

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## Bureau of Land Management

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**Notice of Realty Action: Change of Use for Recreation and Public Purposes Lease/Conveyance N-41279**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Recreation and Public Purpose change of use.

**SUMMARY:** The following described public land in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada has been leased for public purposes under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). Nevada Children's Center proposes to use the land for a children's after school day treatment program facility.

**Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada**

T. 21 S., R. 60 E.,

Sec. 16: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 

Containing 10.00 acres, more or less.

The land is not required for any federal purpose. The lease/conveyance is consistent with current Bureau planning for this area and would be in the public interest. The lease/patent, when issued, will be subject to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

2. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

and will be subject to:

1. An easement for the North 40 feet, the West 30 feet and the East 40 feet in favor of Clark County for roads, public utilities and flood control purposes. Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas District, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada. Contact Cheryl Ruffridge by calling (702) 647-5064. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments regarding the lease/conveyance of the lands to the District Manager, Las Vegas District, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108.

**Application Comments**

Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for a children's after school day treatment program facility. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the change of use for the land described in this Notice will become effective 60 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 1, 1997.

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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, Stripper Royalty Rate Reduction Notification (OMB Control Number 1010-0090, Form MMS-4377), which expires on May 31, 1998.

**FORM:** MMS-4377, Stripper Royalty Rate Reduction Notification

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before February 17, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments sent via the U.S. Postal Service should be sent to Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, Rules and Publications Staff, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3021, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165; courier address is Building 85, Room A613, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225; e-mail address is David\_\_\_Guzy@mms.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dennis C. Jones, Rules and Publications Staff, phone (303) 231-3046, FAX (303) 231-3385, e-mail Dennis\_\_\_C\_\_\_Jones@mms.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** To encourage continued production, provide an incentive for enhanced oil

recovery projects, discourage abandonment of properties producing less than 15 barrels of oil per well-day, and reduce the operator's expenses, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will grant royalty rate reductions to operators of low-producing, stripper oil properties. BLM amended 43 CFR 3103.4-1 to establish the conditions under which an operator or owner of a stripper oil property can obtain a reduction in the royalty rate for a property producing less than 15 barrels of oil per well-day. The amended regulations provided instructions for calculation of royalty rates based on the property's annual production rate.

Operators of stripper oil properties use a formula developed by BLM [royalty rate (%) = 0.5 + (0.8 x average daily production)] and included under 43 CFR 3103.4-1(d)(3)(ii) to determine the reduced royalty rate. Operators are then required to notify MMS of the reduced royalty rate. The reduced rate will become effective for all oil production from qualifying properties the first day of the month after MMS receives notification of the rate change. Failure to inform MMS of the new royalty rate would result in the generation of exceptions by MMS computer systems processing financial and production data. The operator would then be held liable for royalty at the old rate and be subject to interest charges as well.

MMS has developed Form MMS-4377, Stripper Royalty Rate Reduction Notification, to be used to notify MMS of the reduced royalty rate. The form requires identification of the operator, name of the contact person, lease and agreement numbers, calculated royalty rate, current royalty rate and period covered. Since implementation of the final rule on September 10, 1992, MMS has received over 7,000 of these notifications. MMS uses the information provided on the form to update the database with accepted reduced royalty rates.

There are approximately 4,500 stripper leases or agreements on Federal lands and a total of 900 operators. Royalty rate calculations were made for the initial qualifying period, August 1, 1990, through July 31, 1991, and are now submitted for each 12-month period. We estimate that an operator may require 30 minutes per property to research production for one 12-month period, determine average annual well production, and calculate and report a new royalty rate or an annual burden of 2,250 hours (1/2 hour x 4,500 properties). We estimate that an operator may require 15 minutes annually to perform the necessary