tissue samples, remove hybrids from the wild, temporarily keep hybrids in captivity, euthanize hybrids, and release) the California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County Distinct Population Segment) (Ambystoma californiense); and take (pursuit by survey) the El Segundo blue butterfly (Euphilotes battoides allyni) in conjunction with survey and research activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

**Permit No. TE–207873**

**Applicant:** Carol Thompson, Riverside, California.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, release, collect vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (Branchinecta conservatio), longhorn shrimp (Branchinecta longiantenna), San Diego fairy shrimp (Branchinecta sandiegogenensis), Riverside fairy shrimp (Streptocephalus woottoni), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (Lepidurus packardi); take (harass by locating and monitoring nests) the least Bell’s vireo (Vireo bellii pusillus); and take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the San Bernardino Merriam’s kangaroo rat (Dipodomys merriami parvus) and Stephens’ kangaroo rat (Dipodomys stephensi) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

**Permit No. TE–60358C**

**Applicant:** California Department of Fish and Wildlife, San Diego, California.

The applicant requests a new permit to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, release, collect vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts) the San Diego fairy shrimp (Branchinecta sandiegogenensis), and Riverside fairy shrimp (Streptocephalus woottoni) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

**Permit No. TE–083348**

**Applicant:** San Bernardino County Department of Public Works, San Bernardino, California.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the San Bernardino Merriam’s kangaroo rat (Dipodomys merriami parvus) and take (harass by survey) the southwestern willow flycatcher (Empidonax traillii extimus) in conjunction with survey activities in San Bernardino County, California, for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

**Permit No. TE–53771B**

**Applicant:** Erin Bergman, La Mesa, California.

The applicant requests a permit amendment and renewal to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, release, collect adult vouchers, and collect branchiopod cysts) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (Branchinecta conservatio), longhorn fairy shrimp (Branchinecta longiantenna), San Diego fairy shrimp (Branchinecta sandiegogenensis), Riverside fairy shrimp (Streptocephalus woottoni), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (Lepidurus packardi); take (pursuit by survey) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (Euphydryas editha quino) and mission blue butterfly (Icaricia icarioides missionensis); and take (harass by survey, capture, handle, release) the Casey’s june beetle (Dinacoma caseyi) in conjunction with survey activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

**Permit No. TE–091857**

**Applicant:** Denise Duffy and Associates, Inc., Monterey, California.

The applicant requests a permit renewal and amendment to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, take tissue samples, conduct habitat restoration for, and release) the California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County and Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment (DPS)) (Ambystoma californiense) in conjunction with survey, research, and habitat enhancement activities throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

**Permit No. TE–837308**

**Applicant:** John Konecny, Valley Center, California.

The applicant requests a permit renewal to take (harass by locating and monitoring nests, capture, handle, band, and remove brown-headed cowbird (Molothrus ater) eggs and chicks from parasitized nests) the least Bell’s vireo (Vireo bellii pusillus), take (harass by survey, locate and monitor nests, capture, handle, band, and remove brown-headed cowbird (Molothrus ater) eggs and chicks from parasitized nests) the southwestern willow flycatcher (Empidonax traillii extimus), take (harass by survey) the light-footed clapper rail (light-footed Ridgway’s rail) (Rallus longirostris levis) (R. obsoletus l.) and Yuma clapper rail (Yuma Ridgway’s rail) (Rallus longirostris yumanensis) (R. obsoletus y.), take (harass by survey, locate and monitor nests, capture, handle, and band) the California least tern (Sterna antillarum browni) (Sterna a. browni), and take (harass by survey, capture, handle, and release) the arroyo toad (arroyo southwestern) (Anaxyrus californicus) in conjunction with survey and population monitoring activities throughout the range of the species in California and Nevada for the purpose of enhancing the species’ survival.

**Public Comments**

We invite public review and comment on each of these recovery permit applications. Comments and materials we receive will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the address listed in the ADDRESSES section of this notice.

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.

Karen A. Jensen,
Acting Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region, Sacramento, California.

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Renewal of Approved Information Collection; OMB Control Number 1004–0179 Agency Information Collection Activities; Helium Contracts

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), are proposing to renew an information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), to renew control number 1004–0179, “Helium Contracts.”
DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 14, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C. Street NW, Room 2134LM, Washington, DC 20240. Attention: Jean Sonneman; or by email to jesonneman@blm.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 1004–0179 in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Samuel R.M. Burton by email at sburton@blm.gov, or by telephone at 806–356–1002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are 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 BLM; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the BLM enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the BLM 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. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. 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 BLM needs to collect information in order to implement in-kind sales of helium in accordance with the Helium Stewardship Act (50 U.S.C. 167–167q) and 43 CFR part 3195. Title of Collection: Helium Contracts. OMB Control Number: 1004–0179. Form Numbers: 3195–1, 3195–2, 3195–3, and 3195–4. Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection. Respondents/Affected Public: Private helium merchants that sell a major helium requirement (i.e., an amount of refined helium greater than 200,000 standard cubic feet of refined gaseous helium or 7,510 liters of liquid helium) to a Federal agency or to private helium purchasers for use in Federal Government contracts.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 22.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 60.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: Varies from 4–8 hours, depending on activity.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 272.

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

Frequency of Collection:
- Quarterly for the Refined Helium Deliveries Detail;
- Annually for the Calculation of Excess Refining Capacity and Refiners’ Annual Tolling Report; and

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: None.

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).

Jean Sonneman,
Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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