

NBII World Wide Web site will have the opportunity (optional) to provide feedback on the utility and effectiveness of the NBII operation and contents in meeting their needs.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency: One time per respondent.

Description of Respondents:

Individuals or households, Federal Government, State, Local, or Tribal Government, Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated completion time: 3 minutes per respondent (approximate).

Number of respondents: 320 per month (estimated based on an average of 1600 different visitors to the NBII World Wide Web site each month, and, of the total number of site visitors, an estimated survey response rate of 20 percent).

Burden hours: 192 hours. (Estimate of annual burden hours based on an estimated 20 percent survey response rate for an average of 1600 web site visitors per month, and an estimate of 3 minutes to complete each survey.)

Dated: February 13, 1998.

Dennis B. Fenn,

Chief Biologist.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Operation and Maintenance Rate Adjustment: San Carlos Irrigation Project, Arizona

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

SUMMARY: On September 17, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Volume 62, Number 180, Page 48882 (62 FR 48882), by the Bureau of Indian Affairs proposing to change the assessment rates for operating and maintaining the San Carlos Irrigation Project for 1998 and 1999 and subsequent years. See 62 FR 48882 for additional information concerning the proposed rate change. The notice of proposed rate adjustment provided a 30-day period for public comment. At the written request of the San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District, a second public comment period is being provided for the proposed change in the assessment date for 1999 and subsequent years.

DATES: Interested parties may submit comments on the proposed rate adjustment. Comments must be submitted on or before March 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: All comments concerning the proposed rate change 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, D.C. 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 the Chief of Staff, Department of the Interior, to the Assistant Secretaries and heads of bureaus and offices.

Dated: February 17, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection; OMB Approval Number: 1004-0173

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 extension of approval to collect information from those contractors who are awarded contracts under the Jobs-in-the-Woods Program. This program was created through the President's Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative to create jobs in the timber-impacted communities of Washington State, Oregon and northern California. BLM collects this information to gauge the effectiveness of the Jobs-in-the-Woods Program in achieving its intent of employing workers displaced by severe reductions in timber harvests in the northwestern United States in recent years.

DATES: Submit comments on the proposed information collection by April 27, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Bureau of Land Management, Oregon State Office (OR-910), 1515 SW Th

Ave., Portland, Oregon 97201, or by way of Internet to brheiner@or.blm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Rheiner, Jr., (503) 952-6015.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), B.M. is required to provide 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning an approved collection of information to solicit comments on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of collecting the information, including the validity of methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collecting the 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 Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

The Jobs-in-the-Woods Program is a result of the President's Northwest Initiative to provide funding for assisting workers displaced by reduced logging activities on public lands in the Pacific northwest. The funding is intended for jobs which would restore forest ecosystems in the region. The Jobs-in-the-Woods Employment Evaluation, which is the subject of this information collection, consists of four items of information to be requested in each Jobs-in-the-Woods contract issued. The BLM Contracting Officer supplies the contractors with these four items before each Jobs-in-the-Woods contract is signed. The four items are: (1) The number of workers employed on the contract, including managers, supervisors and support personnel; (2) the number of days these workers worked on the contract, the total being based on an 8-hour work day; (3) the total amount of wages and benefits paid to these workers; and (4) the number of workers, if any, considered to be displaced timber workers. Each contractor must submit responses to these items to BLM's Contracting Officer, along with the final invoice, before being paid the final contract amount.

BLM and other Federal land management agencies, as well as Administration officials and Congress,

use this information to gauge the effectiveness of the Jobs-in-the-Woods Program in employing displaced timber workers and in restoring damaged forest ecosystems.

Based on past experience, BLM estimates that approximately 125 contractors will spend 8 hours each reading the instructions, collecting the data and reporting the data to BLM. The total estimated information burden is 1,000 hours. The frequency of response is once, as a condition of receiving final payment on each contract.

Dated: February 23, 1998.

Carole J. Smith,

Information Collection Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-128-6332-00; GP8-0100]

Establishment of Supplementary Rules

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Proposed establishment of supplementary rules for the Loon Lake Recreation Area.

SUMMARY: The Coos Bay District is proposing to establish new supplementary rules to set new camping limits at the Loon Lake Recreation Area. The rules apply only to the Loon Lake Recreation Area in Douglas County. These rules are designed to augment and further define the existing Code of Federal Regulations, and to ensure safe, orderly, enjoyable and environmentally sound visitation by the public. These rules superseded the camping limit set forth and published April 8, 1996 pertaining to the Loon Lake Recreation Area.

Camping Limits

Maximum length of stay in the campground is 14 days, after which the occupant must vacate the campground for a minimum of 2 days. Occupants may return for an additional stay of 14 days after the minimum 2-day vacancy. Maximum stay is 28 days in any 30-day period.

Reserved reservation campsites will have a maximum length of stay of 10 days after which the occupant must vacate the campground for a minimum of 2 days vacancy. Maximum stay is 20 days in any 30-day period.

Comment Period

This will become effective 45 days after it has been published in the

Federal Register notices, if no substantive comments are received from the general public.

Dated: February 17, 1998.

Neal R. Middlebrook,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-050-1220-00]

Occupancy and Camping Closure on Certain Public Lands Managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Occupancy and camping closure on selected public lands in Clark County, Nevada.

SUMMARY: The Manager of the Las Vegas Field Office announces an occupancy and camping closure on selected public lands under its administration. The increase in population and growth in employment in the Las Vegas area, has attracted many short term and transient residents and workers. Many of these individuals set up residence on public lands under the guise of "camping." This problem is particularly prone to occur on public lands within the urban Las Vegas Valley. Trash accumulations and human refuse are impacting public and private lands. There are no public facilities on any of these lands. The existing 14 day camping stay limit has not been effective in correcting this situation. In addition, many of these lands are now adjacent to, or included within, private residential and commercial developments due to the inter-mixed public-private land ownership pattern in Las Vegas Valley. This action is being taken to help ensure public safety, prevent unnecessary environmental degradation and prevent long-term occupancy of public lands.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The closure will be effective March 12, 1998.

Closure Area

Public Lands affected are within the following generally described area and townships: Lake Mead Blvd. (State Route 147), on the South; West to the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Boundary; on the North Lee Canyon (State Route 156) and the southern boundary of the Desert Game Range; and on the East the Lake Mead National Recreation Area Boundary.

Including lands within Townships 17 S to T 22 and Ranges 59 E to 63 E MDM.

Maps depicting the area affected by this closure order are available for public inspection at the Las Vegas, Field Office, Bureau of Land Management.

Exceptions to Closure

Camping locations which may be designated by the Las Vegas Field Office Manager for over night use. Such designations may be by posting of appropriate signs, by publications in the federal register, or be made available to the public by other means deemed appropriate by the authorized officer.

Closure Restrictions

Unless otherwise authorized, within the closure area no person shall:

- a. Camp or engage in camping.
- b. Park, stop, or stand personal property, whether attended or unattended.
- c. Park any vehicle in violation of posted restrictions, or in such a manner as to obstruct or impede normal or emergency traffic movement, create a safety hazard, or endanger any person, property, or natural feature. Vehicles so parked are subject to citation and impoundment at the owner's expense.
- d. Take, drive, or operate any vehicle through, around or beyond a restrictive sign, barricade, fence, or traffic control barrier or device.
- e. Fail to follow orders or directions of an authorized officer relating to this closure order.
- f. Obstruct, resist, or attempt to elude a law enforcement officer, or fail to follow their orders or directions.
- g. Unless specifically addressed by regulations set forth in 43 CFR, the laws of the State of Nevada shall govern the use and operation of vehicle. Such state law which are now or later may be in effect are here by adopted and made part of this closure.

Definitions

Camp or *Camping* means the erection of a tent or shelter, preparing a sleeping bag or other bedding material for use, or the parking of a vehicle, motor home, or trailer for the apparent purpose of sleeping or overnight occupancy.

Personal Property includes but is not limited to bicycles, vehicles (whether propelled by living or non-living power sources), motor vehicles, trailers, tents campers, pets, and livestock.

This closure order is issued under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1. Violation of any of the terms, conditions, or restrictions contained within this closure order, may subject the violator to citation or arrest, with a penalty of fine or imprisonment or both as specified by law.