



U.S. Department of the Interior PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Introduction

The Department of the Interior requires PIAs to be conducted and maintained on all IT systems whether already in existence, in development or undergoing modification in order to adequately evaluate privacy risks, ensure the protection of privacy information, and consider privacy implications throughout the information system development life cycle. This PIA form may not be modified and must be completed electronically; hand-written submissions will not be accepted. See the [DOI PIA Guide](#) for additional guidance on conducting a PIA or meeting the requirements of the E-Government Act of 2002. See Section 6.0 of the DOI PIA Guide for specific guidance on answering the questions in this form.

NOTE: See Section 7.0 of the DOI PIA Guide for guidance on using the DOI Adapted PIA template to assess third-party websites or applications.

Name of Project: Columbia Pacific Northwest General Support System (CPN GSS)

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Section 1. General System Information

A. Is a full PIA required?

☒ Yes, information is collected from or maintained on

☐ Members of the general public

☐ Federal personnel and/or Federal contractors

☐ Volunteers

☒ All

☐ No: *Information is NOT collected, maintained, or used that is identifiable to the individual in this system. Only sections 1 and 5 of this form are required to be completed.*

B. What is the purpose of the system?

The Columbia Pacific Northwest General Support System (CPN GSS) is a set of Information Technology (IT) resources located within the Columbia Pacific Northwest region (CPN Region). These IT resources support mission-related business operations,



responding, as needed to changing requirements, and improved technology. The CPN GSS consists of servers, applications, communications equipment, and workstation computers at the CPN Regional Office, in addition to Area, Field, and Power-Plant Offices throughout Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Montana and Wyoming. The CPN GSS functions to compute, store, access, maintain, and backup user generated mission specific data and supports a wide range of related functional activities including engineering, planning, and environmental programs, and administrative functions related to water and hydroelectric power management objectives.

The CPN GSS consists of a variety of Consumer Off-the-Shelf (COTS) and custom developed software hosted on Windows, Unix, ESXi, and OpenVMS operating systems. The CPN GSS includes both Microsoft Access and Oracle database software architectures. Hardware within the CPN GSS consists of servers, desktops, laptops, smartphones, iPads, printers, plotters, local area network (LAN) switches and hubs, Category 6 Ethernet and fiber optic cabling, necessary to support the Reclamation IT architecture requirements. The CPN GSS contains a variety of smaller applications located throughout the CPN Region, also including the hardware and general software required to support other Major Applications located within other Reclamation IT portfolios. Services provided by CPN GSS include encryption protection, virus/malware protection, Voice over IP (VoIP), system management, backup, vulnerability scanning, and Active Directory.

Active Directory (AD) account information for user access is through Enterprise AD, which is assessed separately through the Department of Interior's (DOI) Enterprise Hosted Infrastructure (EHI). EHI's privacy impact assessment (PIA) is available at <https://www.doi.gov/privacy/pia>. Services such as, encryption protection, virus/malware protection, system management, and vulnerability scanning are assessed separately through the BOR General Support System (BOR GSS) as these are Bureau-wide services.

The user community accesses a number of services which may contain personally identified information (PII), however it is the responsibility of the application, data owner, or individual to protect the information and meet requirements under the Privacy Act and Federal law and policy. These services include office automation software such as Microsoft Office, Adobe products, Bison Connect (Google Apps for Government). Geographical Information System (GIS), and DOI's applications which support Human Resources, Payroll, Finance, Personnel Security, and Acquisitions. The use of these services has been assessed separately in PIAs conducted at the Department and Reclamation levels and are outside the scope of this PIA.

This PIA is being conducted to document the privacy protections that are in place for the CPN GSS infrastructure. Privacy risks for the hosted applications are assessed separately in the CPN Reclamation Services and Applications for Mission Support (CPN RSAMS) PIA.



C. What is the legal authority?

5 U.S.C. 301; the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501); the Government Paperwork Elimination Act (Pub. L. 105-277, 44 U.S.C. 3504); and Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12, Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors, August 27, 2004; E-Government Act of 2002 (Public Law, 107-347), as amended.

D. Why is this PIA being completed or modified?

- ☐ New Information System
- ☐ New Electronic Collection
- ☒ Existing Information System under Periodic Review
- ☐ Merging of Systems
- ☐ Significantly Modified Information System
- ☐ Conversion from Paper to Electronic Records
- ☐ Retiring or Decommissioning a System
- ☐ Other: *Describe*

E. Is this information system registered in the Governance, Risk and Compliance platform (GRC)?

- ☒ Yes: 010-000000299 Columbia Pacific Northwest General Support System CPN GSS) System Security and Privacy Plan
- ☐ No

F. List all minor applications or subsystems that are hosted on this system and covered under this privacy impact assessment.

Subsystem Name	Purpose	Contains PII (Yes/No)	Describe <i>If Yes, provide a description.</i>
None	None	No	N/S

G. Does this information system or electronic collection require a published Privacy Act System of Records Notice (SORN)?

- ☒ Yes: Active Directory records are covered by DOI-47, Logical Security Files (Enterprise Access Controls Service/EACS), 72FR 11040, March 23, 2007; modification published 86 FR 5015, September 7, 2021.



Other program and user activities may be subject to the Privacy Act are covered by various Department wide SORNs which are found at <https://www.doi.gov/privacy/sorn>.

☐ No

H. Does this information system or electronic collection require an OMB Control Number?

☐ Yes: *Describe*

☒ No

Section 2. Summary of System Data

A. What PII will be collected? Indicate all that apply.

☒ Name

☒ Other: CPN GSS uses Enterprise Active Directory (EAD) through the Enterprise Hosted Infrastructure (EHI). AD collects username, password has values, business contact information, official title, Personal Identification Verification (PIV) credential certificate information, and supervisor name. In addition, all users are required to fill out security questions and answers to authenticate user identity and to assign access permissions. Due to the nature of the CPN GSS, there is a potential for PII to be contained within the environment as program officials and users of the system may create, collect store, process, or maintain PII during their business activities. This PII may include, but is not limited to names, email addresses, telephone numbers, SSNs, dates of birth, financial information, employment history, educational background and other information related to a specific mission purpose.

B. What is the source for the PII collected? Indicate all that apply.

☒ Individual

☒ Federal agency

☐ Tribal agency

☐ Local agency

☒ DOI records

☐ Third party source

☐ State agency

☐ Other: *Describe*

C. How will the information be collected? Indicate all that apply.

☒ Paper Format

☐ Email



- ☐ Face-to-Face Contact
- ☐ Web site
- ☐ Fax
- ☐ Telephone Interview
- ☒ Information Shared Between Systems
- ☒ Other: Information from AD s user date provided by EHI upon creation of the account with DOIAccess. AD continuously updates data across the DOI Domain. Program officials and users of this system may access other systems or utilize various methods to create, collect, store, process or maintain PII during their daily duties and business functions.

D. What is the intended use of the PII collected?

PII is used in the creation and administration of AD user accounts for authenticating individuals and managing user access to the DOI network and Reclamation computing environment. EHI provides access control and user authentication services across the DOI Domain. Security questions and answers are maintained in this system to authenticate user identity for password reset requests.

E. With whom will the PII be shared, both within DOI and outside DOI? Indicate all that apply.

- ☒ Within the Bureau/Office: User information may be shared to support access management functions for the network and computing environment, including resetting, passwords, and authenticating identity of users.
- ☒ Other Bureaus/Offices: The CPN GSS is comprised of infrastructure components and any data within the system is limited to user access information and data of program officials and users conducting official business. Data residing on the CPN GSS system will be shared with other DOI Bureaus and Offices for official purposes including incident reporting, security monitoring or criminal investigation purposes, and only when given proper authorization through the correct channels within the DOI and/or Reclamation Approval.
- ☒ Other Federal Agencies: The HSPD-12 program is a government-wide requirement managed by the General Services Administration (GSA) and is subject to Federal requirements for participating agencies that involve sharing of data – see Government side system notice GSA/GOVT-7: Personal Identity Verification Identity Management System. DOI user network access records are maintained under DOI-47: HSPD-12: Logical Security Files system of records notice and may be shared with other Federal Agencies as authorized pursuant to the routine uses in the notice. These notices may be viewed at <https://www.doi.gov/privacy/sorn>.



☒ Tribal, State or Local Agencies: Information may be shared with Tribal, State or Local agencies as authorized pursuant to the routine uses contained in the DOI-47: HSPD-12: Logical Security Files system of records notice.

☐ Contractor: *Describe the contractor and how the data will be used.*

☐ Other Third Party Sources: *Describe the third party source and how the data will be used.*

F. Do individuals have the opportunity to decline to provide information or to consent to the specific uses of their PII?

☒ Yes: User information is voluntarily provided by employees in order to obtain access and authenticate to the DOI network and information systems. Users have the opportunity to consent during the on-boarding process and verification of approval to work is required to enforce access controls across the DOI network. If users decline to provide the required information upon employment, they will not be provided a user account to access the DOI network and information systems, which will impact employment.

The CPN GSS utilizes various user access, password reset, and out-processing checklist forms that collect PII from users for managing user access and ensuring security of the network and information systems, which contain Privacy Act statements that inform users of the purpose, uses, legal authorities, and voluntary nature of information request. Users can decline the provision of information; however, they may not be able to access the network or computer resources or reset their passwords. Program officials who process PII are responsible for addressing consent and participation of individuals during the collection of PII and business functions.

☐ No: *State the reason why individuals cannot object or why individuals cannot give or withhold their consent.*

G. What information is provided to an individual when asked to provide PII data? Indicate all that apply.

☒ Privacy Act Statement: Employees receive notice through various Privacy Act Statements through the on-boarding process that: In accordance with the Privacy Act (5U.S.C 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) please note the information may be disclosed to Department of the Interior officials to facilitate compliance with Federal and agency requirements. The forms used e.g., OF 306, SF8P,



etc.) contain a Privacy Acct Statement that includes the Authority, Purpose, Routine Uses, and Disclosure.

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☒ Privacy Notice: Notice is provided through publication of this PIA. Employees may also view the Enterprise Hosted Infrastructure (EHI) Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) and the DOI-47: HSPD-12: Logical Security Files system of records notice for information on network user information is handled.

☒ Other: The following notice is provided by Reclamation's login banner to the network:

“WARNING TO USERS OF THIS SYSTEM, THIS IS A NOTICE OF MONITORING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI) INFORMATION SYSTEMS. This computer system, including all related equipment, networks, and network devices (including internet access), is provided by the Department of the Interior (DOI) in accordance with the agency policy for official use and limited personal use. All agency computer systems may be monitored for all unlawful purposes; including but not limited to, ensuring that use is authorized for management of the system, to facilitate protection against unauthorized purposes at any time. All information, including personal information, placed, or sent over this system may be monitored, and users of this system are reminded that such monitoring does occur. Therefore, there should be no expectation of privacy with respect to use of this system. Evidence of your use, authorized or unauthorized, collected during monitoring may be used for civil, criminal, administrative or other adverse action. Unauthorized or illegal use may subject you to prosecution.”

☐ None

H. How will the data be retrieved? List the identifiers that will be used to retrieve information (e.g., name, case number, etc.).

User AD information is retrieved by name, username, workstation name, and AD group names. This is typically done to reset passwords, change permissions, transfer/move accounts, and add/remove workstations.

I. Will reports be produced on individuals?

☒ Yes: Per DOI's 375 Department Manual 19, quarterly reports of all information system user accounts to determine validity are produced, as well as real-time monitoring and audit logging is conducted on all user activity. The auditing of user activity includes,



but is not limited to, username, workstation name, IP address, date/time of activity, and application and/or website being accessed.

☐ No

Section 3. Attributes of System Data

A. How will data collected from sources other than DOI records be verified for accuracy?

Data is not collected from other sources.

B. How will data be checked for completeness?

Users are responsible for the completeness of the information provided in forms through the on-boarding process and other CPN GSS process. User information is obtained from AD and is updated through procedures managed by the Enterprise AD and cannot be changed at the CPN GSS level. CPN GSS forms have manual processes to ensure completeness of information provided by the user. Work related contact information attributes can be updated through a request from the employee.

C. What procedures are taken to ensure the data is current? Identify the process or name the document (e.g., data models).

User information that is obtained from the Enterprise AD is kept current through procedures managed by the Department. CPN GSS forms collect information directly from users, so it is the responsibility of the user to provide current information. Employees can update their work-related contact information through various means including the My Account site on DOI's Bison Connect email system.

D. What are the retention periods for data in the system? Identify the associated records retention schedule for the records in this system.

Records on user activity are retained in accordance with Department Records Schedule DRS) – 1, Administrative schedule 1.4 A.1- [0013] Short Term IT Records – System Maintenance and Use Records (DAA-0048-2013-0001-0013). These records have a temporary disposition. Records are cut-off when obsolete and destroyed no later than 3 years after cut-off.

E. What are the procedures for disposition of the data at the end of the retention period? Where are the procedures documented?

Once user accounts are terminated in the system, the records are removed in accordance with the DRS and other applicable bureau/office records retention schedules. When a



user account is disabled or terminated, all access will be denied since the user will no longer be able to log onto or authenticate to the network. User accounts can be set to automatically expire at a given date to ensure a user does not have access past the period of performance or contract. When the account is disabled, all access to the network and information systems are explicitly denied and all attempts to gain access are logged. Approved disposition methods include shredding or pulping for paper records, and degaussing or erasing for electronic records, in accordance with NARA Guidelines and Departmental policy.

F. Briefly describe privacy risks and how information handling practices at each stage of the “information lifecycle” (i.e., collection, use, retention, processing, disclosure and destruction) affect individual privacy.

There is minimal privacy risk to the employees related to general user access information contained in AD. The PII contained in AD includes employee name, username, work email address, work phone number, duty station address, an official title. This information is not considered sensitive. System permissions and access controls are in place to limit system access to only those authorized individuals with a need to know the information to perform official functions. There is an increased risk to privacy due to the nature of the CPN GSS and the potential for significant amounts of PII to be contained within the environment through the collection and processing of PII by program officials and users of there is system while conducting official business. Privacy risks related to the specific uses of PII within the hosted applications are addressed separately in the CPN RSAMS PIA.

CPN GSS has undergone a formal Assessment and Authorization and has been granted an authority to operate in accordance with the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 (FISMA) and National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) standards. CPN GSS is rated as a FISMA moderate based upon the type of data, and it requires strict security and privacy controls to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the PII and other sensitive information contained in the system. CPN GSS has developed a System Security and Privacy Plan based on NIST guidance and is part of a Continuous Monitoring program that includes ongoing security control assessments to ensure adequate security controls are implemented and assessed in compliance with policy and standards. Additionally, vulnerability scans are routinely conducted on the CPN GSS to identify and mitigate any found issues. Security and privacy awareness training is required for all Reclamation employees and information system users (including managers and senior executives) before authorizing access to the system, when required by system changes, and at least annually thereafter, and sign the DOI Rules of Behavior. Security role-based and Privacy role-based training is also required for security personnel and officials with special roles and privileges.



Reclamation complies with NIST and other Federal requirements for data security as part of a formal program of assessment and authorization, and continuous monitoring. Monthly scans of the network are performed to ensure that changes do not occur that would create an exposure or weakness in the security configuration of any CPN GSS equipment. The use of Reclamation IT systems, including CPN GSS, is conducted in accordance with the appropriate DOI use policy. IT systems maintain an audit trail of activity sufficient to reconstruct security relevant events. The audit trail will include the identity of each entity accessing the system; time and date of access (including activities performed using a system administrator's identification); and activities that could modify, bypass, or negate the system's security controls. Audit logs are reviewed on a regular basis and any suspected attempts of unauthorized access or scanning of the system are immediately reported to IT Security.

Section 4. PIA Risk Review

A. Is the use of the data both relevant and necessary to the purpose for which the system is being designed?

☒ Yes: User information is required for user access control and management to protect the DOI network and information systems.

☐ No

B. Does this system or electronic collection derive new data or create previously unavailable data about an individual through data aggregation?

☐ Yes: *Explain what risks are introduced by this data aggregation and how these risks will be mitigated.*

☒ No

C. Will the new data be placed in the individual's record?

☐ Yes: *Explanation*

☒ No

D. Can the system make determinations about individuals that would not be possible without the new data?

☐ Yes: *Explanation*



☒ No

E. How will the new data be verified for relevance and accuracy?

CPN GSS does not generate new data.

F. Are the data or the processes being consolidated?

☐ Yes, data is being consolidated. *Describe the controls that are in place to protect the data from unauthorized access or use.*

☐ Yes, processes are being consolidated. *Describe the controls that are in place to protect the data from unauthorized access or use.*

☒ No, data or processes are not being consolidated.

G. Who will have access to data in the system or electronic collection? Indicate all that apply.

☒ Users

☒ Contractors

☐ Developers

☒ System Administrator

☒ Other: Auditors and/or DOI Assessment Team may access the system at least annually.

H. How is user access to data determined? Will users have access to all data or will access be restricted?

Access to data is restricted to System Administrators who have a need to know to perform their duties.

I. Are contractors involved with the design and/or development of the system, or will they be involved with the maintenance of the system?

☐ Yes. *Were Privacy Act contract clauses included in their contracts and other regulatory measures addressed?*

☒ No

J. Is the system using technologies in ways that the DOI has not previously employed (e.g., monitoring software, SmartCards or Caller ID)?



☐ Yes. *Explanation*

☒ No

K. Will this system provide the capability to identify, locate and monitor individuals?

☒ Yes. All user activity is audited as part of the security monitoring and management of user accounts and can be reviewed by Enterprise and Domain Administrators, and Information Assurance personnel.

☐ No

L. What kinds of information are collected as a function of the monitoring of individuals?

The auditing of user activity includes, but it is not limited to, logon/logoff information, username, workstation name, IP address, date/time of activity, and application and/or website being accessed.

M. What controls will be used to prevent unauthorized monitoring?

Access to administrative functions is strictly controlled to Enterprise and Domain Administrators. In addition, audit logging information is restricted to System Administrators, and information Assurance personnel. Audit features monitor user activities including logon/logoff information, username, workstation name, IP address, date/time of activity, and application and/or website being accessed to prevent unauthorized system access and monitoring.

Reclamation complies with NIST and other Federal requirements for data security as part of a formal program of assessment an authorization, and continuous monitoring. Monthly scans are performed to ensure that changes do not occur that would create an exposure or weakness in the security configuration. The use of DOI and Reclamation IT systems are conducted in accordance with the appropriate DOI and Reclamation use policy. IT systems maintain an audit trail of activity sufficient to reconstruct security relevant events and will include the identity of users accessing the system, time and date of access including activities performed using a system administrator's identification), and activities that could modify, bypass negate the system's security controls. Audit logs are reviewed on a regular basis and any suspected attempts of unauthorized access of scanning of the system are reported immediately to IT Security.

Only authorized users with system administrator privileges have access to monitor user's activities in the system. The CPN GSS implements the NIST 800-53 security controls and



DOI security and privacy control standards for user access based on least privilege, ensuring only authorized individuals have access to the system.

N. How will the PII be secured?

(1) Physical Controls. Indicate all that apply.

- ☒ Security Guards
- ☐ Key Guards
- ☒ Locked File Cabinets
- ☒ Secured Facility
- ☒ Closed Circuit Television
- ☒ Cipher Locks
- ☒ Identification Badges
- ☐ Safes
- ☒ Combination Locks
- ☒ Locked Offices
- ☐ Other. *Describe*

(2) Technical Controls. Indicate all that apply.

- ☒ Password
- ☒ Firewall
- ☒ Encryption
- ☒ User Identification
- ☐ Biometrics
- ☒ Intrusion Detection System (IDS)
- ☒ Virtual Private Network (VPN)
- ☒ Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) Certificates
- ☒ Personal Identity Verification (PIV) Card
- ☐ Other. *Describe*

(3) Administrative Controls. Indicate all that apply.

- ☒ Periodic Security Audits
- ☒ Backups Secured Off-site
- ☒ Rules of Behavior
- ☒ Role-Based Training
- ☒ Regular Monitoring of Users' Security Practices
- ☒ Methods to Ensure Only Authorized Personnel Have Access to PII



- ☒ Encryption of Backups Containing Sensitive Data
- ☒ Mandatory Security, Privacy and Records Management Training
- ☐ Other. *Describe*

O. Who will be responsible for protecting the privacy rights of the public and employees? This includes officials responsible for addressing Privacy Act complaints and requests for redress or amendment of records.

The Columbia Pacific Northwest Regional Director serves as the CPN GSS Information System Owner and the official responsible for oversight and management of the CPN GSS security and privacy controls for the CPN GSS systems. The DOI Information System Owner for EHI and the Logical Security Files Privacy Act System Manager are responsible for ensuring adequate safeguards are implemented to protect individual privacy in compliance with Federal laws and policies for the data managed and stored in EHI, and for addressing Privacy Act requests and complaints in consultation with DOI Privacy Officials. Program officials and users are responsible for protecting PII and meeting requirements under the Privacy Act and Federal law and policy.

P. Who is responsible for assuring proper use of the data and for reporting the loss, compromise, unauthorized disclosure, or unauthorized access of privacy protected information?

The CPN GSS Information System Owner is responsible for oversight and management of the CPN GSS security and privacy controls. Since the CPN GSS utilizes Enterprise AD, which contains PII, the EHI Information System Owner is responsible for ensuring any loss, compromise, unauthorized access, or disclosure of PII is reported to DOI-CIRC within 1 hour of the discovery in accordance with Federal policy and established DOI procedures. Program officials and users are responsible for reporting any compromise of PII in accordance with Federal and DOI Policy.



Section 5. Review and Approval

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