The following laboratory voluntarily chose to participate in the National Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP), which is a collaborative effort by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to ensure the quality and reliability of forensic urine drug testing. The NLCP is designed to maintain high standards in forensic drug testing to protect the integrity of the drug testing process. Laboratories that meet the requirements for certification are listed in the Federal Register and are subject to periodic inspections to ensure continued compliance with the program's standards. Laboratories wishing to be considered for certification must be accredited by a recognized accreditation body and continue to have an active role in the field.

As of October 1, 1999, laboratories certified through the DOT's Laboratories Accreditation Program for Substance Abuse (LAPSA) will continue to be included in the list of certified laboratories. Other Canadian laboratories will also continue to be certified through the DOT's enforcement of those accredited laboratories. Laboratories that are not certified through LAPSA will continue to have an active role in the performance testing and laboratory inspection processes. Other Canadian laboratories wishing to be considered for the NLCP may apply directly to the NLCP contractor just as U.S. laboratories do. Upon finding a Canadian laboratory to be qualified, the DHHS will certify the laboratory. As of that date, the Department of Health and Human Services ceased to maintain its Laboratory Certification Program (LAPSA) and voted to end its Laboratory Accreditation Program for Substance Abuse (LAPSA) effective May 12, 1998. Laboratories certified through that program were accredited to conduct forensic urine drug testing as required by U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations. As of that date, the certification of those accredited Canadian laboratories will continue under DOT authority. The responsibility for conducting quarterly performance testing plus periodic on-site inspections of those LAPSA-accredited laboratories was transferred to the U.S. DHHS, with the DHHS' National Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP) contractor continuing to have an active role in the performance testing and laboratory inspection processes. Other Canadian laboratories wishing to be considered for the NLCP may apply directly to the NLCP contractor just as U.S. laboratories do. Upon finding a Canadian laboratory to be qualified, the DHHS will certify the laboratory (Federal Register, June 1999) as meeting the minimum standards of the "Mandatory Guidelines for Workplace Drug Testing" (June 9, 1994, 20 34902–35734). After receiving the DOT certification, the laboratory will be included in the monthly list of DHHS certified laboratories and participate in the NLCP certification maintenance program.

Richard Kopanda, Executive Officer, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan for Browns Park National Wildlife Refuge, Maybell, CO

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Refuge Improvement Act of 1997, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has published the Browns Park National Wildlife Refuge Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan. This plan describes how the FWS intends to manage the Browns Park NWR for the next 10–15 years.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Information Collection Request for Student Transportation Mileage Form, OMB #1076-0134, has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 25).

DATES: Submit comments and suggestions on or before May 10, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent directly to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503. Send copy of your comments to Dalton J. Henry, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Indian Education Programs, 1849 C Street, NW, MS-3512 MIB, Washington, DC 20240-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the collection of information may be obtained by contacting Dalton J. Henry, (202) 208-3550.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The information collection is needed to collect transportation mileage for Bureau funded schools for the purpose of allocating transportation funds. A request for comments on this information collection was published in the Federal Register on November 7, 1997 (62 FR 60255). No comments were received by the Bureau. After a review of the Burden of Hours, decision was made to change the Annual burden of hours from 158 to 696 and the 1.5 hours of completion time to fill the form was changed to 6 hours. This is not an actual increase in burden because it reflects a more accurate description of the number of buses and also the increasing number of tribes contracting for the school operation.

II. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The Office of Management and Budget has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days; therefore, comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure their maximum consideration.

III. Data

Title: Office of Indian Education Programs Indian School Equalization Program (ISEP) Student Transportation. OMB approval number: 1076-0134. Frequency: Annually, during student count week.

Description of respondents: Tribal schools administrators.


Bureau Clearance Officer: Nancy Jenison, 202-208-4174.