

copy of your comments to the BLM Information Clearance Officer (WO-630), 1849 C St., NW, Mail Stop 401 LS, Washington, DC 20240.

Nature of Comments

We specifically request your comments on the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of BLM, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. The accuracy of BLM's estimate of the burden associated with collecting the 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 collecting the information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, and other forms of information technology.

Title: Surface Management Activities Under the General Mining Law, Regulations at 43 CFR 3802 and 3809.

OMB Approval Number: 1004-0176.

Abstract: BLM requests an extension of OMB approval to collect certain information from mining claimants and operators who want to prospect, explore, mine and reclaim lands subject to the General Mining Law. This information is contained in the surface management regulations at 43 CFR 3802 and 3809 and three bond forms, Surface Management Surety Bond Form (BLM 3809-1), Surface Management Personal Bond Form (BLM 3809-2), and Generalized Bond Rider Form (BLM 3809-4).

The information requested is associated with filing notices of intent to conduct mining operations, where 5 acres or less of land will be disturbed in any calendar year, and plans of operation, in which exploration and mining activities will disturb more than 5 acres of land in any given year. Information associated with notices includes names and mailing addresses of operators and owners; the serial numbers of all mining claims, mill sites, and tunnel sites; maps showing the location of surface disturbances; and a description of the proposed operation, showing how the operator would conduct the activities. Generally, the greater the surface disturbance, the more detail is required. A full-blown plan of operations would contain descriptions of all proposed and existing access routes, aircraft landing areas, and other means of access; of how the operator will prevent unnecessary and undue degradation of the land; of how the

operator will reclaim the areas disturbed by mining activities; and of measures to be taken to maintain the area in a safe and clean manner and to reclaim the land to avoid erosion and other adverse impacts.

BLM has re-examined its hour burden estimates in response to the public comment received on this collection and in response to six comments on a related information collection for the proposed surface management regulations at 43 CFR 3809 (64 FR 6422, February 9, 1999) and changed the burden estimates accordingly.

Bureau Form Numbers: Surface Management Surety Bond Form (BLM Form 3809-1) Surface Management Personal Bond Form (BLM Form 3809-2), and Surface Management Generalized Bond Rider Form (BLM Form 3809-4).

Frequency: On occasion, as applied for or reported.

Description of Respondents: Respondents are claimants and operators who want to prospect, explore, mine or reclaim locatable mineral on public lands.

Estimated Completion Times:

(1) Notices of intent—600 per year, as follows: 390 at 24 hours each for exploration activities; 120 at 40 hours each for placer operations; 90 at 40 hours each for all others;

Total annual burden—17,700 hours.

(2) Plans of operation—150 per year, as follows: 52 for exploration activities; 24 hours each for exploration activities; 49 for placer/strip mining at 80 hours each; and 49 for open pit mining at 240 hours each.

Total annual burden—53,100 hours.

(3) Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Plans of operations—EA's for 52 mines conducting exploration activities at 320 hours each; EA's for 93 mines conducting mining activities at 64 hours each; EIS's for 5 mines conducting mining activities at 2480 hours each.

Total annual burden—88,560 hours.

(4) Complying with Requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act Plans of operations—150 plans at 30 hours each per cultural survey.

Total annual burden—450 hours.

(5) Forms: 8 minutes per form for all forms.

Total annual burden—22 hours.

Annual responses: 750 (1 per respondent per year).

Annual burden hours: 125,808 hours.

Collection Clearance Officer: Carole Smith, (202) 452-0367.

Dated: March 28, 2000.

Carole Smith,

BLM Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-700-00-5440-00-C023]

Notice of Availability of Records of Decisions

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of North Fork Coal Records of Decisions (ROD's) for the Iron Point Coal Exploration License application (COC61945), Iron Point Coal Lease Tract application (COC61209) and the Elk Creek Coal Lease Tract application (COC61357) of Federal coal reserves in Delta and Gunnison Counties, Colorado.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL: Mike Pool, Associate State Director, Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2850 Youngfield, Denver, CO 80215.

SUMMARY: The BLM has issued Records of Decisions (RODs) to offer for competitive sale Federal coal reserves in the Iron Point Coal Lease Tract (COC61209) and the Elk Creek Coal Lease Tract (COC61357). BLM has also issued a ROD to grant the Iron Point Coal Exploration License (COC61945) to Bowie Resources Limited.

DATES: The decisions are subject to appeal for 30 days under the provisions of 43 CFR part 4.

ADDRESSES: Please address questions on the ROD's to the Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Jerry Jones, 2465 South Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO, 81401.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Jones at the above address, or phone number 970-240-5338, or fax number 970-240-5368. E-mail can be sent to Jerry_Jones@co.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As a result of two applications for coal leasing and one application for a coal exploration license, the North Fork Coal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was prepared. The BLM and the U.S.D.A. Forest Service were joint lead agencies in the preparation of the document. The U.S.D.I. Office of Surface Mining was a cooperating agency. The Final EIS was made available to the public with the publication of the EPA Notice of Availability on February 25, 2000.

The BLM has decided to offer for competitive sale the Federal coal reserves in two coal lease tracts, the Iron Point Coal Lease Tract (COC61209) and the Elk Creek Coal Lease Tract (COC61357). The decisions generally implement Alternative D, No Subsidence in Sensitive Areas, in the North Fork Coal Final EIS. The described actions plus additional mitigation measures would prevent subsidence under perennial streams and the Curecanti-Rifle 230/345 kv power line and protect important other resources.

The BLM has also decided to grant the Iron Point Coal Exploration License (COC61945) to Bowie Resources Limited. The decision generally implements Alternative B, Proposed Action, in the North Fork Coal Final EIS. The described actions plus additional mitigation measures would protect important other resources.

The decisions are in accordance with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 as amended, the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1975 and 43 CFR 3400. The decisions are subject to appeal for 30 days under the provisions of 43 CFR part 4.

Dated: March 30, 2000.

Jerry Jones,

EIS Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-935; COC-23841]

Public Land Order No. 7442; Extension of Public Land Order No. 5718; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order extends Public Land Order No. 5718, which withdrew approximately 1,365 acres of National Forest System land from mining, for an additional 20-year period. This extension is necessary to continue the protection of the Eisenhower/Johnson Memorial Tunnel on Interstate Highway 70. The land has been and remains open to Forest management and to mineral leasing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 14, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris E. Chelius, BLM Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street,

Lakewood, Colorado 80215-7093, 303-239-3706.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Public Land Order No. 5718, which withdrew 1,365 acres, more or less, of land in the White River National Forest from location and entry under the United States mining laws for the protection of the Eisenhower/Johnson Memorial Tunnel on Interstate Highway 70, is hereby extended for an additional 20-year period.

2. This withdrawal will expire 20 years from the effective date of this order, unless as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (1994), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

Dated: March 21, 2000.

Sylvia V. Baca,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, Alaska; Proposed Mining Plan of Operations

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Availability of proposed mining plan of operations.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of a proposed mining plan of operations. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 2 of the Mining in the Parks Act of September 28, 1976, 16 U.S.C. 1901 *et seq.*, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.17 of Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations Part 9, Subpart A, Kirk Stanley has filed a proposed mining plan of operations on patented lode mining claims known as the Nabesna Mine, USMS 1591 within Wrangell-St. Elias National Preserve.

DATES: Indefinite.

ADDRESSES: The proposed mining plan of operations is available for inspection during normal business hours at the following two locations: (1) Alaska Regional Office, National Park Service, 2525 Gambell Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-2892; and (2) Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, P.O. Box 439, Copper Center, Alaska 99573.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Danny Rosenkrans, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, P.O. Box 439, Copper Center, Alaska 99573, (907) 822-7228.

Dated: March 28, 2000.

Robert D. Barbee,

Regional Director, Alaska Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent to Repatriate Cultural Items from Kawaihae, Kohala, Island of Hawaii, HI in the Possession of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Honolulu, HI

AGENCY: National Park Service

ACTION: Notice

Notice is hereby given under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 43 CFR 10.10 (a)(3), of the intent to repatriate cultural items in the possession of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Honolulu, HI which meet the definition of "unassociated funerary objects" under Section 2 of the Act.

The five cultural items include two wooden images, a feather cape fragment, a wooden funnel, and a bracelet. In 1905, these five cultural items were removed from a lava tube complex in Kawaihae, Kohala, HI by William Wagner and Friedrich A. Haenisch, who transferred these cultural items to the Bishop Museum in 1907.

The 13 cultural items are samples of bark cloth. In 1919, these 13 cultural items from a lava tube complex in Kawaihae, Kohala, HI and donated by David Forbes, William Wagner, and Friedrich A. Haenisch were found in Bishop Museum collections. These cultural items were most likely collected during the 1905 expedition to the Kawaihae site.

The six cultural items are six pieces of bark cloth. In 1921, these six cultural items from a lava tube complex in Kawaihae, Kohala, HI were donated to the Bishop Museum by Robert Van Deusen.

The one cultural item is a piece of bark cloth. In 1923, this cultural item, from a lava tube complex in Kawaihae, Kohala, HI and collected by Jay M. Kuhns, M.D., was donated to the Bishop Museum by Ditley Due Thaanum.

The one cultural item is a piece of a canoe. In 1934, this cultural item from a lava tube complex in Kawaihae,