

estimated to be about 1,300. The estimated total annual burden on new respondents is collectively 19,500 hours.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 28, 1996.

Annetta L. Cheek,

*Regulatory Management Team.*

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**Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection; OMB Approval Number 1004-0162**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is announcing its intention to request extension of approval for the collection of information from those persons who: (1) Submit a notice of intent (Form 3150-4) to conduct oil and gas geophysical exploration operations on Federal lands, and (2) submit a notice of completion (Form 3150-5) of oil and gas exploration operations. BLM uses the information to determine who is conducting geophysical operations on public lands and to ensure that appropriate measures are taken to protect the environment as required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

**DATE:** Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by May 6, 1996 to be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Management Team (420), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C. Street NW, Room 401 LS Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: WO140@attmail.com. Please include "Attn: 1004-0162" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

Comments may be hand delivered to the Bureau of Land Management Administrative Record, Room 401, L Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

Comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 A.M. to 4:15 P.M., Monday through Friday).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gloria J. Austin, (202) 452-0340.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8(d), BLM is required to provide 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning a proposed collection of information to solicit comments on (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The Mineral Leasing Act (MLA) of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*) gives the Secretary of the Interior responsibility for oil and gas leasing on approximately 570 million acres of public lands and national forests, and private lands where mineral rights have been retained by the Federal Government. The Act of August 7, 1947, (Mineral Leasing Act of Acquired Lands) authorizes the Secretary to lease lands acquired by the United States (30 U.S.C. 341-359). The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) establishes a public land policy and provides for the management, protection, development and enhancement of the public lands.

The regulations at 43 CFR Group 3150 establish procedures for conducting oil and gas geophysical exploration operations on public lands when authorization for such operations is required from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The regulations were last revised in 1988. The notice of intent (Form 3150-4) to conduct oil and gas geophysical exploration operations and the notice of completion (Form 3150-5) of oil and gas exploration operations were developed in 1990, and the information required from the public remains the same.

BLM needs the information requested on the notice of intent to allow it to process applications for geophysical exploration operations on public lands and manage environmental compliance requirements in accordance with the laws, regulations, and land use plans. BLM uses the information to determine that geophysical operation activities will be conducted in a manner consistent with the regulations, local land use plans, and Environmental

Assessments. BLM needs the information requested on the notice of completion to determine whether rehabilitation of the lands is satisfactory or whether additional rehabilitation is necessary.

The forms may be submitted in person or by mail to the proper BLM office. The company name, address and phone number is needed to identify the person/entity conducting operations. BLM assigns the BLM Case Number to track each specific operation. Where a particular operation requires State approval also, the State Case Number is assigned by the appropriate State agency so that the Bureau may coordinate exploration activity with the State. The legal land description is required to determine where the involved public lands are located.

Based on its experience administering onshore oil and gas geophysical exploration activities, BLM estimates the public reporting burden for completing the notice of intent (Form 3150-4) to conduct geophysical exploration operations is one hour. BLM estimates it will take an average time of 20 minutes to complete the notice of completion (Form 3150-5) of oil and gas exploration operations. The information required is clearly outlined on the form and in the terms and conditions attached. The information is already maintained by the respondents for their own record-keeping purposes and needs only to be transferred or attached to the forms.

It is estimated that approximately 600 notices of intent and 600 notices of completion will be filed annually for a total annual burden of 800 hours. Respondents vary from small businesses to major corporations.

Any interested member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of Form 3150-4 or 3150-5 by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become part of the public record.

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Annetta L. Cheek,

*Regulatory Management Team, Chief.*

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**Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection; OMB Approval Number 1004-0145****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is announcing its intention to request extension of approval for the collection of information which will be used to determine the eligibility of an applicant to hold, explore for, and produce oil and gas on Federal lands. The information supplied allows the Bureau of Land Management to determine whether an applicant is qualified to conduct geophysical operations and to hold a lease to obtain a benefit under the terms of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by May 6, 1996 to be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Management Team (420), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 401 LS Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: WO140@attmail.com. Please include "Attn: 1004-0145" and your name and address in your Internet message.

Comments may be hand delivered to the Bureau of Land Management Administrative record, Room 401 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gloria J. Austin, (202) 452-0340.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8(d), BLM is required to provide a 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning a proposed collection of information to solicit comments on (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated,

electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The Mineral Leasing Act (MLA) of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*) gives the Secretary of the Interior responsibility for oil and gas leasing on approximately 570 million acres of public lands and national forests, and private lands where mineral rights have been reserved by the Federal Government. The Act of May 21, 1930 (30 U.S.C. 301-306), authorizes the leasing of oil and gas deposits under railroads and other rights-of-way. The Act of August 7, 1947 (Mineral Leasing Act of Acquired Lands), authorizes the Secretary to lease lands acquired by the United States (30 U.S.C. 341-359).

The regulations at 43 CFR Group 3100 outline procedures for members of the public to submit applications, offers, statements, petitions, and various forms. BLM needs the information requested in the applications, statements and petitions to determine whether an applicant is qualified to hold a lease to obtain a benefit under the terms of the MLA of 1920 and its subsequent amendments and implementing regulations.

BLM uses the information to determine the eligibility of an applicant to lease, explore for, and produce oil and gas on Federal lands. Applicants may submit information in person or by mail to the proper BLM office or the Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service. Applicants are required to certify that they are citizens of the United States, and do not own or control in excess of 246,080 acres each in public domain and acquired lands of Federal oil and gas leases in a particular State as required by law under 30 U.S.C. 184(d)(1), and in accordance with the regulations at 43 CFR 3101.2 and 3102. Legal descriptions of lands are required to determine where the involved Federal lands are located. The names and addresses are needed to identify the applicant and allow the authorized officer to ensure that the applicant meets the requirements of the law. An attorney-in-fact or agent signature is needed only if an attorney or agent is filing the information required on behalf of an applicant or lessee. The information required on the statements, petitions, offers and applications is needed for orderly processing of oil and gas leases and is needed to comply with the terms and conditions of the statutes. BLM also needs the information to determine whether an entity is qualified to hold a lease to obtain a benefit. Attestations to compliance with the regulations concerning parties of interest and qualifications is necessary,

subject to criminal sanctions in accordance with 18 U.S.C., Section 1001. If the information contained on the applications statements, petitions and offers is not collected, the leasing of oil and gas could not occur to allow a benefit and millions of dollars in revenue to the Federal Government would be lost.

All information collections in the regulations at 43 CFR Subparts 3000-3120 that do not require a form are covered by this notice. BLM intends to submit these information collections collectively for approval by the Office of Management and Budget, as they were originally submitted and approved.

**BREAKDOWN OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS AND TOTAL HOURS**

Information collection	No. of re-sponses	Reporting hours per respondent	Total hours
3100.3-1 .....	30	1	30
3100.3-3 .....	50	1	50
3101.2-4(a) ...	10	1	10
3101.2-6 .....	10	1.5	15
3101.3-1 .....	50	1	50
3103.4-1 .....	20	2	40
3105.2 .....	150	2	300
3105.3 .....	50	2	100
3105.4 .....	20	1	20
3105.5 .....	50	1	50
3106.8-1 .....	40	1	40
3106.8-2 .....	60	1	60
3106.8-3 .....	100	2	200
3107.8 .....	30	1	30
3108.1 .....	150	.5	75
3108.2 .....	500	.5	250
3109.1 .....	20	1	20
3152.1 .....	20	1	20
3152.6 .....	20	1	20
3152.7 .....	20	1	20
Total ....	1,400	.....	1,400

Based on its experience managing oil and gas leasing activities, BLM estimates that it will take an average of 1 hour to complete the applications, petitions, offers and statements required. The applicants have access to records, plats and maps necessary for providing legal land descriptions. The type of information necessary is outlined in the regulations and is already maintained by the respondents for their own record-keeping purposes and needs only to be compiled in a reasonable format. The estimate also includes the time required for assembling the information, as well as the time of clerical personnel if needed.

BLM estimates that approximately 1,400 applications, offers, petitions or statements will be filed annually for a total of 1,400 reporting hours.

Respondents vary from individuals to small businesses and major corporations.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become part of the public record.

Dated February 29, 1996.

Annetta L. Cheek,

Chief, Regulatory Management Team.

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### Notice of Intent to Amend Management Framework Plan

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to amend Management Framework Plan.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to consider a proposed amendment to the Pinyon Management Framework Plan (MFP). The proposed amendment would consider alternatives for additional opportunities for land tenure adjustments in Iron County.

**DATES:** The comment period for identification of issues for the proposed plan amendment will commence with the date of publication of this notice. Comments must be submitted on or before April 14, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Arthur L. Tait, Beaver River Resource Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Cedar City District, 176 D.L. Sargent Drive, Cedar City, Utah 84720, telephone (801) 586-2401. Comments on the proposed plan amendment should be sent to the above address.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Beaver River Resource Area (BRRA) Of the Cedar City district, BLM, is proposing to amend the Pinyon MFP to allow for land tenure adjustments on the following federal properties not previously identified in the MFP:

Federal land: 5,975.71 acres

Salt Lake Meridian

T. 35 S., R. 17 W.,

Sec. 18 lots 1, 2, 3, 4; E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

T. 35 S., R. 18 W.,

Sections: 13; 14 E $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 24 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

T. 34 S., R. 17 W.,

Sec. 19 lots 3 and 4 inclusive;

T. 33 S., R. 17 W.,

Sections: 23 W $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 34 W $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 35 W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

T. 31 S., R. 13 W.,

Sections: 1 lots 4, 5, and 12; 3; 4 lots 1 to 4 and 7 to 10, inclusive; 5 lots 1 to 6,

inclusive, 11, and 12; 6 lots 1 and 2; 8 E $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 9; 10 W $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 20 E $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

The main purpose is to identify and analyze the land for exchange to private parties for acquisition of lands that result in a net gain of important and manageable resource values on public land. The United States is considering the acquisition of the following described *NON-FEDERAL*:

Land: 6,590.44 acres

Salt Lake Meridian

T. 35 S., R. 18 W.,

Sections: 23 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; 25 W $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 27 N $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 29 N $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 33 S $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 34 N $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 35 W $\frac{1}{2}$ .

T. 31 S., R. 15 W.,

Sections: 2; 16; 36 W $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ , and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 31 S., R. 17 W.,

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T. 32 S., R. 17 W.

Sections: 2 lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; 16.

T. 34 S., R. 19 W.,

Section 16.

Lands transferred out of Federal Ownership as a result of the exchange, would be available to meet the various needs of the respective parties. An EA will be prepared to analyze the impacts of this proposed plan amendment and alternatives.

Public participation is being sought at this initial stage in the planning process to ensure the MFP amendment addresses all issues, problems and concerns from those interested in the management of lands within the BRRA. Necessary amendments to the approved plan will keep the document viable.

Doug Koza,

Acting State Director, Utah.

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### Minerals Management Service

#### Aboriginal Title and Rights Claims Information in Cook Inlet and Prince William Sound, AL

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Request for information regarding claims of aboriginal title and rights in Cook Inlet and Prince William Sound of southern Alaska.

**SUMMARY:** This notice solicits factual data relevant to claims of aboriginal title and rights to unspecified portions of the Alaska Federal Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) included in the areas proposed for lease in OCS Lease Sales 149 (Cook Inlet) and 158 (Gulf of Alaska/Yakutat).

In a separate Federal Register notice, the Department of the Interior announced receipt of, and requested comments on, a petition for rulemaking on issues regarding claimed aboriginal title and aboriginal hunting and fishing rights of federally recognized tribes in Alaska exercisable on the OCS.

**DATES:** Comments on this request for information are requested through April 4, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be directed to: Paul Stang, Chief, Branch of Leasing Coordination, Office of Program Development and Coordination, (MS-4410) Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia 20270-4817. Please indicate that your comment is in response to the request for factual data regarding aboriginal title and rights on the Alaska OCS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

William Quinn at (703) 787-1191.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Minerals Management Service (MMS) exercises the delegated duties of the Secretary of the Interior under the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.* for management of the resources of the OCS, the seabed seaward of three miles from the coastline (except in the case of Texas and Florida). Pursuant to the current 1992-1977 5-Year OCS Leasing Program, announced July 1, 1992, MMS has advanced to the final planning stages for the scheduled 1996 offering of natural gas and oil leases on the federal OCS in Cook Inlet, Sale 149. This is the fourth federal OCS lease sale in Cook Inlet. The State of Alaska has included portions of Cook Inlet in 28 of its offshore lease sales.

The Native Villages of Eyak, Tatilek, Chenega, Port Graham, and Nanwalek have, through correspondence, petition and litigation, advised MMS of their claims of aboriginal title and aboriginal hunting and fishing rights to unspecified portions of the sale area. The Villages are located in the Cook Inlet and Prince William Sound area of southern Alaska. The Villages have submitted a petition for rulemaking requesting the promulgation of regulations that recognize and protect such Villages' "exclusive fishing rights" on the Alaska OCS. Petitioners claim that there is legal support for the existence and recognition of such rights under the doctrine of aboriginal title and that such Villages have "exclusively used and occupied" the OCS for "subsistence purposes" since "time immemorial". The Villages assert that Sale 149 would interfere with the existence of their rights and deprive them of mineral income rightfully theirs. This information will also be considered in making final decisions on Sale 149, Cook Inlet and Sale 158, Gulf of Alaska, Yakutat.

The Government has consistently taken the position that no person or entity has title to, or hunting and fishing rights on, the Alaska OCS, which is