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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM's and USFS's Approved MMPs for the BENM Indian Creek (BLM) and Shash Jáa Units (BLM and USFS) identify goals, objectives, and management actions necessary for the proper care and management of the Monument objects and values on BLM- and USFS-administered lands identified in Proclamation 9558, as modified by Proclamation 9681. The BLM manages all 71,896 acres in the Indian Creek Unit, and 97,393 acres in the Shash Jáa Unit. The BLM's ROD/Approved MMPs amend the existing BLM Monticello Resource Management Plan (RMP) to remove the BENM from the Monticello RMP Decision Area and would replace the management from the Monticello RMP for the BLM-administered lands within the Monument. The USFS manages 32,587 acres in the Shash Jáa Unit and has issued a ROD amending the Forest Plan for the purpose of ensuring proper care and management of the "object[s] of antiquity" and "objects of historic or scientific interest" of the National Forest System lands in the Shash Jáa unit per the Approved MMPs.

The BLM, as the lead agency, and USFS, as a cooperating agency, developed the Approved MMPs in coordination with cooperating agencies, and using input from the public, stakeholder groups, State and local government entities, American Indian Tribes, and the BENM Advisory Committee. These plans provide for the proper care and management of the Monument's objects and values while allowing for multiple uses, including recreational uses. The BLM and USFS will continue to manage lands within the Monument pursuant to applicable legal authorities.

The BLM and USFS prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act to analyze the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts associated with the proposed action and the alternatives. Additionally, the agencies

consulted with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to meet the requirements in Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). A Biological Opinion issued by the USFWS on September 23, 2019, determined that the Approved MMPs are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the species consulted on and are not likely to destroy or adversely modify designated critical habitat. The agencies also consulted with the Utah State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and consulting parties as part of the Section 106 review process under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), which resulted in a finding of no adverse effect to historic properties. The SHPO concurred with this finding, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation subsequently determined that the BLM's no adverse effect finding was reasonable and adequately supported.

The formal public scoping process for the MMPs and EIS began on January 16, 2018, with the publication of a Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register** (83 FR 2181). On April 10, 2018, the USFS published a notice in the **Federal Register** (83 FR 15354) to identify potentially applicable planning rule provisions for the Forest Plan amendment and inform the public of the USFS's intent to adopt the BLM's EIS. The Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Draft MMPs/EIS was published on August 17, 2018 (83 FR 41111), which initiated a 90-day public comment period.

On July 26, 2019, the BLM published the NOA for the Proposed MMPs/Final EIS (84 FR 36118), initiating a 30-day protest period and a concurrent 60-day Governor's Consistency Review. In accordance with 36 CFR 219.59, the USFS waived its objections procedures and adopted the BLM's protest procedures. During the protest period for the Proposed MMPs, the BLM received 35,934 protest letters. All protests were resolved prior to the issuance of the RODs. For a full description of the issues raised during the protest period and how they were addressed, please refer to the BLM Protest Resolution Report, which is available online at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/public-participation/protest-resolution-reports>. The Governor of Utah reviewed the Proposed MMPs/Final EIS to identify any inconsistencies with State or local plans, policies, or programs; the BLM and USFS addressed the Governor's input in the RODs/Approved MMPs. Finally, in compliance with the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management,

and Recreation Act of 2019, the NOA for the Proposed MMPs/Final EIS announced a 60-day public comment period regarding the proposed closure of recreational target shooting at campgrounds, developed recreation sites, rock writing, and structural cultural sites within the BENM. After the protest period, target shooting comment period, government-to-government consultation, Section 106 (NHPA) and Section 7 (ESA) consultation, and Governor's consistency review, the BLM and USFS made minor modifications to the management actions in the Approved MMPs to clarify management actions. All of the changes are described in the Modifications and Clarifications (Section 3.1.2) of the ROD.

(Authority: 36 CFR 219.13, 36 CFR 219.16, 36 CFR 219.17, 40 CFR 1506.6 40 CFR 1506.10 and 43 CFR 1610.2)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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OMB Control Number 1004-0132]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Geothermal Resource Leasing and Permitting, and Geothermal Resources Unit Agreements; Control Number 1004-0132

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to renew an information collection with revisions.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 23, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments on this information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget's Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior by email at OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov; or via facsimile to (202) 395-5806. Please provide a copy of your comments to the BLM at U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 2134LM, Washington,

DC 20240, Attention: Faith Bremner; or by email to fbremner@blm.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 1004–0132 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Rebecca Good by email at rgood@blm.gov, or by telephone at 307–251–3487.

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

A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on November 18, 2019 (84 FR 63673). No comments were received.

We are again soliciting comments on the ICR that is described below. The BLM is 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. This ICR seeks authorization for the use of Form 3200–9 (Notice of Intent to Conduct Geothermal Resource Exploration Operations) by both the BLM and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (USFS).

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. 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 in your comment to the BLM to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, the BLM cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

Abstract: The BLM uses the required information to collect information from those who wish to participate in the exploration, development, production, and utilization of geothermal resources. The BLM has authority to issue geothermal leases in BLM-managed lands, and in national forests and other lands administered by the USFS. In this ICR, the BLM is proposing to revise Form 3200–9, Notice of Intent to Conduct Geothermal Resource Exploration Operations. A respondent submits this form either to the BLM or to the USFS, depending upon which agency has surface-management jurisdiction. Upon receiving such a form, the relevant agency determines whether to grant a permit to conduct geophysical exploration activities for geothermal resources. Approval by the authorizing agency is required before any ground-disturbing activities beyond casual use may commence. At present, Form 3200–9 refers directly only to the BLM. The proposed revisions of the form would simplify its use by both agencies. The BLM is proposing that the remaining forms in this ICR be renewed without revision.

Title of Collection: Geothermal Resource Leasing and Permitting, and Geothermal Resources Unit Agreements.

OMB Control Number: 1004–0132.

Forms: 3200–9, 3203–1, 3260–2, 3260–3, 3260–4, and 3260–5.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Description of Respondents: Businesses that wish to participate in the exploration, development, production, and utilization of geothermal resources on BLM-managed public lands, and lands managed by other Federal surface-management agencies.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 913.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: Varies from 1 to 40 hours, depending on activity.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 5,409.

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

Frequency of Collection: On occasion, except for Form 3260–5, Monthly Report of Geothermal Operations, which is filed once a month.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: \$84,985.

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.*)

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Notice of Availability of the Records of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plans for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and Kanab-Escalante Planning Area

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Paria River District Office announces the availability of the Records of Decision (RODs) for the Approved Resource Management Plans (RMPs) for the Grand Staircase, Kaiparowits, and Escalante Canyons units of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) and the Federal lands excluded from the GSENM by Proclamation 9682, now identified as the Kanab-Escalante Planning Area (KEPA). The Department of the Interior (DOI) Acting Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Casey Hammond, signed the RODs on January 31, 2020, which constituted the final decision of the DOI and made the Approved RMPs and two implementation-level route designations in GSENM effective immediately. The GSENM RMPs replace the GSENM Monument Management Plan (MMP) from 2000 for public lands within the GSENM boundary. The KEPA RMP replaces the 2000 GSENM MMP for public lands excluded from the monument boundary by Proclamation 9682.

ADDRESSES: The RODs are available on the BLM ePlanning project website at <https://go.usa.gov/xVCGJ>. Click the “Documents & Reports” link on the left side of the screen to find the electronic versions of these materials. Hard copies of the RODs are available for public inspection at the Kanab Visitor Center, 74 East Highway 89, Kanab, Utah 84741.

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