

BURDEN ESTIMATES FOR REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPERIMENTAL POPULATIONS—ENDANGERED SPECIES

Type of report	Number of respondents	Average time required per report (minutes)	Total Annual burden (hours)
General take or removal ^a	16	15	4
Depredation related take ^b	12	15	3
Specimen collection ^c	16	15	4

^a General take or removal includes human related mortality including unintentional taking incidental to otherwise lawful activities (e.g. highway mortalities), take in defense of human life, take related to defense of property (if authorized) or take in the form of authorized harassment.
^b Depredation related take is take for management purposes where livestock depredation has been documented and may include authorized harassment or authorized lethal take of experimental animals in the act of attacking livestock.
^c Specimen collection, recovery, or reporting of dead individuals from experimental populations for documentation purposes or authorized scientific collection purposes.

The number of expected reports and thus total burden hours is being revised to reflect expected increases due to the growth of existing experimental populations, and to accommodate additional releases of black-footed ferrets (under 50 CFR 17.84(g)) and grizzly bears (under 50 CFR 17.84 (l)) when final rules are published in the near future.

Dated: May 14, 1998.

Richard Hannan,

Acting Assistant Director, Ecological Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Proposed Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The proposed information collection described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's clearance officer at the phone number listed below. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days; therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure their maximum consideration. Comments and suggestions on the proposal should be made directly to the Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to the Bureau clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center,

12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, (703) 648-7313).

Specific public comments are requested as to:

1. whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions on the bureaus, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. the accuracy of the bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, 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 collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Quality of life in southwestern Colorado and northwestern New Mexico.

OMB Approval Number: New Collection.

Abstract: This study is one part of an integrated study of public knowledge of, preferences for, and responses to tourism and recreation development on the Colorado Plateau. The correlated information is designed to assist Federal, state, and local land and resource managers in their management decisions by providing information about the knowledge, needs, and desires of the affected publics surrounding public lands. Natural resource land managers and county government officials in seven counties, working as partners in this research, ran adjust management practices in response to citizens' knowledge and perceived values. The intended effect is to better inform managers and assist land managers in developing citizen involvement programs. This study is being conducted in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and as part of the Colorado Plateau Ecosystem Partnership Program

(CPEPP). This study is part of a peer-reviewed research study plan of the Midcontinent Ecological Science Center in Fort Collins, Colorado and is part of the study plan of the CPEPP.

To build a picture of quality of life on the Colorado Plateau, we will measure the perceptions and preferences for the environment held by diverse residents at several locations in the region. Our objectives are to describe what resident populations perceive as the most salient elements of the region's natural landscapes, ecosystems, and human communities; what would have to be maintained, protected, or restored to attain conditions of community and ecosystem quality that residents desire. The first iteration of this research approach has been conducted by Utah State University for the Utah State Travel Council in partnership with the Canyon Country Partnership. The goal of that study was to help achieve the Travel Council's specific directive to relate tourism planning to local residents' quality of life. For this second iteration, surveys will be administered to a stratified random sample of citizens living in two counties in Colorado (Montezuma, an La Plata) and in San Juan County, New Mexico. The sampling design is being developed in partnership with the combined U.S. Fortes Service and Bureau of Land Management office in Durango, Colorado, and Fort Lewis College.

Respondents will be given 12 exposure, one-time use, 35mm cameras and will be asked to photograph areas of their community that either add to or detract from their quality of life. Respondents will receive complete sets of their photographs, accompanied by a short follow-up, mail survey instrument for the purposes of collecting demographic data and cross-checking the quality of life factors reflected in the photographs.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency: One time.

Description of Respondents: Individuals or households.

Number of respondents: 420.

Burden hours: 1714 hours. (The burden hour estimate is based on a 70% return rate, with an average of 15 minutes to 4 hours to take the photographs and fill out the photo log plus an additional 10 minutes to complete the follow-up questionnaire plus any additional time to travel.) We estimate one-third of the 420 will not use any optional travel time to complete the survey; one-third will take 1 hour, and one-third will use up to 10 hours of optional travel time to complete the survey.

Dated: June 22, 1998.

Dennis B. Fenn,

Chief Biologist.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Number 1004-0119

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 existing approval to collect certain information for recreation visitors to areas of the public lands, and related waters, where special recreation permits are required. This information allows BLM to authorize requested use, determine appropriate fees, and will also be used to tabulate recreation use data for the annual Federal Recreation Fee Report as required by the Land and Water Conservation Act.

DATES: BLM must receive comments on the proposed information a collection by August 25, 1998, to assure its consideration of them.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by one of several methods. You may mail comments to Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401LS, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240. You may also comment via the Internet to WOCComment@wo.blm.gov. Please submit comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also

include "ATTN: 1004-0119" and your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact at us directly on (202) 452-5030.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at this address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.), Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to BLM at 1620 L. Street, NW, Room 401, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shirlean Beshir, Regulatory Affairs Group (WO-630), Bureau of Land Management, Mail Stop 402LS, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240; telephone (202) 452-5033 (Commercial or FTS).

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 8370-1. 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.* We specifically request your 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 collecting the 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 collecting the information, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Respondents supply identifying information and data on proposed commercial, competitive, or individual recreational use, respectively, when required, to determine eligibility for a permit. This information allows the BLM to authorize requested use, determine appropriate fees, and will also be used to tabulate recreation use data for the annual Federal Recreation Fee Report as required by the Land and Water Conservation Act.

Based on BLM's experience administering the activities described above, the public reporting burden for the information collected is estimated to

average about 27 minutes per response. The respondents are recreation visitors to areas of the public lands, an related waters, where special recreation permits are required. The frequency of response is on occasion. The number of responses per year is estimated to total 18,000. The estimated total annual burden on new respondents is about 8,100 hours. BLM is specifically requesting your comments on its estimate of the amount of time that 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: June 19, 1998.

Carole Smith,

Bureau of Land Management Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-130-1820-00-241A]

Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Number 1004-0133

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 existing approval to collect certain information for individuals desiring to use the campground. This information allows BLM to determine if all users have paid the required fee, the number of users, and their State of origin. **DATES:** BLM must receive comments on the proposed information collection by August 25, 1998, to assure its consideration of them.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by one of several methods. You may mail comments to Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401LS, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240. You may also comment via the Internet to WOCComment@wo.blm.gov. Please submit comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include "ATTN: 1004-0133" and your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we