

interpretation, and participatory research. Hunting and fishing, two uses normally given priority on national wildlife refuges, will not take place on the Refuge. All animal species occurring on the Refuge are protected by law, or occur in numbers too low to provide hunting opportunities. Recreational fishing is precluded under the Presidential proclamation (Proclamation 8031) designating the Monument.

Additional preliminary compatibility determinations allow for beach use activities such as swimming and volleyball, non-administrative airport operations, limited outdoor sports such as bicycling and jogging, and amateur radio use. Each preliminary compatibility determination includes stipulations necessary to ensure protection of the Refuge's natural and historic resources. Any additional activities that may be proposed within the Refuge would need to be evaluated through the compatibility determination process with formal public review. Activities that are determined to be compatible are authorized through the issuance of Monument permits, which fall within six permit types: Conservation and management, research, education, Native Hawaiian uses, special ocean uses, and recreation.

Goals, objectives, and strategies for the visitor program are discussed in Chapter 4 of the Draft VSP/EA. The Service will encourage individual visitors as well as organized groups to visit the Refuge. Opportunities for teacher workshops in environmental education, college courses, and distance learning will be explored. Improvements to trails and installation of blinds will benefit wildlife observation and photography opportunities, as will snorkeling and guided kayaking tours. Onsite and offsite interpretation of Midway Atoll's historic and wildlife resources will be enhanced.

In order to ensure a quality visitor experience using the limited infrastructure currently available, limiting the total number of overnight visitors that would be allowed on Midway Atoll at any one time to 30 people in 2007, and 50 people in 2008 and beyond, as long as the VSP is effective, is proposed. The number of visitors may exceed these limits for short periods of time (less than a day) for prearranged visits by ocean vessels or aircraft. In these cases, visitor activities are closely supervised and primarily consist of guided tours or participation in commemorative events. Annual goals for the number of overnight visitors are 100 people in

2007 and 500 people in 2008 and beyond.

For the next 5 years (2007–2011), visitor programs would operate from November through July, which coincides with the albatross season on the Refuge. The months of August through October would be reserved primarily for planned construction and major maintenance activities.

With no additional Service funding available to support a visitor program, visitation at the Refuge must be financially self-sustaining. Fees reflecting actual costs for transportation, lodging, food services, and visitor services staffing are included in this Draft VSP/EA. Additional permitting requirements also are discussed.

For this interim period, the Service intends to operate the visitor program primarily with its own staffing and with help from Monument co-trustees and volunteers. Outside entities may be needed to provide assistance with marketing the program, and to establish a dive program at the Refuge. These options will be evaluated over the coming year.

Public Comments

Public comments are requested, considered, and incorporated throughout the planning process. After the review and comment period ends for the Draft VSP/EA, comments will be analyzed by the Service and addressed in revised planning documents. All comments received from individuals, including names and addresses, become part of the official public record and may be released. Requests for such comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA regulations [40 CFR 1506.6(f)], and Service and Department of the Interior policies and procedures.

Dated: December 6, 2006.

David J. Wesley,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Inventory of Geological and Geophysical Collections at State Surveys

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey.

ACTION: Request for Public Comments on Proposed Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management

and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

SUMMARY: The proposal to initiate the collection of information described below will be 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 and related forms may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's Clearance Officer at the phone number listed below. OMB has up to 60 days to approve the information collection, but may respond after 30 days; therefore public comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure maximum consideration. Comments and suggestions on the proposal should be made directly to the Desk Officer for the Interior Department, OMB–OIRA, via e-mail to OIRA_DOCET@omb.eop.gov or via facsimile to (202) 395–6566, and to the Bureau Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192.

Specific public comments are requested as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau, 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 use;
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 the appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Inventory of Geological and Geophysical Collections at State Surveys.

OMB approval number: 1028–.

Abstract: Section 351 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 directs the Secretary of the Interior, through the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey, “to carry out a National Geological and Geophysical data Preservation Program” (NGGDPP). The Implementation Plan for the National Geological and Geophysical Data Preservation Program submitted to Congress in August 2006 outlines the vision and purpose of the program and makes recommendations for implementation of the program. One of the action items in the FY 2007 implementation plan is to “begin interactions with State geological surveys and other DOI agencies that

maintain geological and geophysical data and samples to address their preservation and data rescue needs." As the first step in this process, the USGS is requesting that each state provide an assessment of their current collections resources and data preservation needs. This information will provide a snapshot of the diversity of scientific collections held, supported, or used by state geological surveys.

The inventory covers geological and geophysical collections including:

(1) Physical collections such as cores, rocks, minerals, fossils, and liquid samples (such as oil).

(2) Digital collections (such as analyses and well logs) that are/were related to physical collections.

(3) Paper and other records (such as microfiche and tapes) that need to be converted to digital format (such as seismic lines and historical geological records).

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency: One time.

Description of Respondents: State Geological Surveys.

Annual Responses: 50.

Annual Burden in Hours: 150.

Bureau Clearance Officer: Fred Travnicek, 703-648-7231.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-100-07-1310-DB]

Notice of Availability of Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Pinedale Anticline Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Project, Sublette County, Wyoming

ACTION: Notice, correction.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) published in the *Federal Register* on December 15, 2006 a Notice of Availability (NOA) of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Pinedale Anticline Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Project. The NOA contained incorrect information. The

ADDRESSES section contained an incorrect Web address as to where the document would be available electronically. The **DATES** section contained unclear and incorrect information. The correct information is provided below.

DATES: The Draft SEIS will be available for public comment for 60 days starting on the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability in the *Federal Register*. A separate CALGRID airborne ozone report is being prepared by BLM and will be published for public comment following the release of the Draft SEIS; when it is available the report will be available for review at <http://www.wy.blm.gov/nepa/pfodocs/anticline/seis>.

Although the comment period for the Draft SEIS will run for 60 days, the public will have a minimum of 45 days to review and comment on the CALGRID airborne ozone report after its release. The two review periods may run concurrently. All comments on the ozone report received by the BLM will be considered official comments on the Draft SEIS. To expedite the preparation of the Final SEIS by the BLM, please submit all comments on the Draft SEIS within the 60 day comment period.

To provide the public with an opportunity to review the proposal and project information, the BLM will host a meeting in Pinedale, Wyoming. The BLM will notify the public of the meeting date, time, and location at least 15 days prior to the event.

Announcement of the public meeting will be made by news release to the media, individual letter mailings, and posting on the BLM Web site, listed below, if it is available.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments or resource information to the Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Field Office, Matt Anderson, Project Manager, 432 East Mill Street, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941. Electronic mail may be sent to: WYMail_PAPA_YRA@blm.gov. The Draft SEIS will be available electronically for viewing or downloading at the following Web site: <http://www.wy.blm.gov/nepa/pfodocs/anticline/seis>.

Your response is important and will be considered in the environmental analysis process. If you do respond, we will keep you informed of decisions resulting from this analysis. Please note that public comments and information submitted regarding this project including names, e-mail addresses, and street addresses of the respondents will be available for public review and

disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name, e-mail address, or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this plainly at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by the law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A complete description of the proposed action and the Draft SEIS may be found in the *Federal Register*; Volume 71, Number 241; December 15, 2006.

Dated: December 18, 2006.

Donald A. Simpson,

Associate State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-060-1990]

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Round Mountain Expansion Project, Nye County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent (NOI).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) subparts 1500-1508, and 43 CFR subpart 3809, notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Battle Mountain Field Office, Tonopah Field Station, will be preparing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Round Mountain Expansion Project located in Nye County, Nevada. The proposal includes expansion of existing facilities at the Round Mountain mine and the development of new mining and leaching facilities at the adjacent Gold Hill ore deposit.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping period. Written comments on the scope of the SEIS should be post-marked or hand delivered to the Tonopah Field Station by 4:30 p.m., no later than 30 days after the date of