



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Cave Management: Cave Nominations and Requests for Confidential Information

**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 this information collection request (ICR) should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this 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 ICR, contact Kyle Voyles by email at [kvoyles@blm.gov](mailto:kvoyles@blm.gov), or by telephone at (435) 688-3274. 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 PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on new, proposed, revised and continuing collections of information. This helps the BLM assess impacts of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand BLM information collection requirements and ensure requested data are provided 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 November 13, 2023 (88 FR 77604).

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we are again inviting the public and other Federal agencies to comment on the proposed ICR described below. The BLM is 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 might the agency 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 submitted 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:* Land-management agencies within the Department of the Interior seek information to comply with the Federal Cave Resources Protection Act (FCRPA), 16 U.S.C. 4301 through 4310 and the Department’s regulations at 43 CFR part 37. The FRCPA requires these agencies to identify and protect “significant” caves on Federal lands within their respective jurisdictions and allows agencies to disclose to the public the location of significant caves only in limited circumstances. However, the FRCPA and BLM regulations also authorize certain individuals, organizations and governmental agencies to request confidential cave information. OMB Control Number 1004-0165 is currently scheduled to expire on September 30, 2024. The BLM plans to request that OMB renewal this OMB control number for an additional three (3) years.

*Title of Collection:* Cave Management: Cave Nominations and Requests for Confidential Information (43 CFR Part 37).

*OMB Control Number:* 1004-0165.

*Form Number:* None.

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

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Governmental agencies and the public may submit cave nominations pursuant to section 4 of the FCRPA (16 U.S.C. 4303) and 43 CFR 37.11. Requests for confidential information may be submitted pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 4304 and 43 CFR 37.12 by:

- Federal and state governmental agencies;
- Bona fide educational and research institutions; and
- Individuals and organizations assisting a land management agency with cave management activities.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 28.*

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*Estimated Completion Time per Response: Varies from 1 hour to 11 hours, depending on activity.*

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 278.*

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

*Frequency of Collection: On occasion.*

*Total Estimated Annual Non-hour 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.*).

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