OMB Number: 1076-(new).

Affected Entities: Individual members of Indian tribes who are living on or near a reservation or in a legislatively mandated service area.

Frequency of Response: Annual.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 554.

Estimated Time per Application: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 554 hours.

Dated: June 4, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[BW–110–1830–00 24 1A]

Request for Approval of a New Information Collection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces its intention to request approval of a new information collection to collect taxpayer identification numbers from those doing business with BLM. The BLM needs this information in case an entity fails to timely pay money owed, in which case BLM may refer the matter to the Treasury Department for collection.

DATES: Please provide any comments on the proposed collection by August 17, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Bureau of Land Management, Accounting Group (BC–610), National Business Center, P.O. Box 25047, Denver, Colorado 80225–0047, or Bureau of Land Management, Regulatory Affairs Group (WO–630), 1849 C St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dorothy Butler, (303) 236–6332.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), BLM is required to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information to solicit comments on (a) whether the proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. BLM will receive and analyze any comments received and include them with its request for approval from the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (DCIA), 31 U.S.C. 3701, contains a number of provisions that affect how BLM does business. One of the more significant provisions allows BLM to refer debts delinquent over 180 days to the Treasury Department for collection. Another provision gives the Treasury Department increased flexibility in seeking to collect the debts by various offsets of payments, including tax refunds.

The DCIA requires that all Federal disbursements include the payee's Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number (SSN/TIN). This information aids the Treasury Department in matching debtors to payments and in seeking those payments from the debtors.

BLM is seeking to implement the SSN/TIN requirement by creating a specific form, requesting the payee's full name, address, and SSN/TIN. The name and address will be used to identify the payee and the SSN/TIN will be used for debt collection purposes, if necessary. We plan to print the form on colored paper so that it can be removed from files to which the public has access. The information will not be available to the public electronically, as the SSN/TIN are data protected under the Privacy Act.

Respondents are those entities who do business with BLM; these include licensees, permittees, lessees, and contract holders. Individuals who pay one-time recreation fees will not be affected. BLM estimates that there will be 120,000 respondents the first year. The number is expected to decrease to 5,000 respondents annually after the first year, since collecting the information will be a one-time occurrence and only those newly doing business with BLM will need to supply the information. Each respondent will take an estimated 1 minute to supply the information, for a total burden hour estimate the first year of 20,000 hours; thereafter, the burden hour estimate will be approximately 83 hours.

Dated: June 9, 1998.

Carole Smith,

Information Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

[WO–640–04–4110–02 24 1a]

Resource Advisory Councils—Notice of Renewal and Reestablishment

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the renewal and reestablishment of three of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Advisory Councils for the States of Arizona, Montana, and New Mexico by the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972, 5 U.S.C. Appendix. The Secretary has determined that the Councils are necessary and in the public interest. Copies of the Council charters will be filed with the appropriate committees of Congress and the Library of Congress in accordance with Section 9(c) of FACA.

The three Councils are: Arizona Resource Advisory Council; Miles City Resource Advisory Council (Montana); and New Mexico Resource Advisory Council.

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act, as amended, requires the Secretary of the Interior to establish advisory councils to provide advice concerning the problems relating to land use planning and the management of public lands within the area for which the advisory councils are established. The Councils will provide representative counsel and advice to BLM on the planning and management of the public lands as well as advice on other public land resource issues. Council members will be residents of the State or States in which the Council has jurisdiction and will be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior.

The purpose of the Councils is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with the management of the public lands. The Councils' responsibilites include providing advice to BLM regarding the preparation, amendment, and implementation of land use plans; providing advice on long-range planning and establishing

resource management priorities; and assisting the BLM in identifying State or regional standards for ecological health and guidelines for grazing.

Council members will be representative of various industries and interests concerned with the management, protection, and utilization of the public lands. These include: (a) Holders of Federal grazing permits in the Council's jurisdiction, representatives of energy and mining development, the timber industry, transportation interests, rights-of-way interests, off-road vehicle use, commercial recreation, and developed recreation; (b) representatives of environmental and resource conservation organizations, archaeological and historic interests, dispersed recreation activities, and wild horse and burro interest groups; and (c) elected officials of State, county, or local government, representatives from a State agency responsible for natural resources, land, or water, Indian tribes in the Council's jurisdiction, academia involved in the natural sciences, and the public-at-large.

Council membership will include individuals who have expertise, education, training, or practical experience in the planning and management of the public lands and their resources and who have a knowledge of the geographical jurisdiction(s) of the respective Councils.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melanie Wilson, Intergovernmental Affairs Group (640), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street, N.W. (Room 406 LS), Washington, D.C. 20240, telephone (202) 452–0377.

Certification Statement

I hereby certify that the renewal and reestablishment of the Arizona Resource Advisory Council, the Miles City Resource Advisory Council, and the New Mexico Resource Advisory Council is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the Secretary of the Interior's responsibilities to manage the lands, resources, and facilities administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

Date Signed: June 8, 1998.

Bruce Babbitt,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK–020–5101–00–L012; FF091732]

Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Golden Valley Electric Association Northern Intertie Project (EIS #97–47); Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management; Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Golden Valley Electric Association has applied to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for a Right-of-Way to construct, operate, and maintain a 230 kV transmission line from Healy, Alaska, to Fairbanks, Alaska. Pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, as amended, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and 40 CFR Parts 1500–1508, the BLM has prepared an EIS. The public comment period on the Draft EIS ended on March 5, 1998. Notice is hereby given on the availability of the Final EIS for public review and comment. Copies of the Final EIS are available by mail by contacting the BLM Northern Field Office, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska, 99709, or by calling (907) 474–2339.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted or postmarked no later than July 13, 1998, or 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register** of the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability, whichever is later.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Bureau of Land Management, Northern Field Office, Attn: Gary Foreman, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709–3899. Comments can also be entered via the internet at http://aurora.ak.blm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Foreman, Project Manager, at 1–800–437–7021 or (907) 474–2339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The preferred alternative identified in the Draft EIS was the Rex/South Route, Option B. Based on public input received during the comment period the preferred alternative was changed. the new preferred alternative identified in the Final EIS is the Rex/South Route, without option B.

Tom Allen,

State Director, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ–025–06–1150–04; AZA 29318]

Public Land Order No. 7341; Withdrawal of Public Land for the Clay Hills Area of Critical Environmental Concern; Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws 1,119.24 acres of public land from surface entry and mining for a period of 50 years for the Bureau of Land Management to protect the federally endangered Arizona cliffrose within the Clay Hills Area of Critical Environmental Concern. The land has been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 16, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Hall, BLM Kingman Field Office, 2475 Beverly Avenue, Kingman, Arizona 86401, 520–692–4412.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public land is hereby withdrawn from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1994)), but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, to protect the Bureau of Land Management's Clay Hills Area of Critical Environmental Concern:

Gila and Salt River Meridian

T. 14 N., R. 11 W.,
Sec. 1, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S½N½, and S½;
Sec 2, SE¼;
Sec 11, NE¼;
Sec 12, N½N½.
The area described contains 1,119.24 acres in Mohave County.

2. The withdrawal made by this order does not alter the applicability of those public land laws governing the use of the land under lease, license, or permit, or governing the disposal of their mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

3. This withdrawal will expire 50 years from the effective date of this order unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (1994), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.