

Classification Comments

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a Metropolitan Police Academy and Public Park. 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 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 directly related to the suitability of the land for a Metropolitan Police Academy and Public Park.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification of the land described in this Notice will become effective 60 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. The lands will not be offered for lease/conveyance until after the classification becomes effective.

Dated: March 9, 1999.

Rex Wells,

Assistant Field Office Manager, Division of Lands, Las Vegas, NV.

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

[UT-020-09-1020-00]

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Plan Amendment to the Box Elder Resource Management Plan (RMP)

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a plan amendment to the Box Elder Resource Management Plan (RMP).

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Salt Lake Field Office, Utah is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to consider a proposed amendment to the Box Elder RMP which would terminate all livestock grazing on the Newfoundland Mountains upon relinquishment of the current sheep permit.

DATES: The comment period for identification of issues for the proposed plan amendment will commence with the date of publication of this notice. Comments must be submitted on or before April 19, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposed plan amendment should be sent to Bureau of Land Management, Salt Lake Field Office, 2370 South 2300 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sam Montgomery, Assistant Field Manager, Renewable Resources, telephone (801) 977-4311. Existing planning documents and information are available at the above address or telephone number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Box Elder RMP was approved April 18, 1986. In the RMP, Wildlife Decision No. 4 states that the BLM will cooperate with the Utah Department of Wildlife Resources in a bighorn sheep reintroduction on the Newfoundland Mountain Range provided that the present domestic sheep permit is voluntarily relinquished or converted to cattle use. However, the proposed amendment would terminate all domestic livestock grazing. The EA would analyze livestock grazing and impacts of this proposal and alternatives. Issues preliminarily identified are: bighorn sheep, forage allocation, and wilderness potential. Public participation is being sought at this initial stage in the planning process to ensure the RMP amendment addresses all issues, problems and concerns from those interested in the management of lands within the Salt Lake Field Office.

G. William Lamb,

State Director.

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

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of new information collection.

SUMMARY: As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on our proposal to request Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of a new information collection form for reporting drilling

activity (Form MMS-133, Drilling Activity Report). 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 OMB control number.

DATES: Submit written comments by May 17, 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 information collection form at no cost.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title (OMB Control Number): Form MMS-133, Drilling Activity Report (1010-NEW).

Abstract: The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*, as amended, requires the Secretary of the Interior to preserve, protect, and develop oil and gas resources in the OCS; make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; balance orderly energy resources development with protection of the human, marine, and coastal environment; ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources offshore; and preserve and maintain free enterprise competition.

To carry out these responsibilities, we issued rules governing oil and gas and sulphur operations in the OCS. Regulations requiring the information collection that is the subject of this notice are 30 CFR 250, subpart D, "Drilling Operations." The reporting and recordkeeping of information required in our regulations are mandatory. Specifically, § 250.416(c)(3) requires respondents to submit copies of the daily driller's report at a frequency determined by the MMS District Supervisor, but in no prescribed format. Current practice in the Gulf of Mexico Region (GOMR) allows respondents to submit these data on a weekly basis during drilling operations.

In 1997, the GOMR developed an unofficial form for respondents to use in lieu of submitting the actual daily driller's report. This was an effort to standardize the reporting; identify the necessary information; capture the pertinent data in tabular form, rather than long narrative explanations; and eventually facilitate the submission of these data electronically. It was also

created to eliminate unnecessary paperwork to the benefit of respondents. We are proposing to make this form official and will request OMB approval of form MMS-133, Drilling Activity Report, for mandatory use in submitting the required information. The submission frequency will be prescribed by the individual regions; most likely weekly in the GOMR and daily in the Pacific and Alaska Regions.

We use this information to monitor the conditions of a well and status of drilling operations. Specifically, the District Office drilling engineers review the information to be aware of the well conditions and current drilling activity (i.e., well depth, drilling fluid weight, casing types and setting depths, completed well logs, and recent safety equipment tests and drills). The engineers use this information to determine how accurately the lessee anticipated well conditions and if the lessee is following the approved application for permit to drill (APD).

The information is also used by the engineers and District Supervisor when a lessee requests to revise an APD. With this information at hand, they can analyze the proposed revision to the APD (i.e., revised grade of casing or deeper casing setting depth) and make a quick and informed decision on the request.

Failure to collect this information would prevent the Director from carrying out the mandate of the OCS Lands Act that operations in the OCS be conducted in a safe and environmentally sound manner. The Drilling Activity Report provides direct information about how lessees conduct drilling operations. Without this information, we would have great difficulty in monitoring drilling operations to ensure that lessees conduct proper drilling operations. An alternative to requiring drilling activity reports would be for us to conduct many more onsite inspections to monitor drilling activities. However, the additional inspectors and helicopters to transport them would not be efficient or cost effective. Furthermore, lessees would likely experience delays in obtaining timely approvals to revise drilling plans because District Offices would not have current and complete information on these operations.

We will protect proprietary information submitted 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.

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

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: We estimate the average burden per form is 1/2 hour and respondents will submit approximately 3,500 forms annually, for a total annual burden of 1,750 hours.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Cost" Burden: We have identified no information collection cost burdens for these collections 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. Based on your comments and our consultations with a representative sample of respondents, we will adjust the burden estimate as necessary in our submission to OMB. In calculating the burden, we assume that respondents perform many of the requirements and maintain records in the normal course of their activities. We consider these usual and customary and take 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: March 10, 1999.

John V. Mirabella,

Acting Chief, Engineering and Operations Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collections; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of revision and renewal of currently approved information collection (1010-0044).

SUMMARY: As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on our proposal to request Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of the revised information collection Form MMS-123, Application for Permit to Drill (APD). 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 OMB control number.

DATE: Submit written comments by May 17, 1999.

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