

related to taxonomy (Bin 3) or waiting for additional information regarding implementation of conservation efforts (Bin 4) is part of this methodology. However, we do not view these two instances as collection of new information that will inform placement in bins.

*Comment (28):* One commenter recommended adding a Bin 6 for those species where strong evidence indicates listing is not warranted.

*Our Response:* We believe that the commenter's concern is addressed by Bin 2, which includes those species for which we have strong information indicating that listing is likely not warranted.

#### Determinations Under Other Authorities

As mentioned above, we intend to use this methodology to prioritize work on status reviews and accompanying 12-month findings and to assist with prioritizing actions. Below we make determinations provided for under several Executive Orders and statutes that may apply where a Federal action is not a binding rule or regulation.

#### National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

We have analyzed this final methodology in accordance with the criteria of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Department of the Interior regulations on Implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act (43 CFR 46.10–46.450), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1–4 and 8).

We have determined that this methodology is categorically excluded from NEPA documentation requirements consistent with 40 CFR 1508.4 and 43 CFR 46.210(i). This categorical exclusion applies to policies, directives, regulations, and guidelines that are “of an administrative, financial, legal, technical, or procedural nature.” This action does not trigger an extraordinary circumstance, as outlined at 43 CFR 46.215, applicable to the categorical exclusion. Therefore, this methodology does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This final methodology does not contain any collections of information that require approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). This final methodology will not impose recordkeeping or reporting requirements on State or local

governments, individuals, businesses, or organizations. We may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

#### Government-to-Government Relationship With Tribes

In accordance with the President's memorandum of April 29, 1994, “Government-to-Government Relations with Native American Tribal Governments” (59 FR 22951), Executive Order 13175 “Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments,” the Department of the Interior Manual at 512 DM 2, and the Department of Commerce *American Indian and Alaska Native Policy* (March 30, 1995), we have considered possible effects on federally recognized Indian tribes and have determined that there are no potential adverse effects of issuing this final methodology. Our intent with this final methodology is to provide transparency to Tribes and other stakeholders in the prioritization of our future workload. We will work with Tribes as we implement this final methodology and obtain the information necessary to bin specific actions accurately.

#### Authors

The primary authors of this final methodology are the staff members of the Division of Conservation and Classification, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041.

#### Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: July 19, 2016.

#### Stephen Guertin,

*Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

#### Bureau of Indian Affairs

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#### Renewal of Agency Information Collection for Tribal Energy Resource Agreements

**AGENCY:** 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) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for renewal of the collection of information for Tribal Energy Resource Agreements, authorized by OMB Control Number 1076–0167. This information collection expires July 31, 2016.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 26, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit your comments 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](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov). Also please send a copy of your comments to Ms. Elizabeth K. Appel, Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs & Collaborative Action, Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, telephone: (202) 273–4680; email: [elizabeth.appel@bia.gov](mailto:elizabeth.appel@bia.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Elizabeth K. Appel, (202) 273–4680; email: [elizabeth.appel@bia.gov](mailto:elizabeth.appel@bia.gov). 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

To assist Indian Tribes in the development of energy resources and further the goal of Indian self-determination, the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) shall establish and implement an Indian energy resource development program to assist consenting Indian Tribes and Tribal energy resource development organizations in achieving the purpose, as authorized by 25 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* The statute authorizes the Secretary to approve individual Tribal Energy Resource Agreements (TERAs). The intent of these agreements is to promote Tribal oversight and management of energy and mineral resource development on Tribal lands and further the goal of Indian self-determination. A TERA offers a Tribe an alternative for developing energy-related business agreements and awarding leases and granting rights-of-way for energy facilities without having to obtain further approval from the Secretary.

This information collection conducted under TERA regulations at 25 CFR 224, will allow the Office of

Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED) to determine the capacity of Tribes to manage the development of energy resources on Tribal lands. Information collection:

- Enables IEED to engage in a consultation process with Tribes that is designed to foster optimal pre-planning of development proposals and speed-up the review and approval process for TERA agreements;
- Provides wide public notice and opportunity for review of TERA agreements by the public, industry, and government agencies;
- Ensures that the public has an avenue for review of the performance of Tribes in implementing a TERA;
- Creates a process for preventing damage to sensitive resources as well as ensuring that the public has fully communicated with the Tribe in the petition process;
- Ensures that a Tribe is fully aware of any attempt by the Department of the Interior to resume management authority over energy resources on Tribal lands; and
- Ensures that the Tribal government fully endorses any relinquishment of a TERA.

The data will be maintained by BIA's IEED Office. The burden hours for this continued collection of information are reflected in the Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden in this notice.

## II. Request for Comments on Collection of Information

The Assistant Secretary—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.

Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor 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. Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

## III. Request for Comments on Burden Reduction

The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs also requests your comments on ways to revise and reduce the burden of the governing regulations for TERAs under 25 CFR 224. Currently, the total annual hour burden for this information collection is 10,752 hours with an estimated time per response from 32 to 1,080 hours. Please submit comments on the following topics to the contact listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice: (1) The aspects of this information collection you identify as having the greatest burden, (2) Whether these burdensome aspects are the likely reason for an underutilization of TERAs; (3) Whether these burdensome aspects are required under statute or regulation, and (4) Any opportunities to reduce the burden of information collection, including but not limited to opportunities to reduce burdens associated with the application process by issuing guidance or instructions for prospective applicants.

Please also specify any language within the regulations that you believe should be adjusted in order to reduce the burden associated with this information collection. Additionally, if you believe that an adjustment to statutory language would reduce the burden associated with this information collection, please specifically identify this language.

## IV. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 1076–0167.

*Title:* Tribal Energy Resource Agreements, 25 CFR 224.

*Brief Description of Collection:* Submission of this information is required for Federally Recognized Indian Tribes to apply for, implement, reassume, or rescind a TERA that has been entered into in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 3501 *et. seq.*, and 25 CFR 224. This collection also requires the Tribe to notify the public of certain actions and allows a petition from the public to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior to inform of possible noncompliance with a TERA.

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

*Respondents:* Federally recognized Indian Tribes and the public.

*Number of Respondents:* 14.

*Number of Responses:* 34.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Obligation to Respond:* Responses are required to obtain or maintain a benefit.

*Estimated Time per Response:* Varies from 32 hours to 1,080 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:* 10,752 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Non-Hour Dollar Cost:* \$48,200.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Realty Action: Competitive Sale of 16 Parcels of Public Land in Clark County, NV

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to offer 16 parcels of public land totaling 182.93 acres in the Las Vegas Valley by competitive sale, at not less than the appraised fair market values (FMV). The BLM is proposing to offer the parcels for sale pursuant to the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 (SNPLMA), as amended. The sale will be subject to the applicable provisions of section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and BLM land sale regulations.

**DATES:** Interested parties may submit written comments regarding the sale until September 12, 2016. The sale by sealed bid and oral public auction will occur on November 30, 2016, at Clark County Government Center, Clark County Commission Chambers, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89155 at 10 a.m., Pacific Time. The FMV for the parcels will be available 30 days prior to the sale. The BLM will start accepting sealed bids beginning November 16, 2016. Sealed bids must be received by the BLM, Las Vegas Field Office (LVFO) no later than 4:30 p.m. Pacific Time on November 25, 2016.

The BLM will open sealed bids on the day of the sale just prior to the oral bidding.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail written comments and submit sealed bids to the BLM LVFO,