information was published on July 26, 2017 (82 FR 34686). No comments were received.

We are again soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the BIA; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the BIA enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the BIA minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit 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: The Division of Economic Development (DED), within the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED), established the Native American Business Development Institute (NABDI) to provide technical assistance funding to federally recognized American Indian Tribes seeking to retain universities and colleges, private consulting firms, non-academic/non-profit entities, or others to prepare studies of economic development opportunities or plans. These studies and plans will empower American Indian Tribes and Tribal businesses to make informed decisions regarding their economic futures. Studies may concern the viability of an economic development project or business or the practicality of a technology a Tribe may choose to pursue. The DED will specifically exclude from consideration proposals for research and development projects, requests for funding of salaries for Tribal government personnel, funding to pay legal fees, and requests for funding for the purchase or lease of structures, machinery, hardware or other capital items. Plans may encompass future periods of five years or more and include economic development factors including but not limited to land and retail use, industrial development, tourism, energy, resource development and transportation.

This is an annual program whose primary objective is to create jobs and foster economic activity within Tribal communities. The DED will administer the program within IEED; and studies and plans as described herein will be sole discretionary projects DED will consider or fund absent a competitive bidding process. When funding is available, DED will solicit proposals for studies and plans. To receive these funds, Tribes may use the contracting mechanism established by Public Law 93–638, the Indian Self-Determination Act or may obtain adjustments to their funding from the Office of Self-Governance. See 25 U.S.C. 450 et seq.

Interested applicants must submit a Tribal resolution requesting funding, a statement of work describing the project for which the study is requested or the scope of the plan envisioned, the identity of the academic institution or other entity the applicant wishes to retain (if known) and a budget indicating the funding amount requested and how it will be spent. The DED expressly retains the authority to reduce or otherwise modify proposed budgets and funding amounts.

Applications for funding will be juried and evaluated on the basis of a proposed project’s potential to generate jobs and economic activity on the reservation.

Title of Collection: Native American Business Development Institute (NABDI) Funding Solicitations and Reporting.

OMB Control Number: 1076–0178.

Type of Review: Extension without change of currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Indian Tribes with trust or restricted land.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 20 applicants per year; 20 project participants each year, on average.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 40.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: 50 hours per application; 1.5 hours per progress report.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 1,630 hours (1,000 for applications and 30 for final reports).

Respondent’s Obligation: Response is required to obtain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: Once per year for applications and final report.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: $0.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor 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).

Elizabeth K. Appel,
Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Leavitt Reservoir Expansion Project, Big Horn County, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 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), through the Cody Field Office, Cody, Wyoming, intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Leavitt Reservoir Expansion Project (Project) in Big Horn County, Wyoming. The BLM is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

DATES: Comments may be submitted in writing until November 13, 2017. In order to be included in the analysis, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 45-day scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. The BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation as appropriate. The dates and locations of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through the local news media, newspapers, and the BLM ePlanning Web site at: http://bit.ly/Leavitt_Reservoir_EIS_2bcggpW.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments by any of the following methods:

• Email: blm_wy_cody_comments@blm.gov.
• Fax: 307–578–5939.
• Mail: NEPA Coordinator, BLM Cody Field Office, 1002 Blackburn Street, Cody, Wyoming 82414.

Documents pertinent to this proposal are available for public review at the BLM Cody Field Office and on the BLM ePlanning Web site at: http://bit.ly/Leavitt_Reservoir_EIS_2bcggpW.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bradley Johnson, Planning & Environmental Coordinator, telephone: 307–578–5928; address: 1002 Blackburn Street, Cody, Wyoming 82414; email: bbjohnson@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact Mr. Johnson during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours. You may call either of these numbers to have your name added to the project mailing list.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice initiates the public scoping process for the EIS. The BLM intends to prepare an EIS to support the decision making for the proposed Project and conduct a public scoping period to seek input on the preliminary issues identified regarding this proposal. The Wyoming Water Development Commission proposes to enlarge the water storage capacity of Leavitt Reservoir to a total capacity of 6,604 acre feet for the purposes of multiple use that include late season irrigation, flood attenuation and recreation. A 1.5-mile sub-surface pipeline from Beaver Creek will divert water to the reservoir inlet via a 42-inch diameter pipeline across private lands. A permanent sub-surface transfer pipeline, approximately three miles long, is proposed downstream in the Beaver Creek drainage to efficiently convey reservoir release water to irrigation infrastructure. The proposal area is between the towns of Greybull and Shell, Wyoming, in the Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, T. 54 N., R. 92 W., sec. 13, NW1/4SW1/4 and SW1/4SW1/4; sec. 14, NE1/4SE1/4 and SE1/4SE1/4; sec. 23, NE1/4NE1/4 and SE1/4NE1/4; sec. 34, lots 3 and 4, SW1/4NW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, and SW1/4SE1/4.

Preliminary issues include: Potential impacts to wetlands and cultural sites (properties), ground and surface waters, mineral development, wildlife habitat, and the county road right-of-way. The BLM will identify, analyze, and require mitigation, as appropriate, to address the reasonably foreseeable impacts to resources from the approval of this Project. Mitigation may include avoidance, minimization, rectification, reduction or elimination over time, and compensatory mitigation; and may be considered at multiple scales, including the landscape-scale.

The BLM seeks resource information and data for public land values (e.g., air quality, cultural and historic resources, fire/fuels, fisheries, forestry, lands and realty, non-energy minerals and geology, oil and gas, paleontology, rangeland management, recreation, soil, water, and wildlife) in the project area. As proposed, approximately 48 percent of the project area would take place on BLM-managed public lands. The proposed dam and nearly the entirety of the expanded reservoir would reside on BLM lands. The proposed pipeline and borrow areas both cross or take place nearly in their entirety on private lands. The purpose of this request is to ensure that the project analysis has sufficient information and data to consider a reasonable range of resource uses, management options, and alternatives for managing public lands.

Please submit information to the Cody Field Manager at the address above. The BLM will treat proprietary information submissions marked as “Confidential” in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the confidentiality of such information. To provide the public with an opportunity to review the proposal and associated information, as well as any proposed plan amendments, the BLM will host meetings before October 30, 2017. The BLM will notify the public of meetings and any other opportunities for the public to be involved in the process for this proposal at least 15 days prior to the event. Meeting dates, locations and times will be announced by the media, individual emails, and postings on the project Web site. 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 process for developing the EIS.

The BLM will use and coordinate the NEPA commenting process to help fulfill the public involvement process under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (54 U.S.C. 3060108), as provided in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). The information about historic and cultural resources in the area potentially affected by the proposal will assist the lead agency in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources in the context of both NEPA and Section 106 of the NHPA. Native American tribal consultations will be conducted in accordance with policy, and tribal concerns will be given due consideration. Federal, state and local agencies, along with other stakeholders that may be interested or affected by the BLM’s decisions on this proposal, are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM to participate as a cooperating agency.

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Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7.
Mary Jo Rugwell, BLM Wyoming State Director.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
[Docket No. BOEM–2017–0059; MMAA104000]

Record of Decision for the Cape Wind Energy Project


ACTION: Notice of availability of a Record of Decision.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is announcing the availability of a Record of Decision (ROD) for the Cape Wind Energy Project Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) in this Notice of Availability (NOA). The SEIS was prepared in response to a 2016 remand order from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility v. Hopper, 827 F.3d 1077 (D.C. Cir. 2016), in which the Court vacated the 2009 Cape Wind Energy Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and ordered BOEM to supplement the EIS with adequate geological surveys before Cape Wind Associates LLC (Cape Wind) may begin construction. The SEIS presented two alternatives: The Proposed Action (affirming BOEM’s issuance of the existing lease) and the No Action Alternative (requiring BOEM to rescind lease issuance). BOEM has decided to select the Proposed Action Alternative.

ADDRESSES: The ROD and associated information are available on BOEM’s Web site at https://www.boem.gov/ Massachusetts-Cape-Wind/.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information on the ROD, you may