. Normal operation and maintenance means the expenses we incur to provide direct support or benefit to the project's activities for administration, operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation. We must include at least:

(a) Personnel salary and benefits for the project engineer/manager and our employees under his/her management control;

(b) Materials and supplies;

(c) Major and minor vehicle and equipment repairs;

(d) Equipment, including transportation, fuel, oil, grease, lease and replacement;

(e) Capitalization expenses;

(f) Acquisition expenses; and

(g) Other expenses we determine necessary to properly perform the activities and functions characteristic of an irrigation project.

Payments

The irrigation operation and maintenance assessments become due based on locally established payment requirements. No water shall be delivered to any of these lands until all irrigation charges have been paid.

Interest and Penalty Fees

Interest, penalty, and administrative fees will be assessed, where required by law, on all delinquent operation and maintenance assessment charges as prescribed in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 4, Part 102, Federal Claims Collection Standards; and 42 BIAM Supplement 3, part 3.8 Debt Collection Procedures. Beginning 30 days after the due date interest will be assessed at the rate of the current value of funds to the U.S. Treasury. An administrative fee of \$12.50 will be assessed each time an effort is made to collect a delinquent debt; a penalty charge of 6 percent per year will be charged on delinquent debts over 90 days old and will accrue from the date the debt became delinquent. After 180 days a delinquent debt will be forwarded to the United States Treasury for further action in accordance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-134).

Dated: August 13, 1997.

Ada E. Deer,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-942-5700-00]

Filing of Plats of Survey; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform the public and interested state and local government officials of the latest filing of Plats of Survey in California.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Unless otherwise noted, filing was effective at 10:00 a.m. on the next federal work day following the plat acceptance date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lance J. Bishop, Chief, Branch of Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), California State Office, 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, CA 95825-0451, (916) 979-2890.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Plats of Survey of lands described below have been officially filed at the California State Office of the Bureau of Land Management in Sacramento, CA.

Mount Diablo Meridian, California

T. 24 S., R. 37 E.,—Dependent resurvey, (Group 926) accepted July 10, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, California Desert District, Ridgecrest Resource Area.

T. 24 S., R. 5 E.,—Dependent resurvey, subdivision, and survey, (Group 1184) accepted July 18, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the US Forest Service, Los Padres National Forest.

T. 15 S., R. 2 E.,—Metes-and-bounds survey, (Group 1270) accepted July 18, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, Bakersfield District, Hollister Resource Area.

T. 22 S., R. 32 E.,—Dependent resurvey, survey and subdivision of sec. 32, (Group 1133) accepted July 24, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the US Forest Service, Sequoia National Forest.

T. 16 N., R. 5 E.,—Dependent resurvey, survey and subdivision, (Group 990) accepted July 24, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, Bakersfield District, Folsom Resource Area.

All of the above listed survey plats are now the basic record for describing the lands for all authorized purposes. The survey plats have been placed in the open files in the BLM, California State Office, and are available to the public as a matter of information. Copies of the survey plats and

related field notes will be furnished to the public upon payment of the appropriate fee.

Dated: August 15, 1997.

Lance J. Bishop,

Chief, Branch of Cadastral Survey.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before August 16, 1997. Pursuant to § 60.13 of 36 CFR part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded to the National Register, National Park Service, PO Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127. Written comments should be submitted by September 9, 1997.

Carol D. Shull,

Keeper of the National Register.

California

Los Angeles County

Ridge Route, Old, Along Old Ridge Rte., roughly bounded by Dandberg and Canton Canyon, Castaic vicinity, 97001113.

Colorado

Boulder County

Denver, Northwestern and Pacific Railway Historic District (Boundary Increase), Former railbed and wagon rd. over Rollins Pass, Rollinsville vicinity, 97001114.

Connecticut

Litchfield County

Salisbury Center Historic District, Roughly along Academy, E. Main, Factory, and Main Sts., and 15 Undermountain Rd., Salisbury, 97001115.

Delaware

New Castle County

Penn Farm of the Trustees of the New Castle Common, 807 Frenchtown Pike, New Castle vicinity, 97001120.

Sussex County

Ross, Edgar and Rachel, House, 413 High St., Seaford, 97001118.

District of Columbia

District of Columbia State Equivalent

Building at 3901 Connecticut Ave., NW, (Apartment Buildings in Washington, DC, MPS), 3901 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, 97001117.
Traveling Carousel, Jct. of Massachusetts and Wisconsin Aves. NW, Washington, 97001116.