

(OMB) under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). On March 7, 2003, the BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 11125) requesting comment on this information collection. The comment period ended on May 6, 2003. BLM received no comments. You may obtain copies of the collection of information and related forms and explanatory material by contacting the BLM Information Collection Clearance Officer at the telephone number listed below.

The OMB must respond to this request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. For maximum consideration your comments and suggestions on the requirements should be directed within 30 days to the Office of Management and Budget, Interior Department Desk Officer (1004-0179), at OMB-OIRA via facsimile to (202) 395-6566 or e-mail to

OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Bureau Information Collection Clearance Officer (WO-630), Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Blvd., Springfield, Virginia 22153.

Nature of Comments: We specifically request your comments on the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the BLM, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of our estimates of the information collection burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use;
3. Ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information we collect; and
4. Ways to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: In-Kind Crude Helium Sales Contract (43 CFR 3195).

OMB Control Number: 1004-0179.

Bureau Form Number(s): None.

Abstract: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) collects and uses the information from entities interested in purchasing and selling Federal helium. The respondents are Federal agencies and helium suppliers (contractors) who purchase major helium requirements and report to the BLM the sales information.

Frequency: Quarterly and annually.

Description of Respondents: Federal agencies and helium contractors.

Estimated Completion Time: 3 hours (1 hour for the contract and 15 minutes to 2 hours for quarterly sales information required under 43 CFR part 3195).

Annual Responses: 32.

Application Fee Per Response: 0.

Annual Burden Hours: 96.

Bureau Clearance Officer: Michael Schwartz, (202) 452-5033.

Dated: April 30, 2004.

Michael H. Schwartz,

Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID095-04-1220-BA:GPO DBG040006]

Emergency Closure of Skinny Dipper Hot Springs

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The parking area adjacent to the Banks-Lowman Highway near mile post 4, the trail from the parking area to the Skinny Dipper Hot Springs, and all areas within 1,000 feet of the Skinny Dipper Hot Springs are being closed from sunset to sunrise each day. These public lands are administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and are located within Lot 3; Section 25, T. 9 N., R.3 E., Boise Meridian, Boise County, Idaho. The emergency closure is intended to provide for public safety. Currently, the public's safety is at high risk.

Law enforcement officers of Federal, State and County governments, while on official business of that agency, are exempt from this order. Exceptions to this closure may include vehicle use for administrative and emergency purposes. Under special circumstances, the authorized officer may issue a special permit allowing access into the area for specific purposes. The closure will go into effect on July 1, 2004 and will expire on May 24, 2009.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Emergency Access Closure Order is effective on July 1, 2004 through May 24, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management, Four Rivers Field Office, 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83705

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah L. Epps, Acting Four Rivers Field Manager, (208) 384-3300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Over the last several years there have been numerous injuries and a recent fatality from a fall resulting in the need to immediately institute this closure.

This emergency closure is being established and administered by the BLM. Authority for this action is found in 43 CFR 8360.0-3 and complies with 43 CFR 8364.1 Closure and Restriction Orders. Violation of this closure order is in accordance with 43 CFR 8360.0-7 punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.

Dated: March 24, 2004.

Deborah L. Epps,

Acting Four Rivers Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID090-04-1050-HF]

Emergency Closure Order in Ada County, Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Higby Cave and all public lands within 1000 feet of the cave, being within the S¹/₂NW¹/₄NW¹/₄ and N¹/₂SW¹/₄NW¹/₄ of Section 32, T. 1 S., R. 3 E., Boise Meridian, Ada County, Idaho, containing approximately 72 acres, are hereby closed from sunset to sunrise each day. In addition, because of recent changes in the structural integrity of the cave and the related potential hazardous conditions that exist, all persons are hereby prohibited entry into the cave at all times, except by Bureau of Land Management (BLM) special permit. This emergency closure is intended to provide for public safety and to protect valuable resource assets from further degradation.

BLM employees, authorized permittees, and other Federal, State, and county employees while on official business of their respective agencies, including associated vehicle use for administrative and emergency purposes are exempt from this order.

DATES: This Emergency Closure Order is effective immediately upon signing, and extends through May 1, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management, Four Rivers Field Office, 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83705.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry Ridenhour, BLM Outdoor Recreation Planner, (208) 384-3334.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This emergency closure is effective immediately upon signing, and will expire on May 1, 2007. During this period, BLM will evaluate whether a permanent closure is in the public interest. In the interim, the BLM authorized officer may issue a special permit allowing access into the cave under special circumstances and for specific purposes.

Definitions: (a) "Public lands" means any lands or interests in lands owned by the United States and administered by the Secretary of the Interior through the BLM; (b) "Authorized officer" means any employee of the BLM who has been delegated the authority to perform the duties described herein; (c) "Administrative purposes" means any use by an employee or designated representative of the Federal government, or one of its agents or contractors in the course of their employment or representation; (d) "Emergency purposes" means actions related to fire, rescue, or law enforcement activities.

This emergency closure is established and administered by the BLM under the authority of 43 CFR 8360.0-3, and complies with 43 CFR 8364.1 (Closure and Restriction Orders). In accordance with 43 CFR 8360.0-7, violation of this order is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months. Violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for in Title 18 U.S.C. 3571.

Dated: May 4, 2004.

Rosemary Thomas,

Acting Four Rivers Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

[NM 020-5410-G-509; NMMN 103815]

Conveyance of Mineral Interest in New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of segregation.

SUMMARY: The mineral interests owned by the United States in the land described in this notice, containing approximately 10.00 acres, are segregated and made unavailable for filings under the general mining laws and the mineral leasing laws to

determine the suitability for conveyance of the reserved mineral interests pursuant to section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976. The mineral interests may be conveyed in whole or in part upon favorable mineral examination. The purpose is to allow consolidation of surface and subsurface of minerals ownership where there are no known mineral values or in those instances where the reservation interferes with or precludes appropriate non-mineral development and such development is a more beneficial use of the land than the mineral development.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hal Knox, Realty Specialist, Taos Field Office. Located in the New Mexico State Office, 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, 505-438-7402.

New Mexico Principal Meridian, New Mexico

T. 15 N., R. 11 E.,

Sec. 7, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Minerals Reservation—All Minerals

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Upon publication of this Notice of Segregation in the **Federal Register** as provided in 43 CFR 2720.1-1(b), the mineral interests owned by the United States in the private land covered by the application shall be segregated to the extent that they will not be subject to appropriation under the mining and mineral leasing laws. The segregative effect of the application shall terminate upon: issuance of a patent or deed to such mineral interest; upon final rejection of the application; or two years from the date of publication of this notice, whichever occurs first.

Dated: June 21, 2004.

Sam DesGeorges,

Acting Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Meetings and Hearing, Subcommittee of the Southwest Resource Advisory Council (Colorado), Public Hearing, and Open Houses

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior, U.S. Forest Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings and hearing.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management

Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, a subcommittee of the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Southwest Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet three times as indicated below. In addition, one public hearing and three public open houses will be held. The public hearing, open houses, and RAC subcommittee meetings are for the purpose of obtaining public input on the Northern San Juan Basin Coal Bed Methane Environmental Impact Statement being prepared by the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service.

DATES: The public hearing will be held on July 14, 2004, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The hearing will be held in Bayfield, Colorado. Open houses will be held on July 19, 2004, in Durango, Colorado; July 20, 2004, in Pagosa Springs, Colorado; and July 21, 2004, in Bayfield, Colorado and July 28, 2004 in Ignacio, Colorado. Each of the four open houses will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Meetings of the subcommittee of the Southwest RAC will be held on August 11, 2004, in Bayfield, Colorado; August 17, 2004, in Pagosa Springs, Colorado; and August 19, 2004, in Durango, Colorado. Each of the RAC subcommittee meetings will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A total of six public meetings and one public hearing will be held in Southwestern Colorado to receive public input on the Northern San Juan Basin Coal Bed Methane Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) during the public comment period for the draft EIS. Three of these meetings are of a subcommittee of the Southwest RAC. This subcommittee was formed to assist the BLM in collecting and fully understanding public comment on the EIS being prepared for the proposed development of coal bed natural gas in the Northern San Juan Basin of Colorado. The subcommittee, upon collection of public comment, will report back to the Southwest RAC for the full council's consideration. The 15-member Southwest RAC advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in southwestern Colorado.

While the format of the seven sessions will vary, all are open to the public. The public will be invited to raise questions and concerns regarding the draft EIS prepared for proposed coal bed natural gas development. Comments may be presented orally or in writing, however