

collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (MLA), 30 U.S.C. 191 *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 the mineral rights are 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 under 43 CFR 3000–3120 authorize BLM to manage the oil and gas leasing and

exploration activities. Without the information, BLM would not be able to analyze and approve oil and gas leasing and exploration activities.

BLM collects nonform information on oil and gas leasing and exploration activities when the lessee, record title holder, operating rights owner, or operator files any of the following information for BLM to adjudicate:

Information collection on oil and gas leasing and exploration activities	Estimated burden hours
1. Notice of option holdings for acreage chargeability option statement .....	1
2. Petition requesting additional time to divest excess acreage .....	1
3. Statement showing date, acreage, State in which leases are held .....	1
4. Statement showing unit agreement entered into if lease is for lands within an approved unit .....	1.5
5. Application for waiver, suspension, or reduction of rental or royalty .....	1
6. Copy of communitization or drilling agreement interest held in operating, drilling, or development contracts .....	2
7. Application to combine operations or transport oil .....	2
8. Application for subsurface storage of oil and gas .....	2
9. Statement that heirs and devisees are qualified to hold lease .....	1
10. Reporting a change of name .....	1
11. Notification of corporate merger .....	2
12. Application for renewing lease .....	1
13. Application to relinquish lease .....	0.5
14. Application to reinstate lease .....	0.5
15. Application for lease located within a right-of-way .....	1
16. Application for oil and gas exploration permit in Alaska .....	1
17. Reporting date of exploration activities .....	1
18. Reporting completion of operations .....	1

Based upon BLM experience with managing the oil and gas leasing and exploration activities, we estimate the above public reporting information collection burden. The estimated number of responses per year is 1,400 and the total annual burden is 1,400 hours.

BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 30, 2001.

**Michael H. Schwartz,**

*BLM Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[WO–350–1430–PF–01–24 1A]

**Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Approval Number 1004–0190**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend an existing approval to collect certain information from Indians eligible to apply for an allotment with the BLM office that has jurisdiction over the lands covered by the application. BLM uses Form 2530–3, Indian Allotment Application, to collect this information to determine if the Indian applicant qualifies for an Indian allotment on public lands and public domain lands within national forests. The regulations under 43 CFR 2530 authorize BLM to issue an Indian allotment to eligible Indians who apply and qualify.

**DATES:** You must submit your comments to BLM at the address below on or before October 23, 2001. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail comments to: Regulatory Affairs Group (630), Bureau of Land Management, Mailstop 401LS, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240.

You may send comments via Internet to: [WOCComment@blm.gov](mailto:WOCComment@blm.gov). Please include “ATTN: 1004–0190” and your name and return address in your Internet message.

You may deliver comments to the Bureau of Land Management,

Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW, Washington, DC.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may contact Alzata L. Ransom, Realty Use Group, on (202) 452–7772 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) on 1–800–877–8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Ms. Ransom.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 5 CFR 1320.12(a) requires that we provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information to solicit comments on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of our estimates of the information collection burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic,

mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Section 4 of the Indian General Allotment Act of February 8, 1887 (43 U.S.C. 1740) provides that, if you are an Indian eligible for an allotment, you may apply for an allotment. To establish you are eligible, you must furnish documentation from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) showing you are an Indian who meets the requirements of the Act. If you are eligible, your minor child also qualifies to file for an allotment under the Act. You must apply to the BLM office having jurisdiction over the lands covered by your application.

BLM uses Form 2530-3 to collect the following information:

(1) The name and address of the applicant; if a minor child, the name, age of child, and the applicant's relationship to the child;

(2) The name of the Indian tribe to which the applicant belongs or is eligible to belong;

(3) A Certificate of Indian Blood from the BIA and the name of the recognized Indian tribe to which you claim membership or be eligible for membership to a recognized Indian tribe;

(4) A legal land description of the lands applied for (by township, range, meridian, section, subdivision, and State);

(5) A plan of development that describes the proposed agricultural or grazing land use and a description of the improvements that the applicant plans to place on the lands;

(6) Any allotments that the applicant received previously from BLM; and

(7) The applicant must certify their knowledge of the lands, is the person named in the BIA Certificate of Indian Blood, and makes true, accurate, and good faith statements on the application.

BLM uses the information to determine whether or not to issue an Indian allotment. Without this information, BLM would not be able to properly administer Indian allotments on public lands and public domain lands within national forests.

Based upon BLM experience and recent tabulations of activity, we process approximately 16 applications each year. The public reporting information collection burden varies from 30 minutes to 2 hours to complete. The estimated number of responses per year is 16. The estimated total annual burden is 13 hours.

BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request for OMB approval. All

comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 31, 2001.

**Michael H. Schwartz,**

*BLM Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-957-1310-01; AZA-028337]

#### Arizona: Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

Under the provisions of Public Law 97-451, a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease AZA 028337 for lands in Apache County, Arizona, was timely filed and was accompanied by all required rentals and royalties accruing from October 1, 1999, the date of termination.

No valid lease has been issued affecting the lands. The lessee has agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at the rate of \$5.00 per acre or fraction thereof and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500.00 administrative fee and has reimbursed the Bureau of Land Management for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice.

The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Sections 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 USC 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate the lease effective October 1, 1999, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

For further information, contact Dominic R. Sarracino, Land Law Examiner, Lands and Minerals Adjudication at (602) 417-9346.

Dated: August 7, 2001.

**Ivy J. Garcia.**

*Group Administrator, Lands & Minerals Adjudication.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NM-930-1310-01; NMNM 97833]

#### New Mexico: Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease NMNM 97833

Under the provisions of Public Law 97-451, a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease NMNM 97833 for lands in Sandoval County, New Mexico, was timely filed and was accompanied by all required rentals and royalties accruing from December 1, 2000, the date of termination.

No valid lease has been issued affecting the lands. The lessee has agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10.00 per acre or fraction thereof and 16  $\frac{2}{3}$  percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500.00 administrative fee and has reimbursed the Bureau of Land Management for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice.

The Lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Sections 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 USC 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate the lease effective December 1, 2000, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

*For further information contact:* Bernadine T. Martinez, BLM, New Mexico State Office, (505) 438-7530.

Dated: August 3, 2001.

**Bernadine T. Martinez,**

*Land Law Examiner, Fluids Adjudication Team.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NMNM 94897]

#### Public Land Order No. 7495; Partial Modification of an Executive Order and Transfer of Jurisdiction; New Mexico

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Public Land Order.

**SUMMARY:** This order modifies an Executive Order insofar as it affects approximately 903 acres of land by changing the reservation of the land for military purposes to a reservation of the land for Bureau of Indian Affairs programs and establishing a 20-year