

county of Alpine by deed recorded August 17, 1970, in Book 13, Page 145 Official Records of Alpine County, aggregating approximately 74 acres in Alpine County.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the Carson City District Manager of the Bureau of Land Management.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the Carson City District Manager within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the Federal Register at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting. The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register, the land will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The temporary uses which may be permitted during this segregative period are land use permits by BLM under existing laws and regulations.

Dated: November 6, 1996.

David Mcilnay,  
Chief, Lands Section.

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#### **Minerals Management Service**

##### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, DOI.

**ACTION:** Notice of Information Collection Solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) is soliciting comments on an information collection, Cooperative Agreements (OMB Control Number 1010-0087).

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before January 24, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments sent via the U.S. Postal Service should be sent to:

Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, Rules and Procedures Staff, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3101, Denver, Colorado, 80225-0165; courier address is: Building 85, Room A-212, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225; e-Mail address is: David\_Guzy@smtp.mms.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dennis C. Jones, Rules and Procedures Staff, phone (303) 231-3046, FAX (303) 231-3194, e-Mail Dennis\_Jones@smtp.mms.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Section 3506 (c)(2)(A), each agency shall provide notice and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning this collection of information in order to solicit comment to: (a) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The MMS is requesting the continuation of this collection of information, Cooperative Agreements. The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) is authorized by the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (FOGRMA) at 30 U.S.C. 1732, to enter into cooperative agreements utilizing the capabilities of States and Indian Tribes to carry out royalty audits and related investigation and enforcement activities. Cooperative agreements benefit both the Minerals Management Service (MMS) and the State or Tribe involved by helping to ensure proper product valuation, correct and timely production reporting, and correct and timely royalty payment through the application of an aggressive and comprehensive audit program. To be considered for a cooperative agreement States and Indian Tribes must comply with the regulations at 30 CFR 228 by submitting a request to the Director, MMS, and preparing an application detailing the work to be done. While working under a cooperative agreement, the State or Tribe must submit quarterly vouchers to claim reimbursement for the cost of eligible activities. Information

required for the application is supplied voluntarily.

The MMS has simplified the process of applying for and lessened the burden of participating in cooperative agreements. The information requested is the minimum necessary to determine an applicant's ability to perform royalty audits. The MMS provides telephone assistance, written guidelines, and onsite assistance for the preparation of cooperative agreement applications, annual work plans, and quarterly reimbursement vouchers.

The initial information collection burden to cooperative agreement applicant involves becoming acquainted with the requirements and preparing the original request to the Director and preparing the application. If the agreement is approved, the burden in subsequent years includes preparing an annual work plan and budget and a quarterly request for reimbursement voucher. MMS estimates that the burden estimate to the applicant for preparing the request and application is approximately \$2500 (100 hours × \$25/hour). In addition, the agency estimates the burden for the annual work plan and budget (40 hours) and the quarterly request for reimbursement voucher (10 hours per quarter) is \$2,500 (80 hours × \$25/hour).

Dated: November 13, 1996.

James W. Shaw,  
*Associate Director for Royalty Management.*  
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#### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, DOI.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) is soliciting comments on an information collection, the Payor Information Form for Oil and Gas (OMB Control Number 1010-0033). The Royalty Policy Committee recommendations and the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996 may require MMS to make changes to this information collection. MMS is evaluating both of these issues.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before January 24, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments sent via the U.S. Postal Service should be sent to: Minerals Management Service, Royalty