

tissue samples, remove hybrids from the wild, temporarily keep hybrids in captivity, euthanize hybrids, and release) the California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County Distinct Population Segment) (*Ambystoma californiense*); and take (pursuit by survey) the El Segundo blue butterfly (*Euphilotes battoides allyni*) in conjunction with survey and research activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-207873**

*Applicant:* Carol Thompson, Riverside, California.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, release, collect vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*); take (harass by locating and monitoring nests) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*); and take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the San Bernardino Merriam's kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*) and Stephens' kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys stephensi*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-60358C**

*Applicant:* California Department of Fish and Wildlife, San Diego, California.

The applicant requests a new permit to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, release, collect vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts) the San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-083348**

*Applicant:* San Bernardino County Department of Public Works, San Bernardino, California.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the San Bernardino Merriam's kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*) and take (harass by survey) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii*

*extimus*) in conjunction with survey activities in San Bernardino County, California, for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-53771B**

*Applicant:* Erin Bergman, La Mesa, California.

The applicant requests a permit amendment and renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, release, collect adult vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*); take (pursuit by survey) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) and mission blue butterfly (*Icaricia icarioides missionensis*); and take (harass by survey, capture, handle, release) the Casey's june beetle (*Dinacoma caseyi*) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-091857**

*Applicant:* Denise Duffy and Associates, Inc., Monterey, California.

The applicant requests a permit renewal and amendment to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, take tissue samples, conduct habitat restoration for, and release) the California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County and Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment (DPS)) (*Ambystoma californiense*) in conjunction with survey, research, and habitat enhancement activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Permit No. TE-837308**

*Applicant:* John Konecny, Valley Center, California.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by locating and monitoring nests, capture, handle, band, and remove brown-headed cowbird (*Molothrus ater*) eggs and chicks from parasitized nests) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*), take (harass by survey, locate and monitor nests, capture, handle, band, and remove brown-headed cowbird (*Molothrus ater*) eggs and chicks from parasitized nests) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), take (harass by survey) the light-footed clapper rail (light-footed Ridgway's rail) (*Rallus longirostris levipes*) (*R. obsoletus*

*l.*) and Yuma clapper rail (Yuma Ridgway's rail) (*Rallus longirostris yumanensis*) (*R. obsoletus y.*), take (harass by survey, locate and monitor nests, capture, handle, and band) the California least tern (*Sternula antillarum browni*) (*Sterna a. browni*), and take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the arroyo toad (arroyo southwestern) (*Anaxyrus californicus*) in conjunction with survey and population monitoring activities throughout the range of the species in California and Nevada for the purpose of enhancing the species' survival.

**Public Comments**

We invite public review and comment on each of these recovery permit applications. Comments and materials we receive will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

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.

**Karen A. Jensen,**

*Acting Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region, Sacramento, California.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Renewal of Approved Information Collection; OMB Control Number 1004-0179 Agency Information Collection Activities; Helium Contracts**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), are proposing to renew an information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), to renew control number 1004-0179, "Helium Contracts."

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 14, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 2134LM, Washington, DC 20240, Attention: Jean Sonneman; or by email to [jesonnem@blm.gov](mailto:jesonnem@blm.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1004-0179 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Samuel R.M. Burton by email at [sburton@blm.gov](mailto:sburton@blm.gov), or by telephone at 806-356-1002.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the BLM; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the BLM enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the BLM minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. 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.

*Abstract:* The BLM needs to collect information in order to implement in-kind sales of helium in accordance with

the Helium Stewardship Act (50 U.S.C. 167-167q) and 43 CFR part 3195.

*Title of Collection:* Helium Contracts.  
*OMB Control Number:* 1004-0179.

*Form Numbers:* 3195-1, 3195-2, 3195-3, and 3195-4.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Private helium merchants that sell a major helium requirement (*i.e.*, an amount of refined helium greater than 200,000 standard cubic feet of refined gaseous helium or 7,510 liters of liquid helium) to a Federal agency or to private helium purchasers for use in Federal Government contracts.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 22.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 60.

*Estimated Completion Time per Response:* Varies from 4-8 hours, depending on activity.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 272.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

*Frequency of Collection:*

- Quarterly for the Refined Helium Deliveries Detail;
- Annually for the Calculation of Excess Refining Capacity and Refiners' Annual Tolling Report; and
- On occasion for the Refiners' Tolling Occurrence Report.

*Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:* None.

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 OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*)

**Jean Sonneman,**

*Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Public Meeting for the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management

Act of 1976 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council (EWRAC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The EWRAC will hold a public meeting on Thursday, March 22, 2018. The meeting will run from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Pacific Time. A public comment period will be available from 1 until 1:30 p.m. There will be an EWRAC field trip to the Juniper Dunes Recreation Area on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The EWRAC meeting will be held in the Oak Room at the Red Lion Inn, 2525 N 20th Ave., Pasco, WA 99301. The EWRAC field trip to the Juniper Dunes Recreation Area will depart from Country Mercantile, 232 Crestloch Rd., Pasco, WA 99301.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeff Clark, Public Affairs Officer, 1103 N Fancher, Spokane Valley, WA 99212; 509-536-1297; [jeffclark@blm.gov](mailto:jeffclark@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS 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 15-member EWRAC was chartered to provide information and advice regarding the use and development of the lands administered by the Spokane District in central and eastern Washington. Members represent an array of stakeholder interests in the land and resources from within the local area and statewide.

All meetings are open to the public in their entirety. The field trip on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, will be to the Juniper Dunes Recreation Area. Members of the public wanting to attend must provide their own transportation. The EWRAC meeting agenda on Thursday, March 22, 2018, includes a discussion of the the Juniper Dunes field trip and updates on Juniper Dunes public access and the BLM Eastern Washington Resource Management Plan. There will be a public comment period from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Persons wishing to make comments during the public comment period should register in person with the BLM by noon on the meeting day, at the meeting location. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment, the length of comments may be limited. The public may send written comments