The Service would be responsible for annual compliance monitoring related to implementation of the proposed Agreement and fulfillment of its provisions. The Institute for Applied Ecology, per the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program contract, will monitor effectiveness of the introduction and survivorship of Kincaid's lupine seeds and seedlings.

We will evaluate the permit application, the proposed Agreement, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act and applicable regulations. If the requirements are met, the Service will sign the proposed Agreement and issue an enhancement of survival permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Act to the applicant for take of Fender's blue butterfly as a result of activities incidental to otherwise lawful activities of the project. Kincaid's lupine would be included on the permit in recognition of the conservation benefits provided to it under the Agreement as a result of restoration and recovery activities. The Service will not make a final decision without full consideration of all comments received during the comment period.

Dated: December 22, 2003.

David Wesley,

Deputy Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Indian Health Service

Notice of Submission of Information Collection to the Office of Management and Budget

AGENCIES: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior and Indian Health Service, Health and Human Services.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service are submitting the information collection, titled ''Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act Contracts'' to the Office of Management and Budget for renewal. The information collection, #1076–0136, is used to process contracts, grants or cooperative agreements for award by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service as authorized by the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. The Act was amended and is set forth in 25 CFR part 900. This proposed information collection project was published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 37016, June 20, 2003) and allowed 60 days for public comment. No public comment was received in response to the notice. The purpose of this notice is to allow 30 days for public comment to be submitted to OMB. The Department of the Interior and the Department of Health and Human Services invite you to submit comments to the OMB on the information collection described below.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 19, 2004.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the information collection to the Desk Officer for Department of the Interior, by facsimile at (202) 395–6566 or you may send an e-mail to: *OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov.*

Please send copy of comments to Lena Mills, Office of Tribal Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., MS 320 SIB, Washington, DC 20240. You may telefax comments on this information collection to (202) 208–5113. You may also hand-deliver written comments or view comments at the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may request further information or obtain copies of the information collection request submission from Lena Mills, Office of Tribal Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., MS 320 SIB, Washington, DC 20240, or (202) 513–7612.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Representatives of the Department of the Interior and the Department of Health and Human Services and Tribes developed a joint rule, 25 CFR part 900, to implement section 107 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, as amended, Title I, Public Law 103–413, the Indian Self-Determination Contract Reform Act of 1994. Section 107(a)(2)(A)(ii) of the Indian Self-Determination Contract Reform Act requires the joint rule to permit contracts and grants be awarded to Indian Tribes without the unnecessary burden or confusion associated with two sets of rules and information collection requirements when legislation treats this as a single program covering two separate agencies. The Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service estimate that the base burden hours established for this Information Collection Request, OMB 1076–0136, will be reduced overall by approximately 20 percent. The reduction in the number of base burden hours established for information collection requirements of 25 CFR part 900 is a result of the three following factors:

(1) More Tribes are contracting under 25 CFR 900.8 which permits Tribes to contract several programs under a single contract;

(2) The number of self-governance Tribes has increased. Self-governance Tribes may combine all programs under a single self-governance compact;

(3) The majority of contracts awarded are for renewal, which take considerably less time to complete than new contracts and therefore substantially reduces the burden under subpart C.

The information requirements for this joint rule represent significant differences from other agencies in several respects. Both the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service let contracts for multiple programs whereas other agencies usually award single grants to Tribes. Under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, as amended, and the Indian Self-Determination Contract Reform Act of 1994, Tribes are entitled to contract and may renew contracts annually where other agencies provide grants on a discretionary/competitive basis.

The proposal and other supporting documentation identified in this information collection is used by the Department of the Interior and the Department of Health and Human Services to determine applicant eligibility, evaluate applicant capabilities, protect the service population, safeguard Federal funds and other resources, and permit the Federal agencies to administer and evaluate contract programs. Tribal governments or Tribal organizations provide the information by submitting Public Law 93–638 contract or grant proposals to the appropriate Federal agency. No third-party notification or public disclosure burden is associated with this collection.

Request for Comments: The Bureau of Indian Affairs, DOI and Indian Health Service, DHHS requests you to send your comments on this collection to the locations listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

Your comments should address: (a) The necessity of the information collection for the proper performance of the agencies, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agencies' estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c)

ways we could enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents, such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that an agency may not sponsor nor request, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it has a valid OMB Control Number. It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section, room 320–South Interior Building, during the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays. If you wish to have your name and/or address withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will honor your request according to the requirements of the law. All comments from organizations or representatives will be available for review. We may withhold comments from review for other reasons.

OMB Control Number: 1076–0136.

Title: Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act Contracts.

Brief Description of Collection: A Tribe or Tribal organization may be required to respond from 1 to 12 times per year, depending upon the number of programs they contract from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Service. Each response may vary in its length. In addition, each Subpart concerns different parts of the contracting process. For example, Subpart C relates to the content provisions of the initial contract proposal. The burden associated with this would not be used when contracts are renewed. Subpart F describes minimum standards for the management systems used by Indian Tribes or Tribal organizations under these contracts. Subpart G addresses the negotiability of all reporting and data requirements in the contract.

Type of review: Renewal.

Respondents: 550.

Total annual burden to respondents: 191,174 hours.

Time per response: Varies from 10 hours to 50 hours.

Total number of responses: 5,507.

Dated: January 6, 2004.

Aurene M. Martin,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior.

Dated: November 20, 2003.

Robert G. McSwain,

Acting Director, Indian Health Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Ione Band of Miwok Indians' Trust Acquisition and Casino Project, Amador County, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of additional public scoping meeting and extension of comment period for scoping.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is holding an additional public scoping meeting and extending the comment period for identifying potential issues and content for inclusion in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Proposed Ione Band of Miwok Indians' Trust Acquisition and Casino Project, Amador County, California. The Notice of Intent to prepare the EIS, published in the **Federal Register** on November 7, 2003 (68 FR 63127), announced a public scoping meeting for November 19, 2003, which was held, and a closing date for comments of December 8, 2003.

DATES: The additional public scoping meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2004, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. or until the last comment is received. The date by which written comments must arrive is extended to February 20, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The additional public scoping meeting will be held at the Amador County Fairgrounds, 18621 Sherwood and School Streets, Plymouth, California. You may mail or hand-carry written comments to Mr. Clay Gregory, Acting Regional Director, Pacific Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Allan, (916) 978–6043.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Ione Band of Miwok Indians proposes that the Bureau of Indian Affairs take 208.06± acres of land into trust for the Band and that a casino, parking, hotel and other facilities supporting the casino be constructed on the trust acquisition property. The proposed project is located within the City of Plymouth, California. Additional details may be found in the November 7, 2003, **Federal Register** notice.

Areas of environmental concern identified to date for analysis in the EIS include land use, geology and soils, water resources, agricultural resources, biological resources, mineral resources, paleontological resources, cultural resources, traffic and transportation, air quality, noise, public health/environmental hazards, hazardous materials and waste/worker safety, public services and utilities, socio-economics, visual resources/aesthetics and environmental justice. Additional issues may be addressed based on comments received during the scoping process.

Public Comment Availability

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the mailing address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section, during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Authority

This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1–6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Dated: January 6, 2004.

Aurene M. Martin,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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