

review period in Alamosa and Saguache. Specific dates and locations for public participation will be published in local papers and broadcast on local community calendars at a later date.

**ADDRESSES:** If you wish to comment, request additional information, or request to be put on the mailing list, you may do so by any of several methods. You may mail, hand deliver, or call your comments or requests to: Tom Goodwin, Field Manager, Saguache Field Office, 46525 Highway 114, PO Box 67, Saguache, CO 81149, (719) 655-2547; or Neal Beetch, Project Manager, La Jara Field Office, 15571 County Road T5, La Jara, CO 81140, (719) 274-6301. You may also comment via email to: [rgfo\\_comments@blm.gov](mailto:rgfo_comments@blm.gov). Please submit email comments avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please include your name and address in your email message.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM offices listed above during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name and/or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tom Goodwin, Field Manager, or Neal Beetch, Project Manager at the addresses or phone numbers listed above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed plan amendment will: establish resource area-wide objectives for fire and fuels; delineate fire management areas; identify broad vegetation treatments; and identify general restrictions on fire management practices. BLM has identified general issues anticipated for this planning effort, including: protection of human life; protection of property; protection of natural/cultural resources; integration of fire and resource management; air quality; and wildlife habitat. These issues, along with others that may be identified through public participation, will be considered during the planning process. BLM has also identified preliminary planning criteria to guide

the planning process, including compliance with all legal mandates of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Administrative Procedures Act, and the BLM planning regulations in 43 CFR part 1600, as well as consistency with fire plans of other agencies and State and local jurisdictions.

Existing information will be used to develop the plan amendment and EA. Selectable alternatives must contribute to the achievement of public land health standards and to the protection of communities at risk from catastrophic wildfire.

The planning process will utilize a collaborative approach. This will allow the public, tribes, State and Federal agencies, local elected officials, and BLM specialists to participate in identifying issues and developing and analyzing alternatives. In addition to the initial public comment period and workshops, the public will also be invited, through a **Federal Register** notice, local newspapers, and mailings, to review the proposed plan and provide comments. The Governor of Colorado, County Commissioners for Alamosa, Conejos, Rio Grande, and Saguache counties, and potentially affected members of the public will be notified of all meetings and comment periods. Agency representatives and interested persons are invited to visit with BLM officials at any time during the planning process.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

**[NV-930-1430-ET; N-75209]**

**Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Nevada**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management proposes to withdraw a 2,303.61 acres of public lands from surface entry and mining for a period of 20 years to protect public health and safety from lands contaminated by previous mining operations. This notice closes the lands from surface entry and

mining for up to 2 years while various studies and analyses are made to make a final decision on the withdrawal application.

**DATES:** Comments and requests for a meeting should be received on or before August 6, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Nevada State Director, BLM, 1340 Financial Blvd., P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520-0006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Dennis J. Samuelson, BLM Nevada State Office, 775-861-6532.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 25, 2002, a petition was approved allowing the Bureau of Land Management to file an application to withdraw the following described public lands from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

**Mount Diablo Meridian**

T 10 N., R. 35 E.,

Sec. 1, lots 1, 8, 9, 16, 17, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

T 10 N., R. 36 E.,

Sec. 4, lots 9 to 14, inclusive, lots 16 to 20, inclusive, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 6;

Sec. 9, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 10, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 15, N $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

sec. 16, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The areas described aggregate 2,303.61 acres in Nye and Mineral Counties, Nevada.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect the public safety as well as to prevent the filing of mining claims which would interfere with the reclamation of the Paradise Peak Mine site. The Paradise Peak Mine was the site of mining and milling operations for many years. Operations have ceased and the operator has filed for bankruptcy. This area is known to contain residue of mercury and other

heavy metals that can be hazardous to public users. The Bureau of Land Management has collected the bond money and intends to reclaim the site. A withdrawal would preclude the filing of mining and mill site claims while the site is being reclaimed.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the Nevada State Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the Nevada State Director within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting. The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. Other uses which will be permitted during this segregative period are rights-of-way, leases, and permits.

Dated: April 10, 2002.

**Jim Stobaugh,**  
Lands Team Lead.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

[OMB Control Number 1010-0107]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submitted for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of a revision of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0107).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of

1995, we are submitting to OMB for review and approval an information collection request (ICR) titled "30 CFR part 218, Subpart B—Oil and Gas, General" (formerly titled "Designation of Royalty Payment Responsibility"). We are also soliciting comments from the public on this ICR.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before June 7, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (OMB Control Number 1010-0107), 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503. Also, submit copies of your written comments to Carol Shelby, Regulatory Specialist, Minerals Management Service, MS 320B2, P.O. Box 25165, Denver, Colorado 80225. If you use an overnight courier service, MMS's courier address is Building 85, Room A-614, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carol Shelby, Regulatory Specialist, phone (303) 231-3151 or FAX (303) 231-3385.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** 30 CFR Part 218, Subpart B—Oil and Gas, General.

**OMB Control Number:** 1010-0107.

**Bureau Form Numbers:** Forms MMS-4425 and MMS-4280.

**Abstract:** The Department of the Interior (DOI) is responsible for matters relevant to mineral resource development on Federal and Indian lands and the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The Secretary of the Interior is responsible for managing the production of minerals from Federal and Indian lands and the OCS, collecting royalties from lessees who produce minerals, and distributing the funds collected in accordance with applicable laws. The Secretary also has an Indian trust responsibility to manage Indian lands and seek advice and information from Indian beneficiaries. MMS performs the royalty management functions for the Secretary.

The Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996 (RSFA), Public Law 104-185, as corrected by Public Law 104-200, established that owners of operating rights or lease record title (referred to as "lessees") are responsible for making royalty and related payments on Federal oil and gas leases. It is common, however, for a payor rather than a lessee to make these payments. When a payor makes payments on behalf of a lessee, RSFA requires that the lessee designate the payor as its designee and notify MMS of this arrangement in writing.

These RSFA requirements are codified in 30 CFR 218.52. MMS designed Form MMS-4425, Designation Form, to contain all the information necessary for lessees to comply with these RSFA requirements. We are proposing a minor revision to Form MMS-4425 to remove the field for revenue source code. This revision is necessary to make Form MMS-4425 compatible with other forms, such as the Form MMS-2014, Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance, that were revised as a result of a major reengineering of MMS's financial and compliance processes and the procurement of a new computer system.

Regulations at 30 CFR 218.53 provide requirements that payors must follow to recoup overpayments on Indian mineral leases. These regulations are necessary for MMS to carry out its Indian trust responsibilities. Generally, a payor may recoup an overpayment on Form MMS-2014 against the current month's royalties or other revenues owed on the same Tribal lease. However, 30 CFR 218.53(b) allows payors with written permission from the Tribe to recoup overpayments in the same month against a different lease for which the Tribe is the lessor. The payor must furnish a copy of the Tribe's written permission to MMS.

The Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (FOGRMA) at 30 U.S.C. 1723, authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to pay a reward to certain individuals who provide information to the Government leading to the recovery of royalty or other payments owed to the United States from oil and gas leases on Federal lands or the Outer Continental Shelf. Criteria and procedures covering claims for, and payment of, rewards are provided at 30 CFR 218.57. In order to claim a reward, individuals must voluntarily, and of their own initiative, submit Form MMS-4280, Application for Reward for Original Information, to MMS.

Submission of the information in this collection is necessary to comply with FOGRMA and RSFA requirements and to carry out MMS's Indian trust responsibilities. Proprietary information that is submitted is protected, and there are no questions of a sensitive nature included in this information collection.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:** 1,607 oil and gas reporters.

**Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:** 1,207 hours. See the following chart for a breakdown of the burden estimate by CFR section and paragraph.