

Project Monitoring

During the program year, it is the responsibility of the BIA Indian Highway Safety Program to maintain a degree of project oversight, provide technical assistance as needed to assist the project in fulfilling its objectives, and assure that grant provisions are complied.

Project Evaluation

BIA will conduct a performance evaluation for each Highway Safety Project. The evaluation will measure the actual accomplishments to the planned activity. BIA will evaluate the project on-site at the discretion of the Indian Highway Safety Program Administrator.

Dated: April 24, 1997.

Ada E. Deer,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[NM-018-1430-01; NMMN 93820]

**Public Land Order No. 7257;
Withdrawal of Public Lands for
Protection of Pueblo Ruins Within the
Ojo Caliente Area of Critical
Environmental Concern; New Mexico**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws 291.10 acres of public lands from surface entry and mining for a period of 50 years, for the Bureau of Land Management to protect the cultural resources of four Tewa Indian pueblo ruins within the Ojo Caliente Area of Critical Environmental Concern. The lands have been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 5, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hal Knox, BLM Taos Resource Area, 226 Cruz Alta Road, Taos, New Mexico, 87571, 505-758-8851.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1988), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public lands are hereby withdrawn from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws, (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1988)), but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, to protect four pueblo

ruins within the Ojo Caliente Area of Critical Environmental Concern:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 23 N., R. 8 E.,

Sec. 1, lot 5 and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 13, lots 13 and 14;

Sec. 24, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 24 N., R. 8 E.,

Sec. 12, lots 17 and 18;

Sec. 13, lot 6;

Sec. 23, lots 11 and 12.

The areas described aggregate 291.10 acres in Taos and Rio Arriba Counties.

2. The withdrawal made by this order does not alter the applicability of those public land laws governing the use of the lands under lease, license, or permit, or governing the disposal of their mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

3. This withdrawal will expire 50 years from the effective date of this order unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (1988), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

Dated: April 25, 1997.

Bob Armstrong,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Minerals Management Service**

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

TITLE: Payor Information Form for Oil and Gas, OMB Control Number 1010-0033.

COMMENTS: This collection of information has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval. 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.

Comments should be made directly to the Attention: Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503; telephone (202) 395-7340. Comments should also be directed to the agency. The U.S. Postal Service address is Minerals Management Service, Rules and Publications Staff, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3101, Denver, Colorado, 80225-0165; the courier address is Building 85, Room A-212, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225; and the e-Mail address is David_Guzy@smtp.mms.gov. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days; therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure their maximum consideration.

Copies of the proposed information collection and related explanatory material may be obtained by contacting Dennis C. Jones, Rules and Publications Staff, telephone (303) 231-3046, FAX (303) 231-3194, e-Mail

Dennis_C_Jones@smtp.mms.gov.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 4, 1997.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS) is proposing to continue collecting certain information to establish payor accounts for mineral leases on Federal and Indian lands, and to assign unique accounting identification numbers that will enable MMS to maintain, reconcile, and audit lease accounts. Detailed data are necessary to enable the Secretary to provide reliable, comprehensive sources of information for Federal, State, and Indian auditors and inspectors checking payors and lease operators, as required by the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982. The Payor Information Form, Form MMS-4025, identifies the party who pays rentals, minimum royalty, or royalties on production to MMS, and the products on which the payments are to be made.

Description of Respondents:

Approximately 2,200 royalty payors on Federal and Indian mineral leases.

Frequency of Response: Initially and as necessary to update.

Estimated Reporting and

Recordkeeping Burden: 50 minutes.

Annual Responses: 23,000 responses.