

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

[WY-930-99-1060-04]

Intent To Remove Wild Horses

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to remove wild horses.

SUMMARY: Periodic removals of wild horses are necessary in order to maintain a thriving natural ecological balance on the public rangelands. The removals described below are intended to eliminate wild horse populations that have strayed into areas containing large amounts of private land that are outside Herd Management Areas (HMAs) within the jurisdiction of the Rawlins Field Office. HMAs were established through the planning process as a result of monitoring and analysis of data in accordance with the Wild Horse and Burro Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and Bureau of Land Management policies. This document serves as a Notice of Intent to remove excess wild horses from the following area outside Herd Management Areas.

Rawlins Field Office

I-80 South (Outside HMA)—remove 280 of 280 horses. This action would remove all horses from areas South of Interstate 80 within the jurisdiction of the Rawlins Field Office that have strayed outside of HMAs. The action would begin approximately February 15, 1999, and would be completed on or before September 30, 1999. The removal of horses that stray outside of HMAs was authorized by Decision Record Environmental Assessment Number WY-037-EA1-039, dated February 21, 1992. Weather conditions and other logistical considerations may dictate when the actual removal operations take place within the dates indicated, with the exception that gathers will not take place between April 16 and July 7 due to the foaling season in Wyoming.

Numbers presented are approximate and will be finalized by aircraft census to be conducted during January/February 1999. All actions are in conformance with Bureau of Land Management Policy, documents listed above, and current monitoring data. These actions represent no new decisions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have comments on these actions, please contact Rawlins Field Office at P.O. Box 2407, 1300 North Third Street,

Rawlins, Wyoming, 82301, or phone (307) 328-4200.

Kurt J. Kotter,
Field Manager.

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

[UT-050-4210-05; UTU-75912]

Notice of Realty Action

SUMMARY: The following public lands in Piute County, Utah have been examined and found suitable for classification for conveyance to Piute County under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.). Piute County proposes to use the lands for a Class IV landfi: T. 30 S., R.4 W. Sec. 11: NE¼, Sec. 12: SW¼NW¼. Salt Lake Meridian containing 200 acres more or less.

The lands are not needed for Federal purposes. Conveyance is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest.

The patent, when issued will be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.

Detailed information concerning this action is available at the Office of Bureau of Land Management, 150 East 900 North, Richfield, Utah 84701.

Publication of this notice constitutes notice to the grazing permittees of the Pearson-Lewis Allotment that their grazing leases may be directly affected by this action.

Specifically, the permitted Animal Unit Months (17 AUMs) will be reduced because of this sale, and that the land (200 acres) will be excluded from the allotment effective upon issuance of the patent.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated from all other forms of appropriations under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws. For a period of 45 days from the date of publications of this notice,

interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed conveyance or classification of the lands to the Field Manager, Richfield Field Office, 150 East 900 North, Richfield, Utah 84701. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Classification Comments

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a landfill. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with the local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

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 related to the suitability of the land for a landfill.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: January 7, 1999.

David R. Henderson,

Associate Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Minerals Management Service****Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0068).

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, MMS invites the public and other Federal agencies to comment on a proposal to extend the currently approved collection of information discussed below. The Paperwork

Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

DATE: Submit written comments by March 15, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; attention: Rules Processing Team; Mail Stop 4024; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alexis London, Rules Processing Team, telephone (703) 787-1600. You may also contact Alexis London to obtain a copy of the collection of information at no cost.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR 250, Subpart M, Unitization (1010-0068).

Abstract: The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*, gives the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) the responsibility to preserve, protect, and develop oil and gas resources in the OCS consistent with the need to make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; balance orderly energy resource development with protection of human, marine, and coastal environments; ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources of the OCS; and preserve and maintain free enterprise competition. 43 U.S.C. 1334(a) specifies that the Secretary will establish rules and regulations to provide for the "prevention of waste and conservation of the natural resources of the outer Continental Shelf, and the protection of correlative rights therein" and include provisions "for unitization, pooling, and drilling agreements." We have established these regulations at 30 CFR part 250, subpart M, "Unitization."

The MMS OCS Regions use the information required by 30 CFR part 250, subpart M, to determine whether to approve a proposal to enter into an agreement to unitize operations under two or more leases or to approve modifications when circumstances change. The information is necessary to ensure that operations will result in preventing waste, conserving natural resources, and protecting correlative rights, including the Government's interests. We also use information submitted to determine competitiveness of a reservoir or to decide that compelling unitization will achieve these results.

The MMS will protect proprietary information submitted with the plans according to the Freedom of Information Act; 30 CFR 250.118, "Data and information to be made available to the public"; and 30 CFR part 252, "OCS Oil and Gas Information Program." No items of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: Approximately 130 Federal OCS sulphur or oil and gas lessees.

Frequency: The frequency of reporting is on occasion and varies by subpart M regulatory section.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: The currently approved hour burden for this collection is 2,424 hours. The estimated average annual burden per respondent is approximately 19 hours.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Cost" Burden: We have identified no information collection cost burdens for this collection of information.

Comments: We will summarize written responses to this notice and address them in our submission for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. As a result of your comments and our consultations with a representative sample of respondents, we will make any necessary adjustments to the burden in our submission to OMB. In calculating the burden, we assumed that respondents perform many of the requirements and maintain records in the normal course of their activities. We consider these to be usual and customary and took that into account in estimating the burden.

(1) We specifically solicit your comments on the following questions:

(a) Is the proposed collection of information necessary for us to properly perform our functions, and will it be useful?

(b) Are the estimates of the burden hours of the proposed collection reasonable?

(c) Do you have any suggestions that would enhance the quality, clarity, or usefulness of the information to be collected?

(d) Is there a way to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology?

(2) In addition, the PRA requires agencies to estimate the total annual reporting and recordkeeping "cost" burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of

information. We need to know if you have costs associated with the collection of this information for either total capital and startup cost components or annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of service components. Your estimates should consider the costs to generate, maintain, and disclose or provide the information. You should describe the methods you use to estimate major cost factors, including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, discount rate(s), and the period over which you incur costs. Capital and startup costs include, among other items, computers and software you purchase to prepare for collecting information; monitoring, sampling, drilling, and testing equipment; and record storage facilities. Generally, your estimates should not include equipment or services purchased: (i) Before October 1, 1995; (ii) to comply with requirements not associated with the information collection; (iii) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the Government; or (iv) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer: Jo Ann Lauterbach, (202) 208-7744.

Dated: January 6, 1999.

E.P. Danenberger,
Chief, Engineering and Operations Division.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0079).

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, MMS invites the public and other Federal agencies to comment on a proposal to extend the currently approved collection of information discussed below. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid