

program. To help guide the recovery effort, we are preparing recovery plans for most listed species. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species; establish criteria for downlisting or delisting, and estimate time and cost for implementing recovery measures.

The Act requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act requires us to provide a public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. We will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. We and other Federal agencies will take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

The objective of this technical agency draft plan is to provide a framework for the recovery of this species so that protection under the Act is no longer necessary. Spring Creek bladderpod will be considered for reclassification to threatened status when there are 15 occurrences: Five occurrences located within the floodplain of each of the three creeks (Spring Creek, Bartons Creek, and Cedar Creek). These occurrences either located on public or private land must be protected by a permanent conservation easement with a management agreement. Each occurrence must consist of an average of 500 plants over a five-year period with no less than 100 plants in any given year.

Spring Creek bladderpod will be considered for delisting when there are 25 occurrences, with at minimum five occurrences located within the floodplain of each of the three creeks (Spring Creek, Bartons Creek, and Cedar Creek). Each occurrence either located on public or private land must be protected by a permanent conservation easement with a management agreement. Each occurrence must consist of an average of 500 plants over a ten-year period with no less than 100 plants in any given year. As reclassification and recovery criteria are met, the status of the species will be reviewed and it will be considered for reclassification or removal from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants.

#### Public Comments Solicited

We solicit written comments on the recovery plan described. We will consider all comments received by the

date specified above prior to final approval of the draft recovery plan.

Please submit electronic comments as an ASCII file format and avoid the use of special characters and encryption. Please also include your name and return address in your e-mail message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your e-mail message, contact us directly by calling our Tennessee Field Office (see **ADDRESSES** section).

Our practice is to make all comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. In some circumstances, we would withhold also from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish for us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

#### Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: August 17, 2005.

**Cynthia K. Dohner,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Proposed Agency Information Collection: Indian Reservation Roads Program; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed renewal of information collection.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is seeking comments on information collected for the Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) Program pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. When the rule was approved and published 3 years ago, the information collection was also approved for 3 years. We now must renew that approval so that we can

continue to operate the IRR Program. This renewal is necessary for tribal participation in the IRR Program and for the allocation of funding for the IRR Program to federally-recognized tribal governments for transportation assistance.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before November 14, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to LeRoy Gishi, Chief, Division of Transportation, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Mail Stop Room 20-SIB, Washington, DC 20240; or faxed to (202) 208-4696.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may request further information or obtain copies of the proposed information collection request from LeRoy Gishi, (202) 513-7711.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection is necessary to allow federally-recognized tribal governments to participate in the Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) Program as defined in 23 U.S.C. 204(a)(1). Some of the information collected determines the allocation of IRR program funds to Indian tribes as described in 23 U.S.C. 202(d)(2)(A).

#### Request for Comments

The Bureau of Indian Affairs requests your comments on this collection concerning:

(a) The necessity of this information collection 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 (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

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

(d) Ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents, such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that an agency may not sponsor or request, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it has a valid OMB Control Number.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section, room 20-SIB, during the hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., e.s.t., Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays. If you wish to have your name and/or address withheld, you must state this

prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will honor your request according to the requirements of the law. All comments from organizations or representatives will be available for review. We may withhold comments from review for other reasons.

#### Information Collection Abstract

*OMB Control Number:* 1076-0161.

*Type of Review:* Renewal.

*Title:* 25 CFR 170, Indian Reservation Roads.

*Brief Description of Collection:* Some of the information such as the application of Indian Reservation Roads High Priority Projects (IRRHPP) (25 CFR 170.210), the road inventory updates (25 CFR 170.443), the development of a long-range transportation plan (25 CFR 170.411 and 170.412), the development of a tribal transportation improvement program and priority list (25 CFR 170.420 and 170.421) are mandatory for consideration of projects and for program funding from the formula. Some of the information such as public hearing requirements is necessary for public notification and involvement (25 CFR 170.437 and 170.439). While others such as data appeals (25 CFR 170.231) and requests for design exceptions (25 CFR 170.456) are voluntary information.

*Respondents:* Respondents include federally-recognized Indian tribal governments who have transportation needs associated with the IRR Program as described in 25 CFR 170.

*Number of Respondents:* 562.

*Number of Responses:* Varies from 10 to 562.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The reports require from 30 minutes to 40 hours to complete. An average would be 16 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* Annually or on an as needed basis.

*Total Annual Burden to Respondents:* 18,828 hours.

*Total Annual Cost to Respondents:* \$188,280.

Dated: September 1, 2005.

**Michael D. Olsen,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Notice of Intent To Establish and Call for Nominations for the North Slope Science Initiative Science Technical Group

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the establishment of the North Slope Science Initiative Science Technical Group by the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) and calls for nominations to serve on the Science Technical Group in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972, 5 U.S.C. Appendix. A copy of the Science Technical Group charter will be filed with the appropriate committees of Congress and the Library of Congress in accordance with Section 9(c) of FACA.

**DATES:** Submit a completed nomination form and nomination letters to the address listed below no later than October 27, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ken Taylor, Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative (910), Bureau of Land Management, 222 W. Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513, telephone (907) 271-3131.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the Science Technical Group is to assist in identifying and prioritizing inventory, monitoring and research needs, and providing other scientific advice as requested by the Oversight Group of the North Slope Science Initiative. The Oversight Group consists of the Alaska Regional Directors of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Minerals Management Service, National Park Service, Geological Survey, National Marine Fisheries Service, State Director of the Bureau of Land Management, Alaska Commissioners of the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Fish and Game, the Mayor of the North Slope Borough, and the President of the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation.

The duties of the Science Group are solely advisory to the Oversight Group. Duties will include the following:

a. Advise the Oversight Group on science planning and relevant research and monitoring projects;

b. Advise the Oversight Group on scientific information relevant to the Oversight Group's mission;

c. Review selected reports to advise the Oversight Group on their content and relevance;

d. Review ongoing scientific programs of North Slope Science Initiative (NSSI)-member organizations on the North Slope at the request of the member organizations to promote compatibility in methodologies and compilation of data;

e. Advise the Oversight Group on how to ensure that scientific products generated through NSSI activities are of the highest technical quality;

f. Periodically review the North Slope Science Plan and provide recommendations for changes to the Oversight Group;

g. Provide recommendations for proposed NSSI funded inventory, monitoring and research activities to the Oversight Group;

h. Provide other scientific advice as requested by the Oversight Group; and

i. Coordinate with groups and subgroups appointed or requested by the Oversight Group to provide science advice, as needed.

The Science Technical Group will consist of up to 15 members. The Executive Director for the North Slope Science Initiative shall serve as the Designated Federal Officer for the Science Technical Group. Specifically, the membership will consist of professionals typically with advanced degrees and a minimum of 5 years of work experience in their field in Alaska, preferably in the North Slope region. Professionals will be selected from among but not limited to the following disciplines: expertise in North Slope traditional and local knowledge, landscape ecology, petroleum engineering, civil engineering, petroleum geology, botany, hydrology, limnology, habitat biology, wildlife biology, marine ecology, biometrics, sociology, cultural anthropology, economics, ornithology, oceanography, civil engineering, fisheries biology, and climatology. Any individual or organization may nominate one or more persons to serve on the Science Technical Group. Members will be appointed for 3-year terms, on a staggered term basis, with one-third of the Science Group members subject to appointment, or reappointment, each year. In order to establish these staggered terms all appointments begin on the effective date of this charter then one-third of the members' terms will terminate in 1-year and one-third of the members' terms will terminate in 2 years. The terms of the remaining one-third of the membership will terminate in 3 years. Members will be appointed, or reappointed, each year thereafter for 3-year terms.

Individuals may nominate themselves to the Science Technical Group. You may obtain nomination forms from the Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative (see address above). To make a nomination, you must submit a completed nomination form with a letter of reference which speaks to the nominee's qualifications to serve on the Science Technical Group. The professional discipline the nominee would like to represent should be identified in the letter of nomination