



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Agency Information Collection Activities; Use and Occupancy Under the Mining Laws

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 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 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE **FEDERAL REGISTER**].

**ADDRESSES:** Send your written comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to Darrin King, Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S.

Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Attention PRA Office, 440 W 200 S #500, Salt Lake City, UT 84101; or by email to

*BLM\_HQ\_PRA\_Comments@blm.gov*. Please reference Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 1004-0169 in the subject line of your comments. Please note that the electronic submission of comments is recommended.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Kirk Rentmeister by email at *krentmeis@blm.gov*, or by telephone at 775-453-5514. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-

of-contact in the United States. 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), all information collections require approval under the PRA. We may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we invite the public and other Federal agencies 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.

We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether 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 the agency might minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including 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.

We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. 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 enables the BLM to regulate the use and occupancy of unpatented hardrock mining claims, and to take any action necessary to prevent unnecessary or undue degradation of public lands as a result of such use or occupancy. The BLM collects information from mining claimants who want to undertake the activities that are necessary in order to locate a mining claim or mill site. This OMB Control Number is currently scheduled to expire on June 30, 2024. This request is for OMB to extend this OMB control number for an additional three (3) years.

*Title of Collection:* Use and Occupancy Under the Mining Laws (43 CFR Subpart 3715).

*OMB Control Number:* 1004-0169.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Mining claimants.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 70.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 70.

*Estimated Completion Time per Response:* 4 hours.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 280.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

*Frequency of Collection:* One time.

*Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:* None

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.*).

**Darrin A. King,**

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