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DATES: This action is effective June 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 219-4066.

Dated: May 14, 1999.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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

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Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection; OMB Approval No. 1004-0145

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Paperwork Reduction Act requires federal agencies to announce their intentions to request extension of approval for collecting information from individuals. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces its intention to request extension of approval for collecting certain information from entities interested in leasing, exploring for, and producing oil and gas on federal lands. Entities vary from small business to major corporations. BLM uses the information to determine whether the entities meet statutory and regulatory requirements. **DATES:** Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by August 2, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Affairs Group (WO-630), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C St., NW, Mail Stop 401 LS, Washington, DC 20240. Comments may be sent via the Internet to: WoComment@wo.blm.gov. Please include "Attn: 1004-0145 and your name and address in your Internet address.

Comments may be hand delivered to the Bureau of Land Management Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Comments will be available for public inspection and review at the L Street address during regular business hours, 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Gamble, Fluid Minerals Group, (202) 452-0338.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), BLM

is required to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information contained in published current rules and other collection instrument to solicit comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The Mineral Leasing Act (MLA) of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*), gives the Secretary of the Interior responsibility for oil and gas leasing on approximately 570 million acres of public lands and national forests, and private lands where minerals rights have been reserved by the Federal Government. The Act of May 21, 1930 (30 U.S.C. 301-306), authorizes the leasing of oil and gas deposits under railroads and other rights-of-way. The Act of August 7, 1947 (Mineral Leasing Act of Acquired Lands), authorizes the Secretary to lease lands acquired by the United States (30 U.S.C. 341-359).

The regulations at 43 CFR Group 3100 outline procedures for members of the public to submit applications, offers, statements, petitions, and various forms. BLM needs the information requested in the applications, statements, and petitions to determine whether an applicant is qualified to hold a lease to obtain a benefit under the terms of the MLA of 1920 and its subsequent amendments and implementing regulations.

BLM uses the information to determine the eligibility of an applicant to lease, explore for, and produce oil and gas on Federal lands. Applicants may submit information in person or by mail to the proper BLM office or the Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service. Applicants are required to certify that they are citizens of the United States and do not own or control in excess of 246,080 acres each in public domain and acquired lands of Federal oil and gas leases in a particular State as required by law under 30 U.S.C. 184(d)(1) and in accordance with the regulations at 43 CFR 3101.2 and 3102. Legal descriptions of lands are required

to determine where the involved Federal lands are located. The names and addresses are needed to identify the applicant and allow the authorized officer to ensure that the applicant meets the requirements of the law. An attorney-in-fact or agent signature is needed only if an attorney or agent is filing the information required on behalf of an applicant or lessee. The information required on the statements, petitions, offers, and applications is needed for orderly processing of oil and gas leases and is needed to comply with the terms and conditions of the statutes. BLM also needs the information to determine whether an entity is qualified to hold a lease to obtain a benefit. Attestations to compliance with the regulations concerning parties of interest and qualifications are necessary, subject to criminal sanctions in accordance with 18 U.S.C., Section 1001. If the information contained on the applications, statements, petitions, and offers is not collected, the leasing of oil and gas could not occur to allow a benefit, and millions of dollars in revenue to the Federal Government would be lost.

All information collections in the regulations at 43 CFR Subparts 3000-3120 that do not require a form are covered by this notice. BLM intends to submit these information collections collectively for approval by the Office of Management and Budget as they were originally submitted and approved.

The information required and the time for supplying it are listed below:

Information collection	Estimated burden hours
Notice of option holdings for acreage chargeability	1
Option statement	1
Petition requesting additional time to divest excess acreage	1
Statement showing date, acreage, State in which leases are held	1.5
Statement showing unit agreement entered into if lease is for lands within approved unit	1
Application for waiver, suspension, or reduction of rental or royalty	2
Copy of communitization or drilling agreement	2
Interest held in operating, drilling, or development contracts	2
Application to combine operations or transport oil	1
Application for subsurface storage of oil and gas	1
Statement that heirs and devisees are qualified to hold lease	1

Information collection	Estimated burden hours
Reporting a change of name ..	1
Notification of corporate merger	2
Application for renewing lease	1
Application to relinquish lease	0.5
Application to reinstate lease	0.5
Application for lease located within a right-of-way	1
Application for oil and gas exploration permit in Alaska ...	1
Reporting date of exploration activities	1
Reporting completion of operations	1

Based on its experience managing oil and gas leasing activities, BLM estimates an average of 700 respondents annually and a burden hour total of 1400 hours annually. Respondents range from individuals and small businesses to major corporations.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget for approval. All comments will also become part of the public record.

Dated: May 26, 1999.

Carole J. Smith,

Information Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Temporary Closure to Off-Highway Vehicle Use Near Grand View, Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of temporary closure to off-highway vehicle use near Grand View, Idaho.

SUMMARY: This notice closes approximately 1,450 acres to off-highway vehicle (OHV) use to protect rare plants in and around the Mud Flat Oolite Area of Critical Environmental Concern/Research Natural Area (ACEC/RNA). The unique sandstone cliffs that are prominent within the area also provide habitat for wildlife, including nesting raptors. Sometime prior to April 18, 1999, numerous off-highway vehicles traveled cross-country in this area. This off-road vehicle use caused adverse impacts to vegetation, including rare plant communities. BLM reserves the right to use or authorize use of roads and trails or off-road travel for administrative purposes. The closed

area falls within the following-described public lands:

Boise Meridian, Idaho

- T. 7 S., R. 2 E., section 1: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Section 12: NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- T. 7 S., R. 3 E., section 4: Lots 2-4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Section 5: Lots 1-4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Section 6: Lots 1, 2, 6, 7, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Section 7: Lots 1-3, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

To prevent further damage from off-road vehicle use, the boundaries will be fenced and signed identifying the closed area. The legal authority for this action can be found at 43 CFR 8341.2.

DATES: This closure will begin June 1, 1999 and remain in effect pending completion of an amendment to the Bruneau Resource Area Management Framework Plan that addresses OHV use in the Resource Area. This Plan Amendment is expected to be completed by the fall of 2000.

ADDRESSES: Copies of maps that outline the closed area are available at the Bureau of Land Management, Lower Snake River District, 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, ID 83705.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jamie Connell, Bruneau Resource Area, at (208) 384-3330.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 1,450 acre habitat includes the Mud Flat Oolite ACEC/RNA, designated by the 1992 Bruneau Management Framework Plan Amendment. Several BLM sensitive plant species are known to exist within the 1,450 acre area including Packard's buckwheat (*Eriogonum shockleyi* var. *packardae*), Mulford's milkvetch (*Astragalus mulfordiae*), white eatonella (*Eatonella nivea*), white-margined wax plant (*Glyptopleura marginata*), rigid threadbush (*Nemacladus rigidus*), and Snake River milkvetch (*Astragalus purshii* var. *ophiogenes*).

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is currently reviewing the status of Mulford's milkvetch for possible listing as a threatened or endangered species. Most of the area is currently not designated and therefore open to OHV use as documented in the Bruneau Management Framework Plan completed in 1983.

Dated: May 21, 1999.

Jamie E. Connell,

Acting Bruneau Area Manager.

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