DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collection Sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval; OMB Control Number 1018–0123; International Conservation Grant Programs

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (Fish and Wildlife Service) have sent an Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for review and approval. The ICR, which is summarized below, describes the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost. This ICR is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2007. We 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. However, under OMB regulations, we may continue to conduct or sponsor this information collection while it is pending at OMB.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before July 20, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments and suggestions on this ICR to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB–OIRA at (202) 395–6566 (fax) or OIRA_DOCKET@OMB.eop.gov (e-mail). Please provide a copy of your comments to Hope Grey, Information Collection Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222–ARLSQ, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (mail); (703) 358–2269 (fax); or hope.grey@fws.gov (e-mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this IC, contact Hope Grey by mail, fax, or e-mail (see ADDRESSES) or by telephone at (703) 358–2482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 1018–0123.
Title: International Conservation Grant Programs.

Service Form Number(s): 3–2338.

Type of Request: Revision of currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Domestic and nondomestic Federal, State, and local governments; nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations; public and private institutions of higher education; and any other organization or individual with demonstrated experience deemed necessary to carry out the proposed project.

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

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 605 (489 applications; 116 reports).

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 721 (489 applications; 232 reports).

Estimated Time per Response: 12 hours per application; 30 hours per report.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 12,828 (5,868 for applications; 6,960 for reports).

Abstract: The Division of International Conservation awards grants funded under the:


(6) Wildlife Without Borders Programs - Mexico, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Russia.

The information that we collect for grants awarded under the Marine Turtle Conservation Act is approved under OMB Control No. 1018–0128, which expires March 31, 2009. We are proposing to include that information collection with the others in this approval request, all under OMB Control Number 1018–0123.

Applicants submit proposals for funding in response to Notices of Funding Availability that we publish on Grants.gov. We collect the following information under each Notice of Funding Availability:

(1) Cover page with basic project details (FWS Form 3–2338). This is a new form that we propose to replace the six forms currently approved under OMB Control No. 1018–0123.

(2) Project summary and narrative.

(3) Letter of appropriate government endorsement.

(4) Brief curricula vitae for key project personnel.

(5) Complete Standard Forms 424, 424a and 424b (nondomestic applicants do not submit the standard forms).

Proposals may also include, as appropriate, a copy of the organization’s Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NIRCA) and any additional documentation supporting the proposed project.

The project summary and narrative is the basis for this information collection request for approval. A panel of technical experts reviews each proposal to assess how well the project addresses the priorities identified by each program’s authorizing legislation. As all of the on-the-ground projects funded by these programs are conducted outside the United States, the letter of appropriate government endorsement ensures that the proposed activities will not meet with local resistance or work in opposition to locally identified priorities and needs. Brief curricula vitae for key project personnel allow the review panel to assess the qualifications of project staff to effectively carry out the project goals and objectives. As all Federal entities must honor the indirect cost rates an organization has negotiated with its cognizant agency, we require all organizations with a NIRCA to submit the agreement paperwork with their proposals to verify how their rate is applied in their proposed budget. Applicants may provide any additional documentation that they believe best supports their proposal.

Comments: On March 16, 2007, we published in the Federal Register (72 FR 12630) a notice of our intent to request that OMB renew authority for this information collection. We solicited comments for 60 days, ending on May 15, 2007. We received one comment. The commenter did not address the information collection requirements, but did express a general concern as to whether appropriated funds were reaching the intended species. We have not made any changes to our information collection as a result of the comment.

We again invite comments concerning this information collection on:

(1) whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) the accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;

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

(4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. 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 OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

Dated: June 12, 2007.

Hope Grey,
Information Collection Clearance Officer,
Fish and Wildlife Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Desert Rock Energy Project and the Navajo Mine Extension Project, San Juan County, NM

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as lead agency, with the Navajo Nation, U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) as cooperating agencies, intends to file a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) with the EPA for the proposed Desert Rock Energy and Navajo Mine Extension projects. The purpose of the proposed action is to help meet the economic development needs of the Navajo Nation. This notice also announces a series of public hearings to receive comments on the DEIS.

DATES: Written comments on the DEIS must arrive by August 20, 2007. The dates and times for the public hearings are as follows:

- July 17, 2007, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- July 18, 2007 (2), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- July 19, 2007, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- July 20, 2007, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- July 23, 2007 (2), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- July 24, 2007 (2), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- July 25, 2007, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADRESSES: You may mail or hand carry written comments to Harrilene Yazzie, NEPA Coordinator, Navajo Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 1060, Gallup, New Mexico 87305. Comments may also be sent by e-mail to the project Web site, http://www.desertrockenergy.com, or to the BIA contractor's e-mail account for this project, DesertrockEIS@urscorp.com. Please include the caption, “Desert Rock Energy Project DEIS Comments” at the top of your letter or in the subject line of your e-mail message; be specific in your comments and cite the chapter, page, paragraph, and sentence to which they pertain; and include your name and return address in your letter or message.

The DEIS is available for review at the BIA Office, 301 West Hill Street, Gallup, New Mexico 87305. A limited number of CD and paper copies of the DEIS are also available upon request. You may obtain a CD or paper copy by contacting Harrilene Yazzie at the BIA mailing address provided above, at her telephone number shown below, or by fax at (505) 863–8324.

The addresses/locations for the public hearings are as follows:

- July 17, 5 p.m. Farmington Civic Center, 200 West Arrington, Farmington, NM.
- July 18, 10 a.m. Ute Mountain Casino, Towaco, CO. US 491/160, 11 miles south of Cortez, CO.
- July 18, 5 p.m. Iron Horse Inn, 5800 North Main Avenue, Durango, CO.
- July 19, 1 p.m. Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, 2401 12th Street, NW. (1 block north of I–40), Albuquerque, NM.
- July 20, 1 p.m. Larrazolo Auditorium, Runnels Building, 1190 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM.
- July 23, 10 a.m. Shiprock Chapter House, Shiprock, NM. US 491, across from the Catholic Church.
- July 23, 5 p.m. Nenahnezad Chapter House, Fruitland, NM. From US 64, go south on County Road 6675, through the stoplight and across the San Juan River Bridge. Take the first road on the right past the bridge for approximately 0.5 miles to the Chapter House.
- July 24, 10 a.m. Burnham Chapter House. From US 491 between Shiprock and Gallup, NM, go east at Burnham Junction for 12 miles on N–5. The Chapter House is on the south side of the road.
- July 24, 5 p.m. Veterans Memorial Center, Sanostee Chapter Compound, Road N–34, Sanostee, NM.
- July 25, 10 a.m. Navajo Nation Museum, Hwy. 264 and Postal Loop Road, Window Rock, AZ.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Harrilene Yazzie, (505) 863–8287.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background on the Desert Rock Energy Project

The DEIS discloses probable environmental effects of the proposed Desert Rock Energy Project (or referred to herein as Desert Rock Energy Project or proposed project/action) and the Navajo Mine Extension Project (or referred to herein as the Navajo Mine Extension Project or Area IV North, Area IV South and Area V of the BHP Navajo Coal Company [BNCC] Lease Area).

The applicants, Sithe Global Power, LLC (Sithe) by and through the Desert Rock Energy Company, LLC, and Diné Power Authority (DPA), a Navajo Nation enterprise, are proposing to develop and construct the Desert Rock Energy Project. Desert Rock Energy Company, LLC, entered into an agreement with DPA to develop and construct a coal-fired power plant on the Navajo Reservation. Desert Rock Energy Company, LLC, is a privately held, independent power company and a limited liability corporation formed under the laws of the State of Delaware. DPA was established by the Navajo Nation Council to develop utility-scale energy projects on behalf of the Navajo Nation for the economic benefit of the Navajo people.

The proposed project involves the construction and operation of a coal-fired electrical power plant that would generate up to 1,500 megawatts (MW) of power; the extension of existing surface coal mining operations at the Navajo Mine to provide fuel for the power plant; disposal of coal combustion by-products (CCBs); and mine reclamation operations, with associated mine support facilities and activities. The proposed project would also include a water well field with supply pipeline to the power plant, transmission lines, a receiving electrical station, other upgrades and ancillary facilities required in the production and transmission of electricity, and new access roads.

The proposed project is located approximately 30 miles southwest of Farmington in San Juan County, New Mexico, and is entirely on Indian trust lands within the exterior boundaries of the Navajo Nation. The power plant would be constructed on a 592-acre parcel immediately adjacent on the west to Area IV North of the BNCC Lease Area. The coal fuel supply would be produced from Areas IV South and V of the BNCC Lease Area and transported by conveyor to a proposed coal preparation facility located in Area IV North of the BNCC lease area, near the power plant.