

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Garrick R. Shear, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection should be directed to Martha R. Brinson, (202) 622-3869, Internal Revenue Service, room 5571, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: U.S. Individual Income Tax Return.

OMB Number: 1545-0085.

Form Number: 1040A.

Abstract: Form 1040A and its schedules are used by individuals to report their income subject to income tax and to compute their correct tax liability. The information is used to verify that the items reported on the form are correct and is also for statistics use.

Current Actions: Changes to Form 1040A—

1. Lines 31b, c, and d, requesting direct deposit information were added to page 2. This will increase the number of taxpayers electing direct deposit, and relieve taxpayers from the burden of having to attach Form 8888.

2. Line 18b, which had indicated that the taxpayer could be claimed as a dependent on someone else's return, was deleted to make room for the direct deposit information.

3. Line 23 was revised. In addition to making room for the direct deposit information, this change reduces taxpayer burden by removing checkboxes.

4. The checkbox from line 29a, indicating Form 1099 Federal income tax withheld was included on that line, was deleted to reduce taxpayer burden.

5. The exemption area on Form 1040A, page 1, was revised to reduce taxpayer burden. Columns 3 and 4 on line 6c, which were for the dependent's relationship, and the number of months lived in the taxpayer's home, were deleted. Line 6c, column 2, was revised to reflect section 742(c)(2)(B) of PL 103-465 which, for 1996, exempts taxpayers who have a dependent born after November 30, 1996 from the requirement to report the dependent's social security number. The entry spaces to the right of line 6c were revised and line 6d, which dealt with pre-1985 custody agreements, was deleted.

The instructions will be revised to reflect the changes made to Form 1040A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 27,530,816.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: Varies.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 231,970,033.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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Garrick R. Shear,

IRS Reports Clearance Officer.

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UTAH RECLAMATION MITIGATION AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for Establishment of the Utah Lake Wetland Preserve and Finding of No Significant Impact; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for Establishment of the Utah Lake Wetland Preserve (Preserve) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) are available. The EA was developed to determine the effects of acquiring private property interests, from willing sellers in the Goshen Bay and Benjamin Slough areas of Utah Lake, to establish the Preserve. The EA compared two alternatives, the preferred and a "no action" alternative. The Draft EA was developed with public input and the Final EA refined based upon public comment.

The most strongly voiced concern during public scoping involved potential drainage impacts to neighboring lands. EA analysis

determined that the preferred action would not deliver any additional water to the Goshen Bay or Benjamin Slough areas, and that no substantial wetland developments were proposed which might impact hydrologic conditions over a broad area. Maintenance of existing cooperative drainage systems serving up-gradient lands would be allowed on acquired lands, subject to reasonable conditions and standard regulatory permitting. As a precaution, a site-specific hydrologic assessment will be conducted prior to certain restorative actions to guard against potential impacts from raised water tables on neighboring properties. This mitigation measure is highlighted in the FONSI.

DATES: The EA will be available on the publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons or organizations may request copies of the document by writing to Utah Lake Draft EA, Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission, 111 E. Broadway, Suite 310, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine Quinn, Telephone (801) 524-3146; Fax (801) 524-3148.

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Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this information collection. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well