

by NGB (lead agency) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) of the Department of Interior (DOI) (cooperating agency). The LEIS analyzed the proposed withdrawal of 18,644 acres of federal land within the Limestone Hills Training Area (LHTA) from BLM administration. The LEIS proposes that Congress authorize BLM to transfer administrative responsibility of all federal land within the LHTA to the Army for military training use by the MTARNG. No new facilities are proposed in this LEIS. The LEIS is the detailed statement required by the National Environmental Policy Act to be included in a recommendation or report on a legislative proposal to Congress.

**DATES:** The waiting period will end 30 days after publication of a notice of availability in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments or questions should be forwarded by mail to Ms. Sundi West, MTARNG, Fort Harrison, 1956 MT Majo Street, P.O. Box 4789, Helena, Montana 59636-4789, via telephone at (406) 324-3088, or via e-mail at [Sundi.West@us.army.mil](mailto:Sundi.West@us.army.mil).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Sherri Lionberger, BLM, 106 North Parkmont, Butte, Montana 59701, via telephone at (406) 533-7671, or via e-mail at [slionber@blm.gov](mailto:slionber@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the LEIS is to provide comprehensive analysis of the proposed action and alternatives to the Secretaries of Interior and Army so findings and recommendations can be forwarded to Congress regarding the proposed land withdrawal. The study area for the environmental analysis is resource dependent. It includes Lewis and Clark County and Broadwater County for socioeconomic resources, MTARNG facilities for military mission, and the LHTA for biological and mineral resources.

The LEIS analyzes potential environmental effects of three action alternatives and a No Action Alternative. Action Alternatives 2 and 3 were developed as a result of the LEIS scoping process.

**Alternative 1:** This was the MTARNG's original proposed action. Under the proposed action, management responsibility for all resources, except for mineral resources, would be shifted from the BLM to the MTARNG. Under this alternative, the Department of the Army could exercise its authority to condemn private land, and/or terminate any mineral claim or grazing permits.

**Alternative 2:** Under this alternative, the MTARNG and BLM would share resource management responsibilities. MTARNG would manage most resources in the LHTA's closure area. BLM would manage most resources in the non-closure area. The closure area is the portion of the LHTA that restricts access without prior approval of the MTARNG. The non-closure area is the portion of LHTA that is open to public access for surface use only.

**Alternative 3: (Preferred Alternative):** Under this alternative, the LHTA would be withdrawn from BLM jurisdiction with modifications based on scoping comments and stakeholder recommendations. The proposed withdrawal area is approximately 18,644 acres of federal land that encloses state-owned and private land which is not included in the withdrawal.

Under the No Action Alternative, the BLM's current right-of-way grant for military use of the LHTA by MTARNG would not be renewed. The current right-of-way grant expires in 2014.

This LEIS is a component of the legislative proposal package that BLM will submit to DOI and the Office of Management and Budget. After agency review and concurrence, the DOI will transmit the proposed legislation to Congress.

**Significant Issues:** The LHTA is a 23,110 acre parcel of land with private and state-owned in-holdings totaling approximately 2,666 acres. The BLM manages 20,444 acres of the total acreage and allows the MTARNG to conduct military training on its property through the right-of-way grant. The public land is also used for grazing, mining, recreation, transportation, utility right-of-ways, and wildlife management. A limestone mine is currently operating within the LHTA. All federally-managed LHTA land falls within one of seven grazing allotments. In addition, the MTARNG is currently engaged in clearing unexploded ordnance from an LHTA range that is no longer in use.

Issues considered in the LEIS include the following: (1) Continued ability of Graymont Western's Indian Creek Limestone Mine to extract and process ore within the LHTA; (2) allocation and management of grazing allotments; (3) public access to the LHTA; (4) noise and dust generated during training exercises, and by vehicular traffic; (5) impacts to Broadwater County due to possible termination of BLM payments in lieu of taxes if the withdrawal is granted; (6) potential impacts to wildlife in the Elkhorn Management Area; (7) consistency of land management

policies after transfer of administrative responsibilities; (8) potential impacts to range management and cleanup activities; (9) owner access to, and use of, in-holdings; and (10) impacts to the local economy and MTARNG training under the no action alternative.

Potentially significant adverse impacts to socioeconomic are expected under Alternative 1 and the No Action Alternative. There are no potentially significant adverse impacts expected under Alternatives 2 or 3.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Board of Visitors, United States Military Academy (USMA)

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Meeting notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150, the Department of Defense announces that the following Federal advisory committee meeting will take place:

- 1. Name of Committee:** United States Military Academy Board of Visitors.
- 2. Date:** Thursday, October 27, 2011.
- 3. Time:** 12:30 p.m.—3 p.m. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting will need to show photo identification in order to gain access to the meeting location. All participants are subject to security screening.
- 4. Location:** Jefferson Hall Library, Haig Room. West Point, NY.
- 5. Purpose of the Meeting:** This is the 2011 Annual Meeting of the USMA Board of Visitors (BoV). Members of the Board will be provided updates on Academy issues.
- 6. Agenda:** The Academy leadership will provide the Board updates on the following: the Academic program, Honor and Respect Programs and the Annual Report writing process.
- 7. Public's Accessibility to the Meeting:** Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first-come basis.
- 8. Committee's Designated Federal Officer or Point of Contact:** Ms. Joy A. Pasquazi, (845) 938-5078, [Joy.Pasquazi@us.army.mil](mailto:Joy.Pasquazi@us.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Any member of the public is permitted to file a written statement with the USMA Board of Visitors. Written statements should be sent to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at: United States Military Academy, Office of the Secretary of the General Staff (MASG), 646 Swift Road, West Point, NY 10996-1905 or faxed to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at (845) 938-3214. Written statements must be received no later than five working days prior to the next meeting in order to provide time for member consideration. By rule, no member of the public attending open meetings will be allowed to present questions from the floor or speak to any issue under consideration by the Board.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Committee's Designated Federal Officer or Point of Contact is Ms. Joy A. Pasquazi, (845) 938-5078, [Joy.Pasquazi@us.army.mil](mailto:Joy.Pasquazi@us.army.mil).

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Comment Request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Education (the Department), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden on the public and helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 29, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov) or mailed to U.S. Department of Education,

400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: September 27, 2011

**Darrin King,**

*Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management.*

#### Institute of Education Sciences

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title of Collection:* College Affordability and Transparency Explanation (CATE) Form 2011-2014.

*OMB Control Number:* Pending.

*Agency Form Number(s):* N/A.

*Frequency of Responses:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 532.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 1,596.

*Abstract:* The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) is seeking a three-year clearance for a new survey data collection for the College Affordability and Transparency List Explanation (CATE) form. The collection of this information is necessary pursuant to the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) Section 111, Part C (20 U.S.C. 1015a) with the goal of increasing transparency of college tuition prices for consumers. The clearance should start with the 2011-12 collection year and extend through the 2012-13 and 2013-14

collections. Part C of Section 111 of HEOA included provisions for improved transparency in college tuition for consumers. In response to these provisions, the Department of Education created The College Affordability and Transparency Center (CATC) which can be accessed through College Navigator. The CATC includes information for students, parents, and policymakers about college costs at America's colleges and universities. The CATC also includes several lists of institutions based on the tuition and fees and/or net prices (the price of attendance after considering all grant and scholarship aid) charged to students, including a list of institutions that are in the five percent of institutions in their institutional sector that have the highest increases, expressed as a percentage change, over the three-year time period for which the most recent data are available. The clearance being requested is to survey the institutions on this list using the College Affordability and Transparency Explanation form to collect follow-up information. The lists appearing in CATC are generated using data collected by the NCES through the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). IPEDS is a mandatory data collection for institutions that participate in or are applicants for participation in any federal student financial aid program authorized by Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1094, Section 487(a)(17) and 34 CFR 668.14(b)(19)). The additional information to be collected will be used to write a summary report for Congress which will also be posted on the College Navigator website. The report will summarize the general and sector specific findings from the CATE using descriptive statistics. The main cost areas showing the highest increases will be identified using the percent change information provided by institutions. The most commonly reported plans to reduce the increases in those cost increases will also be indicated. Finally, the extent to which institutions participate in setting tuition and fees and net prices for students will be described and the agencies outside of the institutions that decide those student charges will be identified.

Copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 4729. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information