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MaryEllen Amtower,

Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Proposed Three Year Program of Customer Satisfaction Information Collection—To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

A plan for the three-year proposed information collection program described herein has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed information collection plan may be obtained by contacting the USGS's Clearance Officer at the phone number listed below or e-mail customer@www.usgs.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 directly to the Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to the Bureau Clearance Officer, USGS, National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, M.S. 208, Reston, Virginia 20192. Telephone 703/648-7313.

Specific public comments are requested as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper

performance of the functions of the USGS, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. The accuracy of the USGS estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: USGS Customer Surveys—Generic Clearance.

OMB approval number: New collection.

Abstract: The USGS provides science for a changing world by delivering reliable and impartial information that describes the Earth, its natural processes, and its natural species. Much of this information is used to minimize the loss of life and property from natural disasters; manage water, biological, energy, and mineral resources; enhance and protect quality of life; and to contribute to wise societal, economic, and physical development. The USGS recognizes that excellent customer service is a key component of good government and that its interface with customers reflects the effectiveness of its organization. USGS is committed to engaging customers in a dialog to identify customer needs and satisfaction levels, and to deliver USGS products, information and services to customers in a timely and accurate manner.

Under the proposed three year information collection program, voluntary customer surveys will be conducted to ascertain customer satisfaction with the products, information and services of the USGS. Measures such as timeliness, accessibility, accuracy, availability, product and service quality, service responsiveness, and courtesy of service will serve as the focus of these surveys. The surveys will involve individuals who interact directly with the USGS to use or to request its products, information and/or services. Over the three-year period, the USGS will focus on encouraging and obtaining satisfaction feedback from customers involved in three areas of effort: partnerships and cooperative agreements, technical assistance, and public inquiries and requests for publications, information, services, maps, and/or other products. This last area will also include a survey of our web-page customers to ensure that our web pages are useful and easy to access and read. For the partnerships and

cooperative agreements area, the USGS will ask its partners and cooperators (many of whom work for State government agencies) for feedback about our service and whether or not we are meeting their needs. For the technical assistance area, USGS will ask customers who have requested scientific technical assistance if this assistance has been provided in a timely manner, with courtesy, and whether or not the assistance met the customer's expectations. In the public inquiries and requests for information, products, and services area, customers of USGS web pages, Information Centers, and map sales centers will be asked if the service was satisfactory and if the product was delivered in a timely manner.

To minimize burden on respondents, the surveys will be conducted using a variety of mechanisms ranging from questionnaires, comment cards, electronic queries and web-based feedback systems to focus groups. Customer information gathered from the surveys will be used to evaluate and improve satisfaction levels and to better meet customer needs. The average burden per response for these activities is estimated to range from 5 minutes for a simple comment card to 1 hour for a focus group. Summarized results of customer satisfaction surveys will be published annually by the USGS in a *Report to Customers*, which will be made available to customers through USGS information centers and through its web pages.

Bureau form number: None.

Frequency: An estimated 10-20 surveys (ranging from comment cards, web-based and electronic surveys, and mail-out questionnaires) and 5-10 focus groups per year to evaluate customer satisfaction with specific products, information and services.

Description of respondents:

Representatives of state, local, and tribal government agencies; universities and schools; non-government and nonprofit natural resource organizations; and some private citizens.

Estimated completion time: Varies depending upon the mechanism used: approximately 5 minutes for a comment card to one hour for a focus group session.

Annual responses: Approximately 20 survey each with 500 responses and 10 focus groups each with 25 responses.

Annual burden hours: 2250 hours. (20 surveys) (500 responses) (0.2 hours)+(10 focus groups) (25 responses) (1 hour)

Bureau clearance officer: John Cordyack, 703/648-7313.

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Michael P. McDermott,

Chief, Office of Outreach.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Dillon Oil and Gas Management Framework Plan (MFP) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Amendment.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Amend Oil and Gas Leasing Decisions in Madison and Beaverhead Counties of Montana for the Dillon Management Framework Plan.

SUMMARY: The BLM Dillon Field Office hereby gives notice of its intent to prepare a Management Framework Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement. The purposes of this amendment are to analyze the environmental impacts associated with leasing and development of oil and gas resources and ensure compliance with BLM planning guidance for leasing federal minerals. The MFP amendment and associated EIS will provide analysis to enable fluid mineral leasing allocation decisions on approximately 902,528 acres of public land and 1,305,504 acres of subsurface mineral estate administered by the BLM. The BLM Dillon Field Office administers most of this area; however, 59,287 acres of public domain land located immediately south of the Big Hole River in the extreme northern portion of Beaverhead County are under the jurisdiction of the BLM Butte Field Office. The other issues covered in the existing MFP will continue to be valid and may be referenced in preparing the proposed amendment.

DATES: A public scoping brochure will be prepared and sent to the public and interested parties after this notice in the Federal Register. This is anticipated to happen shortly after the beginning of 1999. Local newspapers will issue press releases on this brochure and initiate a 30-day public comment period on the proposed amendment, issues, and planning criteria. A Draft MFP EIS/Amendment should be available for public review during early spring of 2000.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management, Dillon Field Office, 1005

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, Attention: Scott Powers, Field Manager, 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, Montana 59725-9431, Phone: (406) 683-2337.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following are anticipated issues and concerns for the MFP EIS/Amendment:

1. The action of leasing (pre-lease) fluid minerals versus the process of permitting fluid mineral operations (post-lease) are not well understood.
2. Concerns about degradation of water quality from construction activity, disposal of produced water, and surface discharge from spills or accidents.
3. Geophysical exploration operations as a result of oil and gas leasing activity.
4. Not leasing or providing adequate protection for areas that have special wildlife concerns or habitat.
5. Sensitive species that may become listed as threatened and endangered.
6. Fisheries (specifically the West Slope Cutthroat Trout).
7. Consistency of stipulations with leasing stipulations on adjoining National Forest System lands.

The following planning criteria and assumptions to this plan will be as follows:

1. The current MFP cannot be protested.
2. The EIS/Amendment will stand alone, but may tier off or incorporate by reference other documents.
3. Scope of analysis will be consistent with the level of analysis in approved plans and standards which were developed due to the *Conner vs Burford*, 848 F.2d 1441 (9th Cir. 1988).
4. Area of analysis will be Federal mineral estate, excluding Forest System, National Park Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lands in Madison and Beaverhead Counties within the BLM Dillon Field Office and the small portion administered by the BLM Butte Field Office in Beaverhead County.
5. Data acquisition will consist primarily of extrapolation and compilation of existing data and appropriate literature search.
6. Existing geological and fluid minerals data will be used to develop occurrence potentials and reasonably foreseeable development scenarios. These scenarios will be used to analyze the effects of various oil and gas leasing alternatives.
7. Narrative and format will be based on existing approved plans.
8. Automated mapping techniques will be used.

9. Special fluid leasing stipulations with a standard structure, wording, and usage will be developed and will be consistent with the Forest Service whenever possible.

10. Continuing management guidance will be expanded to reflect recent resource regulations and guidelines pertaining to oil and gas leasing.

11. A list of sensitive species will be identified and addressed in the document.

12. To the extent practicable, this document will be consistent with oil and gas leasing analysis for adjoining Forest Service lands and leases.

Dated: December 10, 1998.

Thomas P. Lonnie,

Deputy State Director, Division of Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

Pursuant to the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188 (d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3 (a) and (b)(1), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease WYW108811 for lands in Fremont County, Wyoming, was timely filed and was accompanied by all the required rentals accruing from the date of termination. The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$5.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively.

The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$125 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice. The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Section 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease WYW108811 effective May 1, 1998, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

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Pamela J. Lewis,

Chief, Leasable Minerals Section.

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