

increase public awareness of: (1) The importance of wildlife resources, (2) the social and economic benefits of recreational hunting, and (3) wildlife conservation efforts that benefit recreational hunting and wildlife resources.

The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture signed an amended charter for the Council in June 2006 and July 2006, respectively. The revised charter states that the Council will provide advice and guidance to the Federal Government through the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture.

The Council will convene to receive updates on responses from Federal agencies to recommendations submitted by the Council and implementation of the August 16, 2007, Executive Order on Facilitation of Hunting Heritage and Wildlife Conservation.

Procedures for Public Input

Format Requirement for Oral and Written Commenters

Whether you wish to comment orally or in written form, you must provide written copies of your comments. All written statements must be supplied to the Council's Designated Federal Officer in both of the following formats:

One hard copy with original signature, and

One electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: MS Word, MS Powerpoint, or WordPerfect).

Giving a 2-Minute Oral Presentation

Individuals or groups may request to give an oral presentation during the Council teleconference. Oral presentations will be limited to 2 minutes per speaker, with no more than half an hour total for all speakers. Interested parties must contact Phyllis Seitts, Council Designated Federal Officer, in writing (preferably via e-mail; see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), by Monday, January 21, 2008, to be placed on the public speaker list for this teleconference. In addition, if you are selected to make a 2-minute presentation, you must provide hard and electronic copies of your presentation to the Council Designated Federal Officer by Thursday, January 24, 2008. Additional live questions from the public will not be considered during the teleconference.

Submitting Written Information for the Council To Consider

Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements or those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda are invited to submit written statements to

the Council. Interested members of the public may submit relevant written information for the Council to consider during the public teleconference. We must receive all written statements by Thursday, January 24, 2008, so that we can make the information available to the Council for their consideration prior to the teleconference.

Dated: December 31, 2007.

Phyllis T. Seitts,

Designated Federal Officer, Sporting Conservation Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey—Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Committee on Synthesis and Assessment Product 4.2: Thresholds of Climate Change

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

Committee Name: U.S. Geological Survey—Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Committee on Synthesis and Assessment Product 4.2: Thresholds of Climate Change.

SUMMARY: This notice is published in accordance with section 9(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92-643). The U.S. Geological Survey—Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Committee on Synthesis and Assessment Product 4.2: Thresholds of Climate Change will hold its FACA peer review meeting on January 28–30, 2008 in Denver, CO.

Agenda for the Meeting: The agenda will cover the following: Expert review of SAP 4.2. The review committee will meet to discuss the first draft of SAP 4.2 and provide guiding comments for the completion of the product.

DATES: January 28, 2008, 1 p.m.–January 30, 2008, 12 noon. Location: Denver Federal Center, Building 810, Hayden Room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colleen W. Charles, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 301, Reston, Virginia 20192; 703-648-4110. *Colleen_charles@usgs.gov.*

Dated: January 9, 2008.

Robert C. Szaro,

Chief Scientist for Biology.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Deputy Director—Indian Services; Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; 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 in preparation for the renewal of the Indian Child Welfare Annual Report. The information collected will aid BIA in fulfilling the requirements of the law. This renewal meets the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The Bureau is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: Submit comments on or before March 17, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to Stephanie E. Birdwell, Chief, Division of Human Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., MS-4513-MIB, Washington, DC 20240. Telephone: (202) 513-7621.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the collection of information form or requests for additional information should be directed to Stephanie E. Birdwell, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., MS-4513-MIB, Washington, DC 20240. Telephone: (202) 513-7621.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The information collection required by the use of this form is necessary to comply with Public Law 95-608, The Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, as codified at 25 U.S.C. 1901 et seq. and 25 CFR Part 23—Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). This information is collected through the use of a consolidated caseload form by tribal Indian Child Welfare Act program directors who are the providers of the ICWA services. The information is used to determine the extent of service needs in local Indian communities, to assess the effectiveness of the Indian Child Welfare Act program, and to provide data for the annual program budget justification. The responses to this request for information collection are voluntary and the aggregated report is not considered

confidential. The public is not required to respond unless a currently valid OMB control number is displayed.

II. Request for Comments

Please note that all comments received will be available for public review two weeks after publication in the **Federal Register**. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised 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 from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section, room 355-E, during the hours of 7:00 a.m.—4 p.m., EST Monday through Friday except for legal holidays. All comments from organizations or representatives will be available for review. We may withhold comments from review for other reasons.

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.

OMB Control Number: 1076-0131.

Type of review: [Renewal.]

Title: Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Child Welfare Act Annual Report, 25 CFR Part 23.4.

Brief Description of collection: Indian tribes are required to collect selected data on Indian child welfare cases and submit them to the Bureau for consolidation. This data is useful on a local level, to the tribes, and tribal organizations that collect it, for case management purposes and on a

nationwide basis for planning and budget purposes.

Respondents: Indian tribes or tribal entities who are operating programs for Indian tribes.

Number of Respondents: 536.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes.

Frequency of Response: Quarterly.

Estimated Annual Burden to Respondents: 1072 hours.

Dated: December 31, 2007.

Carl J. Artman,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[HAG # 8-0020]

Notice of Intent To Revise a Resource Management Plan and the Associated Environmental Impact Statement for the Baker Resource Area of the Vale District

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Field Office, Baker City, Oregon intends to revise a Resource Management Plan (RMP) with an associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Baker Resource Area of the Vale District and by this notice is announcing public scoping meetings. The RMP will revise the existing Baker Resource Management Plan of 1989.

DATES: The BLM will announce public scoping meetings to identify relevant issues through local news media, newsletters, and the BLM Web site <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale/index.php> at least 15 days prior to the first meeting. We will provide formal opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft RMP/EIS.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* BakerRMP@blm.gov.
- *Fax:* 541-523-1965.
- *Mail:* Bureau of Land Management, Baker Field Office, P.O. Box 947, Baker City, OR 97814.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the BLM Baker Field Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, Contact: Allison Kuehl, RMP Team Leader, Telephone: 541-523-1931; E-mail: allison_kuehl@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document provides notice that the BLM Field Office, Baker City, Oregon, intends to revise an RMP with an associated EIS for the Baker Resource Area and announces public scoping meetings.

The planning area is located in Baker, Union, Wallowa, Morrow, and Umatilla Counties in Oregon and in Asotin County, Washington. This planning activity encompasses approximately 423,000 acres of public land. The plan will fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), and BLM management policies. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues, concerns and ideas that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis and EIS alternatives. These issues also guide the planning process. You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing to the BLM at any public scoping meeting, or you may submit them to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above. To be most helpful, you should submit formal scoping comments within 30 days after the last public meeting. The minutes for each scoping meeting will be available to the public and open for 30 days after the meeting to any participant who wishes to clarify the views he or she expressed. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, are available for public inspection in their entirety.

Preliminary issues and management concerns have been identified. They represent the BLM's knowledge to date regarding the existing issues and concerns with current land management. The preliminary issues being considered in this planning effort include: vegetation management; water quality, aquatic resources, fisheries; special management areas; recreation