

claim or site, the person receiving the claim or site must file the following information with BLM: the BLM serial number of the claim, the name and address of the person receiving an interest in the claim, and a copy of the document transferring the interest under applicable State law. The same information must be submitted to BLM if someone inherits an interest in a claim or site.

Notice of intent to locate

In 1993, Congress amended section 9 of the Stock Raising Homestead Act (39 Stat. 864, 43 U.S.C. 291 *et seq.*) to require anyone desiring to explore for or locate a mining claim on a stock raising homestead to file with BLM a notice of intent if the mineral activities related to the exploration cause no more than a minimal disturbance of surface resources and do not involve the use of heavy equipment, explosives, road construction, drill pads or hazardous materials (Pub. L. 103-23, 107 Stat. 60). Under BLM's implementing regulations at 43 CFR 3833.0-3(g) and .1-2(c) and (d), the notice of intent must contain the name and mailing address of the person filing the notice and a legal description of the lands to which the notice applies. Those desiring to explore for or locate a mining claim must also provide the surface owner with a brief description of the proposed mineral activities; a map and legal description of the lands to be subject to mineral exploration; the name, address, and phone number of the person managing the activities; and the date(s) on which the activities will take place.

BLM will use all of the information collections described above to determine the number and location of unpatented mining claims, mill sites, and tunnel sites located on Federal lands to assist in the surface management of these lands and any minerals found there; to remove any cloud on the title to those lands due to abandoned mining claims; to provide information as to the location of active claims; and to keep informed about transfers of interest and ownership. If BLM did not collect this information, the rights of surface and mineral owners would not be protected, the Government's ability to locate and control surface disturbance would be compromised, and opportunities for mineral exploration and development would be unnecessarily circumscribed.

Based on BLM's experience administering FLPMA and the general mining laws, BLM estimates the public reporting burden for this information collection to average eight minutes per response. The respondents are owners

of unpatented mining claims, mill sites, and tunnel sites located on the public domain and individuals or organizations who seek to explore for or locate a mining claim on lands subject to the Stock Raising Homestead Act, as amended. The frequency of response is once, upon recording, and annually thereafter, and in the case of lands subject to the Stock Raising Homestead Act, one per entry. The number of responses per year is estimated to be about 336,200. The estimated total annual burden on new respondents collectively is about 44,827 hours.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

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Chief, Regulatory Management Team.

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Arizona: Availability of the Final Yuma District (Lands) Resource Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Assessment, Yuma District

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the final Yuma District (Lands) Resource Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Assessment, Yuma District.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared an amendment and environmental assessment to its Yuma District Resource Management Plan (RMP).

The management action prescribed in the preferred alternative would permit disposal or acquisition of lands that have not been previously identified in the RMP.

The document contains procedures for protesting the Amendment or any part of it. These procedures can also be found in the Code of Federal Regulations 43 CFR 1610.5-2.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The document contains the criteria to be considered for each land disposal or acquisition proposal. These criteria are consistent with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. Site-specific impacts of each proposal would continue to be analyzed in accordance

with the National Environmental Policy Act. In addition, this process must be in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and other applicable legislation prior to the approval of any lands action.

A limited number of copies of the Amendment and Environmental Assessment are available upon request to the Yuma District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 3150 Winsor Avenue, Yuma, Arizona 85365. There are also copies available for review at the above location.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The protest period will begin upon publication of this notice in the Federal Register and run for 30 days, after which the decision will become final. Except for any portions under protest, the BLM's Arizona State Director may approve the Amendment 30 days from the date of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Renewable Resource Advisor Brenda Smith, Bureau of Land Management, 3150 Winsor Avenue, Yuma, Arizona 85365, telephone (520) 726-6300.

This notice is published under authority found in 43 CFR 1610.2(f)(4).

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Bureau of Reclamation

Proposed Long-Term Water Service Contract Renewal; Frenchman-Cambridge and Bostwick Divisions; Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program: Nebraska and Kansas

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of cancellation of public information/scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) published a notice of intent to prepare a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) in the Federal Register (61 FR 7803, Feb. 29, 1996). In association with this notice, Reclamation announced the schedule for a series of public information/scoping meetings. These meetings were scheduled to inform the public of the status of contract renewal, to allow for public comment on the preliminary management scenarios being evaluated in the draft Resource Management Assessment, to inform the public of significant issues identified to date, to identify additional significant issues that should be evaluated in the draft