

authorizations to conduct oil and gas geophysical exploration operations on public lands. 36 CFR part 228 subpart E, and 36 CFR 251 subpart A and subpart B establish procedures for the FS to authorize geophysical operations on FS lands.

The BLM and FS need the information requested on the Notice of Intent to process applications for geophysical exploration operations on public lands and to manage environmental compliance requirements in accordance with the laws, regulations, and land use plans. The BLM and FS use the information to determine if operators will conduct geophysical operations in a manner consistent with the regulations, local land use plans, and stipulations. The BLM and FS need the information requested on the Notice of Completion to determine whether rehabilitation of the lands is satisfactory or whether additional rehabilitation is necessary. You may submit the forms in person or by mail. We need the company name, address, and telephone number to identify the person/entity conducting operations. BLM will assign a Case File Number to track each specific operation. We require the legal land description to determine the location of the involved public lands. Additional information that we request includes the type and size of the proposed activity, location of the proposed operation, equipment you plan to use, operating procedures, and timing of the operation.

Applicants must submit these forms to allow BLM and FS to determine who is conducting geophysical operations on public lands. An interagency BLM/FS team revised the respective forms to streamline and improve the process for both the Federal government and its customers. Combining the BLM and FS individual forms into a single BLM/FS form will ensure consistent management of the geophysical operations on public lands and will better serve the public. The forms are:

1. Notice of Intent and Request for Authorization to Conduct Geophysical Exploration Operations (NOI/RFA), BLM SF 3110-4/FS SF 2800-16; and
2. Notice of Completion of Geophysical Exploration Operations, BLM SF 3110-5/FS SF 2800-16a.

Based on experience administering onshore oil and gas geophysical exploration operations, BLM and FS estimate the public reporting burden for completing the Notice of Intent is one hour, and for completing the Notice of Completion is 20 minutes. The information we require is clearly outlined on the forms and in the terms and conditions. The respondents

already maintain the information for their own recordkeeping purposes and will need only to transfer or attach it to the forms. BLM and FS estimate that it receives approximately 625 Notices of Intent (600 to BLM and 25 to FS), 625 Notices of Completion, and 3 nonform data items annually (Alaska only, if off lease), with a total annual burden of 836 hours. Respondents vary from small business to major corporations.

Any member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of the BLM Form 3110-4/FS Form 2800-16 or BLM Form 3110-5/FS Form 2800-16a by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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: June 25, 2004.

Michael H. Schwartz,

Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Conference Officer.

Dated: June 28, 2004.

Bruce Ramsey,

Director, Minerals and Geology Management, USDA, Forest Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Oregon: Meeting Notice—Use of Helicopters or Motor Vehicles in the Management of Wild Horses

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Burns District, Interior.

ACTION: Annual public meeting to discuss the use of helicopters or motor vehicles in the management of wild horses in Oregon.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971, as amended (Public Law 92-195) and 43 CFR 4740.1(b), this notice sets forth the annual public meeting date to discuss the use of helicopters or motorized vehicles in the management of wild horses in Oregon from October 1, 2004, to September 30, 2005.

DATES: *Public Meeting Date:* July 29, 2004—2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the BLM Burns District Office, 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Connie Dellera, BLM, Burns District Office, 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines,

Oregon 97738, telephone (541) 573-4456.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Public comments will be accepted concerning the use of helicopters or motorized vehicles in the management of wild horses. The proposed gathering schedule and approximate dates of gathering for the period October 1, 2004, to September 30, 2005, will be presented at the meeting. Approximately 800 to 1,000 wild horses are proposed for gather and adoption in Oregon, dependent on available funds.

Persons interested in making an oral statement at this meeting regarding the use of helicopters or motorized vehicles in the management of wild horses are asked to notify the District Manager, BLM, Burns District Office, 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738 by July 23, 2004. Summary minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection and duplication within 30 days following the meeting.

The Burns District is also accepting written comments regarding the use of helicopters or motorized vehicles in the management of wild horses. Written statements must be received by July 28, 2004, and should be sent to the address listed above.

Comments, including names, street addresses, and other contact information of respondents, will be available for public review. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to request that BLM consider withholding your name, street address, and other contact information (such as Internet address, FAX or phone number) from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. BLM will honor your request for confidentiality on a case-by-case basis to the extent allowed by law. BLM will make available for public inspection in their entirety all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses.

Dated: June 24, 2004.

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Burns District Manager.

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