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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA, and FEMA's Environmental Considerations regulations require the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) for major Federal actions that would have significant impacts on the quality of the human environment. The CEQ regulations at 40 CFR 1501.7 require the issuance of a notice of intent to prepare an EIS to initiate the scoping process. Scoping is an early and open process that assists the Federal action agency in determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying significant issues related to a proposed action.

FEMA has received four hazard mitigation applications for fuel reduction projects in the East Bay Hills area in California. The proposed action is to fund these four projects under section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), Public Law 93-288, as amended, establishing the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and Section 203 of the Stafford Act, establishing the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant program. The Strawberry Canyon Vegetation Management Project involves the removal of eucalyptus and other exotic-non native trees in a 60-acre area, chipping the downed trees and scattering the chips in portions of the cleared area, and the semiannual application of herbicides, as needed, to eradicate eucalyptus tree sprouts from the area. The Claremont Canyon Vegetation Management Project involves the removal of eucalyptus, Monterey pine, and acacia trees in a 45-acre area, chipping the downed trees and scattering the chips in portions of the cleared area, and the semiannual application of herbicides, as needed, to eradicate eucalyptus tree sprouts from the area. The City of Oakland's project involves thinning and eradication techniques within 325 acres. The East Bay Regional Park District project involves the treatment of 590 acres to reduce fuel load through brush removal (mechanical and hand), chemical treatment, limbing and mowing, thinning, and grazing techniques as appropriate to reduce the risk of fire hazard. These projects would affect approximately 980 acres of the Wildland-Urban Interface in the East Bay Hills running from Lake Chabot to

Wildcat Canyon and Sobrante Ridge, encompassing both Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

In January 2008, FEMA published a notice of availability of a draft environmental assessment for the Strawberry Canyon Vegetation Management Project for public comment. The draft environmental assessment can be found at FEMA's Web page <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=3111>. The public involvement process revealed concerns regarding the effectiveness and scope of the vegetation removal methodologies and application of wood chips in portions of the area, impacts to plant and animal species in the area, and concerns regarding cumulative impacts of all projects in the area. FEMA has determined that an EIS should be conducted to address cumulatively the Vegetation Management Projects for the Strawberry Canyon as well as the Claremont Canyon, and the ones proposed by the City of Oakland and the East Bay Regional Park District.

In addition to the proposed action, FEMA is considering the following alternatives:

- (1) No action, which involves denying the grant applications;
- (2) Funding the grant applications with conditions to address their environmental impacts;
- (3) Funding the grant applications with fuel reduction methodologies that are different than as proposed by the applicants; and
- (4) Partially funding the grant applications, including funding some grant projects and denying others.

FEMA plans to conduct public scoping meetings during July 2010. FEMA will provide notices of the time and place of the meetings through local news media.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 4331 *et seq.*; 40 CFR part 1500; 44 CFR part 10.

**W. Craig Fugate,**  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### 30-Day Federal Register Notice of Intention To Request Clearance of Collection of Information; Opportunity for Public Comment

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C., Chapter 3507) and 5 CFR Part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service (NPS) invites public comments on an extension of a currently approved information collection Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control # 1024-0231.

The OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the requested information collection, but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive public comments within 30 days of the date on which this notice is published in the **Federal Register**.

The National Park Service published the 60-day **Federal Register** notice to solicit comments on this proposed information collection on April 5, 2010 (75 FR 17152-17153). No comments were received on this notice.

**DATES:** Public comments on the proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) must be received by July 12, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments directly to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (OMB #1024-0231), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB by fax at 202/395-5806, or by electronic mail at [OIRA\\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov). Please also send a copy of your comments to Ms. Jo A. Pendry, Chief, Commercial Services Program, National Park Service, 1849 C Street, NW. (2410), Washington, DC 20240, or electronically to [jo\\_pendry@nps.gov](mailto:jo_pendry@nps.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jo A. Pendry, phone: 202-513-7156, fax: 202-371-2090, or at the address above. You are entitled to a copy of the entire ICR package free-of-charge.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Concession Contracts—36 CFR Part 51.

*OMB Control Number:* 1024-0231.

*Expiration Date of Approval:* July 31, 2010.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Description of Need:* The information is being collected to meet the requirements of Sections 403(7) and (8) of the NPS Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998 (the Act), concerning the granting of a preferential right to renew a concession contract and Section 405 of the Act regarding the construction of capital improvements by concessioners. The information will be used by the agency in considering appeals concerning preferred offeror determinations and agency review and

approval of construction projects and determinations with regard to the leasehold surrender interest value of such projects. The request to OMB is to renew approval of the collection of information in 36 CFR Part 51, Section

51.47, regarding the appeal of a preferred offeror determination, and Sections 51.54 and 51.55 regarding NPS approval of the construction of capital improvements by concessioners. NPS is requesting a 3-year term of approval for

this collection activity. The following chart provides the number of respondents annually, average completion time, and total annual burden hours by section.

Section	Number of respondents per year	Average completion time (hours)	Total hours annually
36 CFR 51.47 .....	1	1	1
36 CFR 51.54 (Large projects) .....	31	16	496
36 CFR 51.54 (Small projects) .....	89	8	712
36 CFR 51.55 (Large projects) .....	31	56	1,736
36 CFR 51.55 (Small projects) .....	89	24	2,136

*Comments are invited on:* (1) The practical utility of the information being gathered; (2) the accuracy of the burden hour estimate; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden to respondents, including use of automated information collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this collection of information is 1024-0231.

Dated: June 3, 2010.

**Cartina A. Miller,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Intent To Prepare a Resource Management Plan for the Carlsbad Field Office, New Mexico and Associated Environmental Impact Statement**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Carlsbad Field Office, Carlsbad, New Mexico, intends to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) with an associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Carlsbad Field Office and by this notice is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues. The RMP will replace the existing 1988 Carlsbad RMP.

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public scoping process for the RMP and the associated EIS. In order to be included in the Draft EIS, comments on issues and planning criteria may be submitted in writing by any of the methods described in the **ADDRESSES** section below, until July 12, 2010 (the 30-day scoping period). Alternatively you may submit comments at any public scoping meeting or 30 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media, newspapers, and at the following BLM Web site: [http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/fo/Carlsbad\\_Field\\_Office.html](http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/fo/Carlsbad_Field_Office.html). We will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* [http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/fo/Carlsbad\\_Field\\_Office.html](http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/fo/Carlsbad_Field_Office.html).
- *E-mail:* [nm\\_cfo\\_rmp@blm.gov](mailto:nm_cfo_rmp@blm.gov).
- *Fax:* 575-885-9264.
- *Mail:* BLM, Carlsbad Field Office, RMP Project Manager, 620 E. Greene St., Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Carlsbad Field Office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact James B. Smith, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, telephone 575-234-5986; address BLM, Carlsbad Field Office, Attention: James B. Smith, 620 E. Greene St., Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220; e-mail [James\\_B\\_Smith@blm.gov](mailto:James_B_Smith@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document provides notice that the BLM Carlsbad Field Office, New Mexico, intends to prepare an RMP with an associated EIS for the Carlsbad Field Office, announces the beginning of the scoping process, and seeks public input on issues and planning criteria. The planning area is located in Eddy, Lea, and Chaves counties, New Mexico, and encompasses approximately 2.2 million surface acres of public land and 4.1 million acres of mineral estate (1.9 million acres is split estate). The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the planning process. Preliminary issues for the planning area have been identified by BLM personnel, Federal, state, and local agencies, and other stakeholders. The issues include:

1. What management actions, best management practices (BMP), and mitigation measures are necessary to protect or enhance resources, such as: visual resources, air quality, groundwater and karst aquifers, watersheds and riparian areas, recreational areas, wilderness areas, vegetation, soils, cultural sites, cave/karst, specially designated areas, wildlife habitat, and rangeland health?

2. What areas should be identified as open, limited, or closed to travel to meet resource and recreational demands? What major roads and ways should be identified in the transportation