exchange proposals, cultural resources, and other issues as appropriate.

Purpose of the Northwest Colorado RAC February 21, 2003 meeting is to consider several resource management related topics including RAC Goals and Priorities, Moffat County Pilot Project update, Committee reports and/or actions, Standards for Public Land Health update, and Field Office Managers' and Staff presentations.

These Northwest and Southwest Colorado RAC meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the RACs. Each RAC meeting will also have time, as identified above, 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 planning to attend the meetings who need special assistance should contact the RAC Coordinator listed above.

Dated: December 20, 2002.

Larry Porter,

Acting Western Slope Center Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ–910–0777–26–241A]

State of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Arizona Resource Advisory Council (RAC).

The business meeting will be held on January 27, 2003, at the Crowe Plaza, 2532 W. Peoria Avenue in Phoenix, Arizona. It will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. The agenda items to be covered include: review of the October 3, and November 20, 2002 meeting minutes; BLM State Director's Update on Statewide Issues; Briefing on three-issues (Burro-Herd Management Area, Palamarita Burro Gather, and Range Allotment Monitoring) requested by the Mohave Livestock Association; Update on Land Use Planning Efforts. Update on the Southwest Strategy, RAC Questions on Written Reports from BLM Field Office Managers; Update Proposed Field Office Rangeland Resource Teams, Reports by the Standards and Guidelines, Recreation, Public Relations, Land Use Planning, Wild Horse and Burro Working Groups; Reports from RAC members; and Discussion of future meetings. A public comment period will be provided at 11:30 a.m. on January 27, for any interested publics who wish to address the Council.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Stevens, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004–2203, (602) 417–9215.

Elaine Y. Zielinski,

Arizona State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MTM 90527/IDI 33690]

Public Land Order No. 7549; Withdrawal of National Forest System Land to Preserve Lemhi Pass National Historic Landmark; Montana and Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws 1,328.84 acres of National Forest System land from mining for a period of 20 years to preserve the unique resources of Lemhi Pass National Historic Landmark. The land has been and will remain open to such forms of disposition as may by law be made of National Forest System land and to mineral leasing. An additional 176.45 acres would become subject to the terms and conditions of this withdrawal upon acquisition of the mineral estate by the United States.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 27, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katie Bump, Project Coordinator, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, 420 Barrett Street, Dillon, Montana 59725–3572, 406–683–3955.

Order

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. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described National Forest System land is hereby withdrawn from location or entry under the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1994)), to preserve the unique resources of Lemhi Pass National Historic Landmark:

(a) *Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest*

Principal Meridian, Montana,

T. 10 S., R. 15 W.,
Sec. 9, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, and E½E½;

The area described contains 285.71 acres in Beaverhead County.

(b) *Salmon-Challis National Forest*

Boise Meridian, Idaho,

T. 19 N., R. 25 E.,
Sec. 10, S½SE¼;
Sec. 11, lot 4, S½SW¼, and SW¼SE¼;
Sec. 14, lots 1 to 5, inclusive, lots 7 and 8, NW¼, and W½E½;
Sec. 15, NE¼ and N½SE¼.

The area described contains 1,043.13 acres in Lemhi County.

The areas described in (a) and (b) above aggregate 1,328.84 acres.

2. The following described land, which is located within the boundary of the Lemhi Pass National Historic Landmark, would become subject to the terms and conditions of this withdrawal upon acquisition of the mineral estate by the United States:

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

Principal Meridian, Montana,

T. 10 S., R. 15 W.,
Sec. 16, lots 1 and 2, and E½NE¼.

The area described contains 176.45 acres in Beaverhead County.

3. The withdrawal made by this order does not alter the applicability of those public land laws governing the use of National Forest System lands under lease, license, or permit, or governing the disposal of their mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

4. 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: December 10, 2002.

Rebecca W. Watson,

Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY–957–02–1420–BJ]

Survey Plat Filings; Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of filing of plats of survey, Wyoming.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has filed the plats of survey of the lands described below in the BLM Wyoming State Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming, on November 14, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, 5353 Yellowstone Road, PO Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These surveys were executed at the request of the Bureau of Land Management, and are necessary for the management of resources. The lands surveyed are:

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the east boundary, and a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of certain sections, Township 27 North, Range 85 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, was accepted November 14, 2002.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of portion of the Seventh Standard Parallel North, through Ranges 84 and 85 West, a portion of the east boundary, and a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of certain sections, Township 28 North, Range 85 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, was accepted November 14, 2002.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of section 12, Township 29 North, Range 86 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, was accepted November 14, 2002.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the east boundary, and a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of section 25, Township 30 North, Range 86 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, was accepted November 14, 2002.

Copies of the preceding described plats are available to the public.

Dated: December 20, 2002.

John P. Lee,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Division of Support Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection, Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010–0126).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, we are inviting comments on a collection of information we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request (ICR) is titled ''Royalty-in-Kind (RIK) Pilot Program—Directed Communications by Operators of Federal Oil and Gas Leases.''

DATES: Submit written comments on or before February 25, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to Sharron L. Gebhardt, Regulatory Specialist, Minerals Management Service, Minerals Revenue Management, P.O. Box 25165, MS320B2, Denver, Colorado 80225. If you use an overnight courier service, our courier address is Building 85, Room A–614, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225. You may also e-mail your comments to us at *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 we have received your e-mail, contact Ms. Gebhardt at (303) 231–3211.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharron L. Gebhardt, telephone (303) 231–3211, FAX (303) 231–3385, or e-mail *sharron.gebhardt@mms.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* ''Royalty-in-Kind (RIK) Pilot Program—Directed Communications by Operators of Federal Oil and Gas Leases.''

OMB Control Number: 1010–0126.

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 (Secretary) under the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 192) and the OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1353) 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. MMS performs the royalty management functions for the Secretary.

Most royalties are now paid in value. For example, when a company or individual enters into a contract to develop, produce, and dispose of minerals from Federal lands, that company or individual agrees to pay the United States a share (royalty) of the full value received for the minerals taken from leased lands. MMS has undertaken several pilot programs to study the feasibility of taking the Government's royalty in the form of production, that is, as RIK.

Collection of RIK requires communication between MMS and the operators of a lease to assure accurate and timely delivery of MMS's royalty share of production volumes.

MMS, as responsible steward of oil and gas royalties, must direct operators of affected MMS leases to carry out three types of communication to take MMS's RIK crude oil or natural gas. The types of information that operators must provide are as follows:

(1) About 8–10 days before end of the month, report initial information about the projected volumes and qualities of RIK production the operator expects to make available in the next month, and corrections to those projected volumes and qualities for the month, submitted at varying frequencies during the month;

(2) When needed, report billing information about transportation/billing arrangements for the RIK to the delivery point, and

(3) Report month-end summary information (lease imbalance statement) about total RIK volumes and qualities needed to carry over to the next month to resolve aggregated imbalances that have incurred in prior months of RIK deliveries.

Experience with the Wyoming and Texas 8(g) Pilots demonstrate directed communication requirements differed according to the needs of each pilot situation. For example, in the Wyoming Pilot, RIK was delivered to the purchasers at the lease. Therefore, the direction to make transportation arrangements was included in ''Dear Operator'' letters issued to those operators. For these reasons, we are not requesting OMB approval of specific ''Dear Operator'' letters to operators but, instead, requesting OMB approval to continue collecting the three kinds of reporting requirements concerning communications between operators and