

would be relocated to north of I-80, connecting the processing facilities to the water intake on the Green River, reducing the impacts from 24.66 miles to 6.4 miles, and eliminating the disturbance through the U.S. Forest Service Flaming Gorge Recreation Area and the Blacks Fork PHMA for Greater Sage-Grouse.

The preparation of an EIS is intended to assist the BLM in the decision-making process through the identification, analysis, and public disclosure of potential impacts of the Proposed Action on the human environment, including but not limited to environmental, social, and economic impacts (40 CFR 1502.16). Aside from BLM- and USFS-managed lands, there are no additional federal or Wyoming state-managed lands that would be disturbed by the Proposed Action. Additionally, the BLM is not aware of any other proposed activities in the Dry Creek Trona Mine Project area that would be considered a connected action to the Proposed Action under NEPA.

Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action: The BLM's purpose for the action is to respond to Pacific Soda's Plan of Operations to construct and operate trona mining facilities, including mine well fields, processing facilities, a co-generation plant, storage ponds, access roads, railroad spurs, and utility features. If approved by the BLM, this would allow Pacific Soda the opportunity to develop their valid existing leases on specific public lands within the proposed mining plan boundary as authorized by the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (as amended) and FLPMA. Pacific Soda would construct the mining facilities and transportation and utility features specified in the Plan of Operations and SF-299 applications for rights-of-way for off lease facilities.

The need for the action is established by the BLM's responsibility under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (as amended) and FLPMA. Under these statutes, the BLM is required to respond to the Proposed Action and review the proposed Mine Plan and associated SF-299 applications to ensure that proposed mining activities and construction of associated facilities do not cause unnecessary or undue degradation of public lands and are carried out consistent with leasing stipulations and other requirements mandated in the BLM Kemmerer and Green River Resource Management Plans (RMPs), as well as other applicable federal, state, and local statutes and regulations.

Schedule for the Decision-Making Process: The Proposed Final EIS is anticipated to be available for public

review in December 2024, and the Record of Decision in March 2025. The BLM will continue to consult with Indian Tribal Nations on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175, BLM MS 1780, and other Departmental policies. Tribal concerns, including impacts on Indian trust assets and potential impacts to cultural resources, will be given due consideration. Consultation with interested Indian Tribal Nations is ongoing. A Programmatic Agreement for addressing cultural concerns is included in the EIS. Following a thorough NEPA analysis, the BLM's decision includes whether to approve the Plan of Operations and subsequent SF-299 applications (for transportation and utility features) and, if approved, to determine whether modifications and/or additional mitigation measures are required to comply with the FLPMA mandate to prevent unnecessary or undue degradation and conform to leasing stipulations specified in the BLM Kemmerer and Green River RMPs.

The BLM will hold a public meeting during the public comment period. The specific date, time, and location will be announced at least 15 days prior to the meeting, through public notices, news releases, social media, mailings, and the BLM website: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/admin/project/2016395/510>.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6, 40 CFR 1506.10)

Franklin Keeler,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Mineral Surveys, Mineral Patent Applications, Adverse Claims, Protests, and Contests

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 8, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Send your written comments on this Information Collection Request (ICR) by mail to Darrin King, Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Attention PRA Office, 440 W 200 S #500, Salt Lake City, UT 84101; or by email to BLM_HQ_PRA_Comments@blm.gov. Please reference Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 1004-0025 in the subject line of your comments. Please note that the electronic submission of comments is recommended.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact John Grasso by email at jgrasso@blm.gov, or by telephone at (303) 239-3777. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all information collections require approval under the PRA. The BLM may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent

burdens, we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

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

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) How might the agency 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, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in response to this Notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Abstract: The General Mining Law (30 U.S.C. 29, 30, and 39) authorizes a holder of an unpatented claim for hardrock minerals to apply for fee title (patent) to the federal land (as well as minerals) embraced in the claim. Division E, Title IV of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (H.R. 4366–260), annual appropriation bill for the Department of the Interior, has prevented the BLM from processing mineral patent applications unless the applications were grandfathered under the initial legislation. While grandfathered applications are rare at present, the approval to collect the information continues to be necessary because of the possibility that the

moratorium will be lifted and applicable regulations that contain the information are still part of the Code of Federal Regulations.

OMB control number 1004–0025 is scheduled to expire on July 31, 2025. The BLM plans to request that OMB renew this OMB control number for an additional three (3) years.

Title of Collection: Mineral Surveys, Mineral Patent Applications, Adverse Claims, Protests, and Contests (43 CFR parts 3860 and 3870).

OMB Control Number: 1004–0025.

Form Numbers: 3860–2 and 3860–5.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Owners of unpatented mining claims and mill sites upon the public lands, and of reserved mineral lands of the United States, National Forests, and National Parks.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 1.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 10.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: Varies depending on activity.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 559.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Total Estimated Annual Non-hour Burden Cost: \$256,425.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor and, notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the PRA of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Darrin A. King,

Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement for the North Dakota Resource Management Plan Revision

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land

Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a proposed resource management plan (RMP) and final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the North Dakota Resource Management Plan Revision and by this notice is announcing the start of a 30-day protest period of the proposed RMP.

DATES: This notice announces a 30-day protest period to the BLM on the proposed RMP beginning with the date following the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) publication of its Notice of Availability (NOA) of the proposed RMP/final EIS in the **Federal Register**. The EPA usually publishes its NOAs on Fridays. Protests must be postmarked or electronically submitted on the BLM's ePlanning site during the 30-day protest period.

ADDRESSES: The proposed RMP and final EIS and other pertinent documents are available on the BLM ePlanning project website at eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/1505069/510 and at the North Dakota Field Office; address 99 23rd Avenue West, Suite A, Dickinson, ND 58601.

Instructions for filing a protest with the BLM for the North Dakota Resource Management Plan Revision can be found at: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/public-participation/filing-a-plan-protest> and at 43 CFR 1610.5–2.

All protests must be submitted in writing through one of the following methods:

- **Website:** <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/1505069/510>
- **Regular and Overnight Mail:** BLM Director, Attention: Protest Coordinator (HQ210), Denver Federal Center, Building 40 (Door W–4), Lakewood, CO 80215

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kristine Braun, telephone 701–227–7725; address 99 23rd Avenue West, Suite A, Dickinson, ND 58601; email kebraun@blm.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access

telecommunications relay services for contacting Ms. Kristine Braun.

Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The North Dakota proposed RMP provides a comprehensive land use plan that guides management on approximately 58,500 acres of BLM-managed public