

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## Bureau of Land Management

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**Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Number 1004-New, Formerly 1032-0112****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) announces its intention to request renewal of the existing approval to collect certain information from owners and operators of helium-bearing natural gas wells and transmission lines interested in data pertaining to natural gas analyses when data are released for publication. This information allows BLM to evaluate the helium resources of the United States.

**DATES:** BLM must receive comments on the proposed information collection by April 7, 1998 to assure its consideration of them.

**ADDRESSES:** *Mail comments to:* Director (630), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 401LS, Washington, D.C. 20240.

*Send comments via Internet to:* [bgage@he.blm.gov](mailto:bgage@he.blm.gov). Please include "ATTN: 1004-NEW" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

You may hand-deliver comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Helium Operations, 801 South Fillmore, Suite 500, Amarillo, Texas. BLM will make comments available for public review at the South Fillmore address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brent Gage at (806) 324-2659.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), BLM is required to provide 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information contained in BLM Form 6-1579-A to solicit comments on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be

collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. BLM will receive and analyze any comments sent in response to this notice and include them with its request for approval from the OMB under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

The Form, called GAS WELL DATA—SURVEY OF HELIUM-BEARING NATURAL GAS, provides for the gas sampling and analysis program used to locate helium occurrences in natural gases. The program is carried on in compliance with 74 Stat. 920, Public Law 104-273, Helium Privatization Act of 1996. The knowledge of helium occurrences is an integral part of the Government's conservation program. The data supplied on the form are used to evaluate the extent of any helium resources existing in the natural gas.

BLM uses the information provided by the applicants to evaluate the helium resources of the United States. If BLM did not collect this information, it would not have good knowledge of the nature, location and extent of domestic helium resources. The location and development of helium reserves could not be done; therefore, long range helium production and conservation plans could not be carried out and an assured supply of helium to the Federal Government would not be available.

Based on BLM's experience administering the activities described above, the public reporting burden for the information collected is estimated to average 15 minutes per response. The respondents are owners and operators of helium-bearing natural gas wells and transmission lines. The frequency of response is annual. The number of responses per year is estimated to total 200. The estimated total annual burden on new respondents is about 50 hours. BLM is specifically requesting your comments on its estimate of the amount of time it takes to prepare a response.

BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 30, 1998.

**Carole Smith,**

*Bureau of Land Management Clearance Officer.*

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**Lower Snake River District Resource Advisory Council; Meeting****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Lower Snake River District Resource Advisory Council will meet in Boise to discuss management of redband trout and sage grouse in southwest Idaho, as well as implementation of the Payette River Recreation Fee Demonstration Project.

**DATES:** February 26, 1998. The meeting will begin at 12:15 pm. Public comment periods will be held beginning at 1:00 pm and 5:30 pm.

**ADDRESSES:** The Lower Snake River District Office is located at 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barry Rose, Lower Snake River District Office (208-384-3393).

Dated: January 28, 1998.

**Howard Hedrick,**

*Resource Coordinator.*

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[CA-360-1220-00]

**Management Orders for Public Lands: Trinity, North Fork Trinity and Klamath Wild and Scenic Rivers****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior, Redding Field Office, Redding, California.**ACTION:** Management orders on public lands.

**SUMMARY:** Under the authority of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 USC 1281(c)) and Federal Regulations at 43 CFR 8351.2.1: "The authorized officer may issue written orders which close or restrict the use of the lands and water surface administered by the Bureau of Land Management within the boundary of any component of the National Wild and Scenic River System when necessary to carry out the intent of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act."

The following orders apply to all public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management occurring within the management boundaries of the Trinity, North Fork Trinity, and Klamath National Wild and Scenic Rivers. This includes public lands along the Trinity