

and public land. In September 2001, BLM issued a Record of Decision authorizing activities proposed in an environmental impact statement (EIS). Previous to the EIS, numerous mine plan modifications and the original mine plan approvals were authorized in various environmental assessments (EAs). Currently, the mine is approved to disturb 1,831 acres on private and public lands. In April 2002, GMMC submitted a plan of operations modification referred to as the Millennium Expansion Project. The Millennium Expansion Project would disturb an additional 1,394 acres and would include expansion of existing and construction of new pits, expansion of existing waste rock storage facilities and construction of new waste rock storage facilities, two new heap leach processing facilities to include solution ponds, carbon columns, reagent storage tanks, a new ADR facility, support facilities (truck shop, fuel storage, warehouse), ancillary facilities, and construction of an evapo-transpiration closure cover system for the heap leach facilities.

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Field Manager, Winnemucca Field Office.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-910-0777-26-241A]

Notice of Public Meeting, Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Arizona Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held August 1, 2002 at the BLM National Training Center, 9828 North 31st Avenue in Phoenix, Arizona, beginning at 9 a.m. The public comment period will begin at approximately 11:30 a.m., and the meeting will adjourn at approximately 4 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Deborah Stevens, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, 222

North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ, Telephone (602) 417-9215.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Arizona. At this meeting, topics we plan to discuss include: The agenda items to be covered include: review of the March 1, 2002 meeting minutes; BLM State Director's Update on legislation, regulations and statewide issues; Updates on the Proposed Las Cienegas Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement, Arizona Drought Strategy, and the Arizona In-Lieu Selection; Status of Arizona BLM Planning Starts and Discussion of establishing a RAC Planning Working Group; Update Proposed Field Office Rangeland Resource Teams; RAC Questions on Written Reports from BLM Field Office Managers; Reports by the Standards and Guidelines, Recreation and Public Relations, Wild Horse and Burro Working Groups; Reports from RAC members; and Discussion of future meetings.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, tour transportation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided below.

Dated: July 1, 2002.

Carl Rountree,
Arizona Associate State Director.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare a Resource Management Plan for Alabama and Mississippi. Call for Coal Information and Invitation To Participate in Identification of Issues and Planning Criteria

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent and Call for Coal Information.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) field office in Jackson, Mississippi (Jackson Field Office) is initiating the preparation of a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the states of Alabama and Mississippi (AL-MS).

This action will require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Planning will be conducted for lands (tracts) and minerals under the administration of the BLM. The RMP will establish land use management policy on approximately 2,080 acres of land in Alabama, 3,770 acres of land in Mississippi and 200,000 acres of BLM administered in Alabama and Mississippi fluid mineral rights (oil and gas).

This notice also solicits coal information (Call for Coal Information) for BLM-administered coal in Alabama and Mississippi. Coal companies, state and local governments, and the general public are encouraged to submit information to assist the BLM in determining coal development potential, and development conflicts with other resources. If it is determined that there is development potential, BLM staff will give further consideration to addressing coal leasing in the RMP. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the data requested in this Call for Coal Information.

DATES: Submit comments and coal information on or before September 10, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments and coal information to BLM, Jackson Field Office; RMP AL-MS; 411 Briarwood Dr., Ste. 404; Jackson, MS 39206. Submit electronic comments and coal information to Elizabeth_Allison@blm.gov (RMP Team Leader). See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for file formats and other information about electronic filing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Elizabeth Allison, (601) 977-5413.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Planning will be conducted for lands (tracts) and minerals under the administration of the BLM. The tracts are located in more than 32 counties in Alabama and 19 counties in Mississippi. There are approximately 200,000 acres of BLM administered fluid mineral rights (oil and gas) under patented (private) lands in Alabama and Mississippi. BLM administered coal in these States may be addressed, if there are expressions of interest for future leasing and development.

Preliminary issues represent the BLM's knowledge, to date, on existing issues and concerns. The anticipated issues to be addressed in the RMP include, but are not limited to: (1) Public lands that could be transferred from BLM administration; (2) public lands that would be designated and managed as special management areas, and (3) BLM-administered fluid minerals that would be closed to leasing or designated as open to oil and gas development under (a) standard terms and conditions, (b) timing limitation (seasonal) constraints, (c) controlled surface use constraints, or (d) no surface occupancy constraints.

These issues are not final and may be refined by public input (comments). Issues proposed by the public will be reviewed by BLM. Determinations will be made as to whether they (1) will be addressed in the RMP or (2) are outside the scope of the RMP.

Preliminary planning criteria developed to guide the preparation of this RMP are listed below. These criteria may be refined by public input (comment).

1. Land use planning and environmental analysis will be conducted in accordance with laws, regulations, executive orders and manuals. Planning will be conducted for lands (tracts) and minerals under the administration of the BLM.

2. Surface tracts will be mapped and identified by legal description. Land use policy will be established for BLM-administered lands identified after the RMP is completed.

3. A reasonably foreseeable development scenario (RFDS) will be prepared for the future leasing (and development) of fluid minerals under split-estate lands (i.e., non-BLM surface and BLM minerals). The RFDS will be developed on a regional (county) basis. Areas of high, moderate and low oil and gas potential will be identified (mapped) for each state.

4. Areas with the potential for non energy solid mineral leasing (i.e., phosphates, sodium, etc.) will be evaluated for inclusion in the RMP.

5. Resource data needed to evaluate the impacts of future (foreseeable) mineral development will be collected on a regional basis.

6. The planning team will work cooperatively with (1) federal, state, county and local governments and agencies; (b) tribal governments; (c) groups and organizations; and (d) individuals.

An interdisciplinary team approach will be used to address resource issues in this RMP. The preliminary list of resource programs that will be

addressed includes archeology, lands and realty, geology and minerals, outdoor recreation, socioeconomic, soils, water, and wildlife. A RFDS will be developed for BLM-administered fluid minerals and used in the preparation of the RMP and EIS.

This notice initiates the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) public scoping process. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to national, regional and local needs and concerns. The public is invited to participate in this planning process, beginning with the identification of issues and planning criteria for the RMP. Comments relating to the preliminary issues and planning criteria (listed above) can be submitted in writing to the address listed above.

This planning process will emphasize localized one-to-one contacts, media coverage, direct mailings and continual coordination and collaboration. Meetings will be conducted to (1) determine the scope of the RMP, and (2) obtain input on issues and planning criteria. All public meetings will be announced through the local news media and BLM's Web site (www.es.blm.gov) at least 15 days prior to the event.

Individuals who submit comments may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name 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. All submissions from organizations and businesses and individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public review in their entirety.

You may submit comments and coal information by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to Elizabeth_Allison@blm.gov (RMP Team Leader).

Submit comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. The BLM also accepts comments and data on disks in WordPerfect 7 (and higher) and Word 97 (and higher) file formats or the ASCII file format. Identify all comments and data in electronic form by the docket number [PP 4F4327/R2253].

Information is needed to determine (1) The potential for coal development and (2) the development conflicts with other resources. Industry and other interested parties are asked to provide information required in Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR),

subpart 3420.1-2 (43 CFR 3420.1-2). Information is needed for (1) the application of coal planning screens, and (2) possible activity planning (i.e., tract delineation, ranking and selection). Based on the information that's received, additional issues (coal leasing) could be addressed in the RMP.

Those issues would be based on:

1. Determining areas acceptable for further coal leasing consideration with standard stipulations.

2. Determining areas acceptable for further coal leasing consideration with special stipulations.

3. Determining areas unacceptable for further coal leasing consideration.

These determinations will be based on the data BLM receives. BLM staff will: (1) Assess coal development potential, (2) apply unsuitability criteria to proposed lease areas, (3) identify potential multiple use conflicts and (4) identify surface owner consultation needs.

The type of information needed includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Location:

a. Mining companies should include a narrative description and delineate areas on a map (scale of 1 inch to 2,000 feet) for areas they are interested in leasing.

b. Descriptions of both public and private industry coal users in the general region.

2. Quantity needs (tonnage, dates) for both public and private industry coal developers and users.

3. Quality needs (by type and grade) by end users of the coal.

4. Coal reserve drilling data which may pertain to the planning area.

5. Information pertaining to land and mineral ownership.

a. Surface owner consent previously granted, whether consent is transferrable, and surface owner leases with coal companies.

b. Non federal, or fee (private) coal ownership adjacent to federal tracts currently leased or mined.

6. Other resource values occurring within the planning area which may conflict with coal development:

a. Describe the resource value and locate it on a map (scale of 1 inch to 2,000 feet).

b. State the reasons the particular resource would be in conflict with coal development.

Any individual, business entity, or public body may participate in this process by providing coal or other resource information under this Call for Coal Information.

(Authority: 43 U. S. C. 1701 et al; 42 U. S. C. 4321.)

Dated: June 4, 2002.

Mike Nedd,

Eastern States Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection

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

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of an extension of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0073).

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 220, Accounting Procedures for Determining Net Profit Share Payment for Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leases." We are also soliciting comments from the public on this ICR.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before August 12, 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 1010-0073), 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. Also, submit copies of your written comments to Carol Shelby, Regulatory Specialist, Minerals Management Service, Minerals Revenue Management, P.O. Box 25165, MS 320B2, 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. You may also submit your comments at our email

address *mrm.comments@mms.gov*. Include the title of the information collection and the OMB control number in the "Attention" line of your comment. Also include your name and return address. Submit electronic comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. If you do not receive a confirmation that we have received your email, contact Ms. Shelby at (303) 231-3151 or FAX (303) 231-3385.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carol Shelby, telephone (303) 231-3151, FAX (303) 231-3385, or email *Carol.Shelby@mms.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* 30 CFR Part 220, Accounting Procedures for Determining Net Profit Share Payment for Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leases.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0073.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Abstract: The Department of the Interior (DOI) is responsible for the management of all mineral leasing activities on Federal and Indian lands. The Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (30 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) requires the Secretary of the Interior to establish a comprehensive fiscal accounting, auditing, and collection system to accurately determine oil and gas royalties and other payments, and to collect and account for those monies in a timely manner. The Secretary delegated the authority for royalty management to MMS to develop a net profit share bidding system to encourage exploration and development of oil and gas leases on submerged lands of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). Section 8(a) of the OCS Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*), authorizes DOI to implement alternative bidding systems for the award of Federal oil and gas leases on the OCS. The net profit share lease (NPSL) system endeavors to balance the securing of a fair market return to the Federal Government for the

lease of its lands with a fair profit to companies risking their investment capital. The system provides an incentive for early and expeditious exploration and development and provides for a sharing of the risks by the lessee and the Government. The bidding system incorporates a fixed capital recovery system as the means through which the lessee recovers costs of exploration and development from production revenues, along with a reasonable return on investment.

The NPSL lessees are required to maintain an NPSL capital account and to provide either annual or monthly reports using data maintained in the capital account. In addition, NPSL lessees must file a report after each inventory of controllable material and following the cessation of production. Further, when nonoperators of an NPSL lease call for an audit, they must notify MMS, and when DOI calls for an audit, the lessee must notify all nonoperators on the lease. These requirements can be found in 30 CFR 220.010, 220.031, and 220.033.

The MMS is requesting an extension of OMB's approval to continue to collect this information. Submission of this information is required in order for MMS to determine when NPSL royalty payments are due and to determine the proper amount of payment. Proprietary information that is submitted is protected, and there are no questions of a sensitive nature included in this information collection.

Frequency: Annually before production; monthly after production.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: 12 OCS oil and gas lessees.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: 3,674 hours. The following chart shows the breakdown of the burden hours by CFR section and paragraph:

| Section | Reporting or record keeping requirement | Burden hours per response | Annual number of responses | Annual burden hours |
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| 220.010(a) 220.030(a) | For each NPSL tract, an NPSL capital account shall be established and maintained by the lessee for NPSL operations. Each lessee * * * shall establish and maintain such records as are necessary * * *. | 1 | 22 | 22 |
| 220.031(a) | Each lessee * * * shall file an annual report during the period from issuance of the NPSL until the first month in which production revenues are credited to the NPSL capital account. | 16 | 5 | 80 |