DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Onshore Geophysical Exploration

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection; request for comment.

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

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this information collection request (ICR), contact Jennifer Spencer by email at j35spenc@blm.gov, or by telephone at 202–912–7146. Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 for TTY assistance. You may also view the ICR at http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting
burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide 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 May 18, 2021 (86 FR 26938). No comments were received.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we are again soliciting comments from the public and other Federal agencies on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) How might the agency minimize the burden of the collection of information 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, e.g., permitting electronic submission of response.

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 us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to
do so.

Abstract: This information collection pertains to onshore geophysical exploration on Federal lands. Federal land-management agencies are responsible for regulating geophysical exploration on the Federal surface estate. The BLM regulates exploration for oil and gas on lands it manages, and on occasion regulates such exploration on lands managed by other Federal land-management agencies. The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) regulates exploration for various types of minerals, including oil and gas, on lands it manages. The BLM and the USFS propose to revise the accuracy and usefulness of the forms they use for this collection of information. OMB Control Number 1004-0162 is currently scheduled to expire on October 31, 2021. The BLM is requesting that OMB renew this Control Number for an additional three years.

Title of Collection: Onshore Geophysical Exploration (43 CFR Part 3150 and 36 CFR Parts 228 and 251).

OMB Control Number: 1004-0162.

Form Numbers: BLM Form 3150–4/FS Form 2800–16 and BLM Form 3150–5/FS Form 2800–16a.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: The respondents for this collection of information are businesses that seek to conduct geophysical exploration on Federal lands.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 68.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 68.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: Varies from 20 minutes to 1 hour, depending on activity.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 26.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.
Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Total Estimated Annual Non-hour Burden Cost: $25.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor and, notwithstanding any other provision of law, 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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