

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A. The **Federal Register** notice that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 60 days was published on June 12, 2026, at 91 FR 35697.

A. Overview of Information Collection

Title of Information Collection: Race and Ethnic Data Collection.

OMB Approval Number: 2535–0113.

Type of Request: Reinstatement without change.

Form Number: HUD Form—27061.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: All HUD

program offices use this form when collecting information concerning the race and ethnicity data of the populations intended to benefit from HUD funding as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; the Fair Housing Act; and HUD's regulations.

Information collection	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Responses per annum	Burden hour per response	Annual burden hours	Hourly cost per response	Annual cost
HUD–27061	14,375	1.2	17,250	0.50	8,625.00	*\$53.24	\$459,195

* Median hourly rate for “Project Management Specialists” (occupation code 13–1082), May 2025 Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics Profiles.

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed 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 those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

C. Authority

44 U.S.C. 3507.

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PRA Compliance Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research, Chief Data Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–6612–N–01]

Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Program Increase in the Loan Guarantee Fee

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Program (“Section 184 Program”) operates using a combination of funds annually appropriated by Congress and fees. Consistent with other HUD loan guarantee programs, to ensure that the program is self-sustaining, HUD is increasing fees charged under the program. HUD is increasing the upfront loan guarantee fee for all new Section 184 Firm Commitments, including refinances, from 1.00 to 1.50 percent, effective October 1, 2026. HUD is increasing the upfront loan guarantee fee for all new Section 184 Skilled Workers Demonstration Program Firm Commitments, from 0 to 1.00 percent, effective October 1, 2026. The Annual Loan Guarantee Fee will remain at zero for all Section 184 loans.

DATES: October 1, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tonya R. Plummer, Director, Office of Loan Guarantee, Office of Native American Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 4108, Washington, DC 20410; telephone number 202–401–7914 (this is not a toll-free number). HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech or communication disabilities. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, please visit <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 184 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102–550, approved October 28, 1992), as amended, established the Section 184 Indian Housing Loan Guarantee Program to provide access to sources of private mortgage financing to Indian families, Indian housing

authorities, and Indian tribes. The Section 184 program addresses obstacles to mortgage financing on trust land and in other Indian and Alaska Native areas by giving HUD the authority to guarantee loans to eligible persons and entities to construct, acquire, refinance, or rehabilitate one- to four-family dwellings in these areas.

The Section 184 program has been funded by a combination of annual appropriations and upfront and annual fees collected from the borrower. Program costs include amounts for claims, contracts, and other expenses related to foreclosure. 12 U.S.C. 1715z–13a(d) and 24 CFR 1005.603 authorize HUD to establish an upfront loan guarantee fee in an amount not exceeding 3.00 percent of the principal obligation of the loan and an annual loan guarantee fee in an amount not exceeding 1.00 percent of the remaining guaranteed balance.

On March 5, 2014, HUD issued a Notice increasing the upfront loan guarantee fee from 1.00 to 1.50 percent. (79 FR 12520). The upfront loan guarantee fee was effective on April 4, 2014.

On October 7, 2014, HUD issued a Notice to implement an annual loan guarantee fee to the borrower in the amount of 0.15 percent. (79 FR 60492). The revised annual loan guarantee fee was effective on November 15, 2014.

On November 1, 2016, HUD issued a second Notice increasing the annual loan guarantee fee from 0.15 to 0.25 percent. (81 FR 75836). The revised annual loan guarantee fee was effective on December 1, 2016.

On May 4, 2023, HUD issued a Notice decreasing the upfront loan guarantee fee from 1.50 to 1.00 percent and eliminating the annual fee effective July 1, 2023. (88 FR 28598).

The Section 184 program experiences a low default rate. Over the life of the program, the default rate has been approximately 3.50 percent. The

program benefits from strong lender underwriting and servicing, as well as Tribes continuing to proactively provide housing counseling and support to keep Native American families in their homes.

Consistent with other HUD loan guarantee programs, the Section 184 program can operate without the need for annual appropriations from Congress. The Section 184 program's strong performance and low default rate enables HUD to remove the need for annual appropriations through a modest fee increase. By increasing the upfront loan guarantee fee, HUD will be in a strong position to ensure that the Section 184 program continues to provide homeownership opportunities to Native American households well into the future.

II. Increase of the Upfront Loan Guarantee Fee

This Notice increases the upfront loan guarantee fee from 1.00 to 1.50 percent. This increase will apply to all Section 184 program loans receiving a Section 184 Firm Commitment on and after October 1, 2026, including refinances. Additionally, this Notice increases the upfront loan guarantee fee from 0 to 1.00 percent for all new Section 184 Skilled Workers Demonstration Program Firm Commitments issued on and after October 1, 2026.

This increase will not apply to loans currently guaranteed by this program. It will only apply to new Firm Commitments issued by HUD on and after October 1, 2026.

Annual loan guarantee fees will remain at zero for all Section 184 loans.

III. Environmental Impact

This Notice involves the establishment of a rate or cost determination that does not constitute a development decision affecting the physical condition of specific project areas or building sites. Accordingly, under 24 CFR 50.19(c)(6), this Notice is categorically excluded from environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321).

Benjamin Hobbs,

Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Amend the Winnemucca District Resource Management Plan for the Western Quarry Limestone Project, Humboldt County, Nevada and Prepare an Associated Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Nevada State Director intends to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) amendment with an associated Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Western Quarry Limestone Project and by this notice is announcing the beginning of the scoping period to solicit public comments and identify issues, is providing the planning criteria for public review.

DATES: The BLM requests that the public submit comments concerning the scope of the analysis, potential alternatives, and identification of relevant information and studies by October 28, 2026. To afford the BLM the opportunity to consider issues raised by commenters in the RMP amendment and EA, please ensure your comments are received prior to the close of the 30-day scoping period.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to Western Quarry Limestone Project by any of the following methods:

- **Website:** <https://eplanning.blm.gov/Project-Home/?id=6D41DC2C-694D-F111-BEC6-001DD803D7D3>.

- **Email:** BLM_NV_WDO_WesternQuarry_EA@blm.gov.

- **Mail:** BLM Humboldt River Field Office, Attn: Western Quarry Limestone EA, 5100 East Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, NV 89445.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined online at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/Project-Home/?id=6D41DC2C-694D-F111-BEC6-001DD803D7D3> and at the Humboldt River Field Office at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Torrence, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, telephone: (775) 623-1576; address 5100 East

Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445; email: ktorrence@blm.gov. Contact Ms. Torrence to have your name added to our mailing list. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Ms. Torrence. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document provides notice that the BLM Nevada State Director intends to prepare an RMP amendment with an associated EA for the Western Quarry Limestone Project, announces the beginning of the scoping process, and seeks public input on issues and planning criteria. The RMP amendment is being considered to allow the BLM to evaluate the Proposed Action and Visual Resource Management (VRM) classifications within the proposed project area, which would require amending the existing 2015 Winnemucca District Resource Management Plan.

The planning area is located in Humboldt County, Nevada and encompasses approximately 874 acres of public land.

The scope of this land use planning process does not include addressing the evaluation or designation of Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) and the BLM is not considering ACEC nominations as part of this process.

Purpose and Need

The BLM's purpose for the action is to respond to Lithium Nevada LLC's proposal as described in their Mining and Reclamation Plan for the Western Quarry Limestone Project and to analyze the potential environmental effects associated with the Proposed Action, alternatives to the Proposed Action, and consider reasonable alternatives. The need for this action is established by BLM's responsibility under Section 302 of the FLPMA and in compliance with U.S. Department of the Interior NEPA regulations, 43 CFR 3600 regulations, and other applicable federal and state laws and policies.

The preliminary purpose and need also includes an amendment to the 2015 Winnemucca District RMP to adjust the Visual Resource Management Class II unit that contains the proposed project in order to respond to the proponent's Mining and Reclamation Plan. This document will be a combined RMP amendment/EA following the