Availability of Documents

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents.

Authority

We provide this notice under the authority of section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).


Don Morgan,
Chief, Branch of Recovery and State Grants.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Geological Survey
[USGS–GX15WC00COM0001]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of a revision of a currently approved information collection (1028–0106).

SUMMARY: We (the U.S. Geological Survey) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. This collection is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2016.

DATES: To ensure that your comments are considered, we must receive them on or before April 12, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this information collection to the Department of the Interior, Information Collection Clearance Office, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 807, Reston, VA 20192 (mail); (703) 648–7197 (fax); or gs-info@usgs.gov (email). Use ‘Information Collection Number 1028–0106, Ash Fall Report’ in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristi Wallace, U.S. Geological Survey, Alaska Volcano Observatory, 4210 University Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99508; email: kwallace@usgs.gov; office: 907–786–7109. You may also find information about this IC at www.reginfo.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
I. Abstract

The USGS provides notifications and warnings to the public of volcanic activity in the US in order to reduce the loss of life, property, and economic and societal impacts. Ash fallout to the ground can pose significant disruption and damage to buildings, transportation, water and wastewater, power supply, communications equipment, agriculture, and primary production leading to potentially substantial societal impacts and costs, even at thicknesses of only a few millimeters or inches. Additionally, fine grained ash, when ingested can cause health impacts to humans and animals. USGS will use reports entered in real time by respondents of ash fall in their local area to correct or refine ash fall forecasts as the ash cloud moves downwind. Retrospectively these reports will enable USGS to improve their ash fall models and further research into eruptive processes. This project is a database module and web interface allowing the public and Alaska Volcano Observatory (AVO) staff to enter reports of ash fall in their local area in real time and retrospectively following an eruptive event. Users browsing the AVO Web site during eruptions will be directed towards a web form allowing them to fill in ash fall information and submit the information to AVO.

Compiled ashfall reports are available in real-time to AVO staff through the AVO internal Web site. A pre-formatted summary report or table that distills information received online will show ash fall reports in chronological order with key fields including (1) date and time of ash fall, (2) location, (3) positive or negative ash fall (4) name of observer, and (5) contact information is easily viewable internally on the report so that calls for clarification can be made by AVO staff quickly and Operations room staff can visualize ashfall information quickly.

Ash fall report data will also be displayed on a dynamic map interface and show positive (yes ash) and...
negative (no ash) ash fall reports by location. Ash fall reports (icons) will be publically displayed for a period of 24 hours and shaded differently as they age so that the age of reports is obvious. The ash fall report database will help AVO track eruption clouds and associated fallout downwind. These reports from the public will also give scientists a more complete record of the amount and duration and other conditions of ash fall. Getting first-hand accounts of ash fall will support model ash fall development and interpretation of satellite imagery. AVO scientists will—as time allows—be able to contact the individuals using their entered contact information for clarification and details. Knowing the locations from which ash-fall reports have been filed will improve ash fall warning messages, AVO Volcanic Activity Notifications, and make fieldwork more efficient. AVO staff will be able to condense and summarize the various ash fall reports and forward that information on to emergency management agencies and the wider public. The online form will also free up resources during exceedingly busy times during an eruption, as most individuals currently phone AVO with their reports.

II. Data

OMB Control Number: 1028–0106.
Form Number: NA.
Title: USGS Ash Fall Report.
Type of Request: Renewal of existing information collection.
Affected Public: General Public, local governments and emergency managers.
Respondent Obligation: Voluntary.
Frequency of Collection: On occasion, after each ashfall event.
Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: Approximately 250 individuals affected by a volcanic ashfall event each year.
Estimated Time per Response: We estimate the public reporting burden will average 5 minutes per response. This includes the time for reviewing instructions, and answering a web-based questionnaire.
Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 21 hours.
Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour Cost” Burden: We have not identified any “non-hour cost” burdens associated with this collection of information.
Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.) provides that an agency 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 and current expiration date.

III. Request for Comments

We are soliciting comments as to: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) how to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) how to minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Please note that the comments submitted 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 IC. 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 OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

Aimee Devaris,
USGS Regional Director, Alaska Area.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

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National Geospatial Advisory Committee; Charter Renewal


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Interior has renewed the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (Committee), in accordance with Section 14(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. For further information contact: John Mahoney, U.S. Geological Survey, phone: 206–220–4621, email: jmahoney@usgs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC), through the FGDC Chair (the Secretary of the Interior or designee), related to management of Federal geospatial programs, the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, and the implementation of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A–16 and Executive Order 12906. The Committee will review and comment upon geospatial policy and management issues and will provide a forum to convey views representative of non-Federal partners in the geospatial community. The Committee will conduct its operations in accordance with the provisions of the FACA.

Certification

I hereby certify that the National Geospatial Advisory Committee is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of the Interior by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A–16 (Revised), “Coordination of Geographic Information and Related Spatial Data Activities.” The Committee will assist the Department of the Interior by providing advice and recommendations related to the management of Federal geospatial programs and the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure.

Dated: January 19, 2016.
Sally Jewell,
Secretary of the Interior.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Indian Gaming: Extension of Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact (Crow Creek Sioux Tribe and the State of South Dakota)

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the extension of the Class III gaming compact between the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe and the State of South Dakota.

DATES: Effective February 12, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Paula L. Hart, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219–4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An extension to an existing tribal-state Class III gaming compact does not require approval by the Secretary if the extension does not modify any other terms of the compact. See Pursuant to 25 CFR 293.5. The Crow Creek Sioux