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Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application Federal Register notice	Permit issuance date
10941B	Northwest Fisheries Science Center Forensics Laboratory.	79 FR 15768; March 21, 2014	October 1, 2014.

Availability of Documents

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, Branch of Permits, MS: IA, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041; fax (703) 358-2281.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

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Renewal of Agency Information Collection for Certificate of Degree of Indian or Alaska Native Blood (CDIB)

AGENCIES: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of submission to OMB.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for renewal for the collection of information, "Request for Certificate of Degree of Indian or Alaska Native Blood (CDIB)." The information collection is currently authorized by OMB Control Number 1076-0153, which expires October 31, 2014.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 19, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the information collection to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at the Office of Management and Budget, by facsimile to (202) 395-5806 or you may send an email to: *OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov*. Please send a copy of your comments to: Ms. Laurel Iron Cloud, Chief, Division of Tribal

Government Services, Office of Indian Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street NW., Mail Stop 4513 MIB, Washington, DC 20240; facsimile: (202) 208-5113; email: *laurel.ironcloud@bia.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Laurel Iron Cloud, telephone (202) 513-7641. You may review the information collection request online at *http://www.reginfo.gov*. Follow the instructions to review Department of the Interior collections under review by OMB.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

BIA is seeking renewal of the approval for the information collection conducted under the numerous laws authorizing BIA to administer program services to Indians, provided that the individual possess a minimum degree of Indian or Alaska Native blood. When applying for program services authorized by these laws, an applicant must provide acceptable documentation to prove that he or she meets the minimum required degree of Indian or Alaska Native blood. Currently, the BIA certifies an individual's degree of Indian or Alaska Native blood if the individual can provide sufficient information to prove his or her identity and prove his or her descent from an Indian ancestor(s) listed on historic documents approved by the Secretary of the Interior that include blood degree information. To obtain the CDIB, the applicant must fill out an application form and provide supporting documents. No changes are being made to the form or the approved burden hours for this information collection.

II. Request for Comments

On July 18, 2014, BIA published a notice announcing the renewal of this information collection and provided a 60-day comment period in the **Federal Register** (79 FR 42032). There were no comments received in response to this notice.

The BIA requests your comments on this collection concerning: (a) The necessity of the information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the agencies, 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.

Please note that an agency may not sponsor or conduct, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it displays 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 during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday except for legal holidays. Before including your address, phone number, email address or other personally identifiable information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personally identifiable information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personally identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 1076-0153.

Title: Request for Certificate of Degree of Indian or Alaska Native Blood.

Brief description of collection: Submission of this information allows BIA to verify the applicant's Indian ancestry and to determine the applicant's degree of Indian blood. The applicant will provide information, such as birth certificates, death certificates, and probates to document the applicant's descent from an Indian ancestor(s). BIA uses historic roll(s) or other documents that list the ancestors' name, gender, date of birth, date of death, blood degree and other identifying information to verify the applicant's descent. After the information and supporting documentation has been verified, BIA will issue a CDIB to the applicant. The applicant may use the CDIB to help document their eligibility for BIA programs and services. Other agencies may also rely on a CDIB as proof of

eligibility for certain programs and services. CDIBs do not establish membership in an Indian tribe. A CDIB is not an enrollment document. The collection of this information is voluntary. Response is required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Individuals.

Number of Respondents: 154,980 per year, on average.

Number of Responses: 154,980 per year, on average.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Time per Response: 1.5 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 232,470 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Non-Hour Dollar Cost: \$6,199,200.

Dated: October 10, 2014.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Call for Expressions of Competitive Interest; Possible Sale of Federal Minerals, Esmeralda County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Nevada State Office is seeking expressions of interest for a possible competitive mineral materials sale of three stockpiles containing potassium and sodium salts, constructed by the layering of salt mechanically scraped from the evaporative ponds belonging to Rockwood Lithium (Rockwood), formerly doing business as Chemetall Foote Corporation/Cyprus Foote Mineral Company. The stockpiles are a byproduct of lithium carbonate processing of Rockwood's lithium brine operations and are stockpiled on approximately 340 acres of private land owned by Rockwood Lithium in Clayton Valley, Esmeralda County, Nevada at Silver Peak.

DATES: Parties interested in participating in a competitive sale for the materials described in this notice should notify BLM at the address below by December 19, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submissions expressing interest in participating in a competitive sale for the Federal Mineral Salt Stockpiles should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, Nevada State Office, Attention: Gary Johnson, Deputy State Director, Minerals Management, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, NV 89502.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: T. Scott Murrellwright, by telephone at 775-881-6581; or by email at tmurrell@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-775-861-6511 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 3 stockpiles are located approximately 50 miles southwest of Tonopah, Nevada. The nearest major roads accessing the Rockwood operations area are U.S. 95 S. and Silver Peak Road. The stockpiles are located on the north and south side of Silver Peak Road approximately 2 miles west of Silver Peak. The subject stockpiles are located on Rockwood private lands and a portion of BLM lands described approximately as:

Mount Diablo Meridian

45 Pond Pile Located on Rockwood Private Lands & BLM Land

T. 2 S., R. 39 E.,
Sec. 13, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.
Sec. 13, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ (BLM land)

10 Pond Pile Located on Rockwood Private Lands

T. 2 S., R. 40 E.,
Sec. 18, lots 10, 11 and 12, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 19, lots 5 and 8, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

R3 Pond Pile Located on Rockwood Private Lands

T. 2 S., R. 39 E.,
Sec. 24, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.
T. 2 S., R. 40 E.,
Sec. 18, lot 12;
Sec. 19, lots 5 and 6.

The combined volume of the 3 stockpiles is approximately 5,500,000 metric tons.

Map Location Link: https://maps.google.com/maps?q=silver+peak+nevada&ie=UTF-8&hq=&hnear=0x80be998255daf4bb:0xf5564b360df52de,Silver+Peak,+NV+89047&gl=us&ei=DOqNU6q_HMylogTC7YDgCA&sqi=2&ved=0CI8BEPIBMA4.

Map Stockpiles Link: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/prog/minerals/saleable_minerals.html.

The material in these stockpiles is composed of semi-crystalline

heterogeneous salt, composed of approximately 70 percent Sodium Chloride (NaCl) and 19 percent Potassium Chloride (KCl). The NaCl and KCl may be marketable, but in its present form, the salt(s) cannot be used. The salts must first be processed to a higher percentage of sodium and/or potassium in order to be marketable.

The stockpiles also contain lithium (Li) at approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ percent of the total volume. The lithium in the stockpiles is the property of Rockwood (see 1991 Settlement Agreement below).

Rockwood or its predecessor-in-interest has been operating a lithium brine solution mining operation on lands in Clayton Valley, Esmeralda County, Nevada near the town of Silver Peak since the 1970's, first on Federal public domain lands, and then on private lands after the Federal lands were patented to Rockwood's predecessor, Chemetall Foote Corporation, subject to a reservation of Mineral Leasing Act minerals within the patented lands. The lithium solution mine pumps lithium-containing brine from ancient aquifers into large solar evaporative ponds for the purpose of precipitating and concentrating salts before they are processed into lithium carbonate for use in lithium ion batteries and other industrial applications. As part of this process, Rockwood has created stockpiles over the years when harvesting lithium that contain lithium, potassium and sodium salts. These salts are being stockpiled on Rockwood's patented land within the operational boundary of the solution mine.

A 1991 Settlement Agreement to resolve litigation between the United States and Rockwood's predecessor allows for shared rights to the minerals in these stockpiles. The settlement agreement provides that Rockwood maintains first rights to any remaining lithium in the salt stockpiles. It further provides that the United States maintains the rights to the potassium and sodium in the stockpiles, but may not dispose of those minerals until the stockpiles no longer contain lithium in economic quantities. A copy of the June 1991 Settlement Agreement between the Cyprus Foote Mineral Company and the United States of America/Department of Justice can be accessed at http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/prog/minerals/saleable_minerals.html.

The settlement agreement provides that special terms would need to be negotiated with Rockwood before any third party could gain access to the stockpiles. Any negotiated access agreement would need to ensure that the activities of such third party would