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**Agency Information Collection
Activities: Submission for Office of
Management and Budget Review;
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Mineral Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of a currently approved collection.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior has submitted a proposal for the collection of information listed below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Act). The act requires that OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The act also provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

DATES: Submit written comments by October 7, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments and suggestions directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1010-0071), Washington, D.C. 20503.

Send a copy of your comments to the Chief, Engineering and Standards Branch, Mail Stop 4700, Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alexis London, Engineering and Standards Branch, Minerals Management Service, telephone (703) 787-1600. You may obtain copies of the proposed collection of information by contacting MMS's Clearance Officer at (703) 787-1242.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR Part 203, Relief or Reduction in Royalty Rates.
OMB Number: 1010-0071.

Abstract: The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA) and the Deep Water Royalty Relief Act (DWRRA) give the Secretary of the Interior the authority to reduce or eliminate royalty or any net profit share set forth in Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas leases to promote increased production. The MMS interim final rule established the terms and conditions for granting

reductions in royalty rates under the OCSLA and royalty suspension volumes under the DWRRA for certain leases in existence before November 28, 1995. It also defines the information required for a complete application as required by 43 U.S.C. 1337(a)(3)(C). The interim final rule was published in the Federal Register on May 31, 1996 (61 FR 27263). The comment period has been extended to September 30, 1996 (61 FR 40734).

MMS will use the information to determine whether granting a royalty relief request will result in the production of resources that would not be produced without such relief. An application for royalty relief must contain sufficient financial, economic, reservoir, geologic and geophysical, production, and engineering data and information for MMS to determine whether relief should be granted according to applicable law. The Application also must be sufficient to determine whether the requested relief will result in an ultimate increase in resource recovery and receipts to the Federal Treasury and provide for reasonable returns on project investments. The applicant's requirement to respond is related only to a request to obtain royalty relief. The applicant has no obligation to make such a request.

Description of Respondents: Federal OCS oil and gas leases.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 130 respondents making an estimated 52 applications per year.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 34,530 burden hours.

Estimate of Total Other Annual Costs to Respondents:

(a) Application processing cost: average \$21,800 per application for an estimated burden of \$1,133,600.

(b) Some applications will require a report prepared by an independent certified public accountant: average \$87,500 per application for an estimated burden of \$3,587,500.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Form Number: N/A.

Comments: The OMB is required to make a decision concerning the proposed collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this notice in the Federal Register. Therefore, a comment to OMB is best ensured of having its full effect if OMB receives it by no later than October 7, 1996.

Bureau Clearance Officer: Carole deWitt (703) 787-1242.

Dated: August 15, 1996.
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National Park Service

**Record of Decision, Pictured Rocks
National Lakeshore; Final
Environmental Impact Statement:
Beaver Basin Rim Road**

Introduction

Pursuant to regulations promulgated by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR Section 1505.2) and the implementing procedures of the National Park Service for the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (40 USC 1501 *et seq.*), the National Park Service has prepared this *Record of Decision* with respect to the *Final Environmental Impact Statement: Beaver Basin Rim Road, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Michigan*.

This Record of Decision describes the road provision alternatives that were considered, mitigating measures adopted to avoid or minimize environmental impacts, and the decision reached.

Decision

The National Park Service adopts the proposed (preferred) alternative (Alternative B), which is to construct a two-lane paved road of approximately 13 miles length within the shoreline zone of the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore.

The road would run from the vicinity of Legion Lake near the intersection of the Little Beaver Campground entrance road with Alger County Road H-58 northeasterly to near the Twelvemile Beach Campground entrance road intersection with Alger County H-58. The road impact on the environment would be minimal.

In constructing the road as described under Alternative B, the National Park Service would be complying with the direction of the Congress as stipulated in Public Law 89-668 [80 Stat. 922 sec. 6(b)(1)] to provide a scenic drive within the shoreline zone of the national lakeshore. The adopted alternative is consistent with this congressional mandate and would implement the management directions of the *General Management Plan, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore (NPS, USDI 1981)*. The National Park Service takes the position that, in the absence of environmental impacts precluding construction of the road, it must comply