

the FPA. This provision required that the Departments of Agriculture, the Interior and Commerce collect the information covered by 1094-0001.

Under FPA section 33, the Secretary of the Department involved must accept the proposed alternative if the Secretary determines, based on substantial evidence provided by a party to the license proceeding or otherwise available to the Secretary, (a) that the alternative condition provides for the adequate protection and utilization of the reservation, or that the alternative prescription will be no less protective than the fishway initially proposed by the Secretary, and (b) that the alternative will either cost significantly less to implement or result in improved operation of the project works for electricity production.

In order to make this determination, the regulations require that all of the following information be collected: (1) A description of the alternative, in an equivalent level of detail to the Department's preliminary condition or prescription; (2) an explanation of how the alternative: (i) If a condition, will provide for the adequate protection and utilization of the reservation; or (ii) if a prescription, will be no less protective than the fishway prescribed by the bureau; (3) an explanation of how the alternative, as compared to the preliminary condition or prescription, will: (i) Cost significantly less to implement; or (ii) result in improved operation of the project works for electricity production; (4) an explanation of how the alternative or revised alternative will affect: (i) Energy supply, distribution, cost, and use; (ii) flood control; (iii) navigation; (iv) water supply; (v) air quality; and (vi) other aspects of environmental quality; and (5) specific citations to any scientific studies, literature, and other documented information relied on to support the proposal.

This notice of proposed renewal of an existing information collection is being published by the Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, Department of the Interior, on behalf of all three Departments, and the data provided below covers anticipated responses (alternative conditions/prescriptions and associated information) for all three Departments.

## II. Data

(1) *Title:* 7 CFR Part 1; 43 CFR Part 45; 50 CFR Part 221; the Alternatives Process in Hydropower Licensing.

*OMB Control Number:* 1094-0001.

*Current Expiration Date:* June 30, 2009.

*Type of Review:* Information Collection Renewal.

*Affected Entities:* Business or for-profit entities.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 5.

*Frequency of responses:* Once per alternative proposed.

(2) *Annual reporting and recordkeeping burden:*

*Total annual reporting per response:* 500 hours.

*Total number of estimated responses:* 5.

*Total annual reporting:* 2,500 hours.

(3) *Description of the need and use of the information:* The purpose of this information collection is to provide an opportunity for license parties to propose an alternative condition or prescription to that imposed by the Federal Government in the hydropower licensing process.

As required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), a **Federal Register** notice soliciting comments on the collection of information was published on April 10, 2009 (74 FR 16416). No comments were received. This notice provides the public with an additional 30 days in which to comment on the proposed information collection activity.

## III. Request for Comments

The Departments invite comments on:

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

(b) The accuracy of the agencies' estimate of the burden of the collection and 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 the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other collection techniques or other forms of information techniques.

"Burden" means the total time, effort, and financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose, or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review

the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

All written comments, with names and addresses, will be available for public inspection. If you wish us to withhold your personal information, you must prominently state at the beginning of your comment what personal information you want us to withhold. We will honor your request to the extent allowable by law. If you wish to view any comments received, you may do so by scheduling an appointment with the Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance by calling (202) 208-3891. A valid picture identification is required for entry into the Department of the Interior.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget control number.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Notice of Tribal Consultation Meetings

**AGENCY:** Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Tribal Consultation Meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of one-day Tribal Consultation Sessions to be held between the Department of the Interior, Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (DOI/OST) and tribal governments interested in, or currently operating the real estate appraisal services program. The purpose of these consultation sessions is to discuss ideas in developing new tribal share allocation formulas (TSAFs) to be used to apportion funds to tribes that perform the appraisal program pursuant to Public Law 93-638 (the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975, as amended) [25 U.S.C. 450j-1(a)].

**DATES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**ADDRESSES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Debbie Meisner, Director Administrative Operations, Office of Appraisal Services at (505) 816-1318 or [Debbie\\_Meisner@ost.doi.gov](mailto:Debbie_Meisner@ost.doi.gov). Detailed information on the project background,

schedule and locations will be posted on the DOI/OST Web site at <http://www.ost.doi.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of the Interior, Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (DOI/OST) invites tribal government leaders to participate in a series of tribal consultation sessions.

Dates and Locations: The tribal consultation sessions will be held on the following dates and in the following locations:

- (1) June 30, 2009 in Oklahoma City, OK.
- (2) July 14, 2009 in Rapid City, SD.
- (3) July 29, 2009 in Portland, OR.
- (4) August 4, 2009 in Billings, MT.
- (5) August 18, 2009 in Albuquerque, NM.

The purpose of the consultation sessions is to discuss ideas in developing new tribal share allocation formulas that will be used to apportion funds for tribes performing, or interested in performing, the appraisal program pursuant to Public Law 93-638 contracts and compacts. These formulas will ensure uniformity and transparency in determining tribal shares and funding residual for the inherent federal functions.

A report of each consultation session will be prepared and made available within 90 days of the consultation to all tribal governments that currently compact or contract the appraisal program. Tribes wishing to submit written testimony for the consultation report should send it to Debbie Meisner, Director Administrative Operations, Office of Appraisal Services at [Debbie\\_Meisner@ost.doi.gov](mailto:Debbie_Meisner@ost.doi.gov), either prior to the consultation session or by September 18, 2009. Please note that only written testimony submitted to DOI/OST will be included in the report, as an appendix. Testimony and comments made orally will be summarized in the report without attribution, along with topics of concern and recommendations.

Dated: June 10, 2009.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### U.S. Geological Survey

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Pompeys Pillar Visitor Survey

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).

**ACTION:** Notice of a new information collection.

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are notifying the public that we have submitted to OMB a new information collection request (ICR) for approval of the paperwork requirements for an on-site visitor survey to be conducted at Pompeys Pillar National Monument in Billings, Montana. This notice provides the public an opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of this project.

**DATES:** You must submit comments on or before July 16, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit written comments on this information collection directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior via e-mail [[OIRA\\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov)]; or fax 202-395-5806; and identify your submission as 1028-NEW. Please also submit a copy of your written comments to Phadrea Ponds, USGS Information Collection Clearance Officer, 2150-C Center Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80525 (mail); (970) 226-9230 (fax); or [pponds@usgs.gov](mailto:pponds@usgs.gov) (e-mail). Please reference Information Collection 1028-NEW, Pompeys Pillar in the subject line.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lynne Koontz by mail at U.S. Geological Survey, 2150-C Center Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80526, or by telephone at (970) 226-9384.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Abstract**

The USGS is working with the BLM Montana State office to conduct a survey of visitors to Pompeys Pillar National Monument. The information collected will be used by BLM to understand the spending trends of PPNM visitors in the surrounding local communities. This information will also be used to calculate the regional employment and income effects of PPNM visitor spending for the BLM Resource Management Plan analysis. Collection of these data is necessary for a rigorous and objective economic analysis that meets the "hard look" doctrine that has emerged from case law related to NEPA and to meet internal guidelines for credible economic analysis. The USGS will conduct an on-site survey of visitors to PPNM during the summer and fall visitation season (mid July-September).

##### **II. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* None. This is a new collection.

*Title:* Pompeys Pillar Visitor Survey.  
*Respondent Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Frequency of Collection:* This is a one-time collection.

*Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:* Visitors of Pompeys Pillar National Monument.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 630.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:* 91 hours. We will contact 750 people exiting the recreation area. We anticipate an 80% response rate. We estimate each intercept survey will average 9 minutes per response (600 visitors). We also estimate that it will take 2 minutes per response to respond to three questions of a sample of 30 visitors who decline to take the written survey. These times includes the time for receiving instructions and completing the survey.

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden:* There are no "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this collection of information.

### **III. Request for Comments**

On February 6, 2009, we published a **Federal Register** notice (74 FR 6305) soliciting comments announcing that we would submit this information to OMB for approval. The comment period closed on April 7, 2009. We did not receive any comments in response to that notice.

We again invite comments concerning this ICR on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. 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.