

throughout the planning process. Chaves, Eddy, and Lea Counties, the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, State Land Office, and Department of Game and Fish participated as cooperating agencies. The BLM tribal government consultation included the Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo, Mescalero Apache Tribe, Apache Tribe of Oklahoma, Kiowa Tribe, and the Comanche Tribe of Oklahoma. In 2005, public scoping meetings were conducted to help identify planning issues. Identified issues encompassed, but were not limited to, the development of energy resources, special management designations, special status species management, livestock grazing, and off-highway vehicle designations. The Draft RMPA/ Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was released to the public for a 90-day comment period in October 2006. The BLM hosted public meetings in Roswell, Carlsbad, Artesia, and Hobbs, New Mexico, and Midland, Texas, to answer questions about the document, as well as to solicit comments from the public.

The ROD/Approved RMPA selects the Preferred Alternative, Alternative B, which was identified in the Proposed RMPA/Final EIS. Alternative B adopts concepts of a Conservation Strategy that was developed by a stakeholder group during the planning process, and adds measures to provide greater protection of lesser prairie-chicken and sand dune lizard habitat. In addition to the Preferred Alternative, the BLM will also establish the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Habitat Preservation Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). This ACEC is a modification of the proposed ACEC as described in Alternative E of the Draft RMPA/EIS and Proposed RMPA/Final EIS. The purpose of the ACEC is to maintain and enhance habitat for the lesser prairie-chicken and sand dune lizard. The decision to designate this ACEC is because the lesser prairie-chicken has a high potential for listing as a threatened or endangered species by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). The FWS will review the status of the lesser prairie-chicken in 2009; therefore, the establishment of this ACEC is to help mitigate the potential for listing this species through the provision of specific management prescriptions. The Lesser Prairie-Chicken ACEC comprises 37,082 public land surface acres and 46,902 acres of Federal mineral estate.

The Proposed RMPA/Final EIS was published on November 2, 2007. The Governor's 60-day consistency review resulted in no comments from the Governor's office. The BLM received one protest to the Proposed RMPA/Final

EIS. No changes were made to the RMPA based on the protest, which was dismissed by the Director of the BLM. As a result, only minor editorial modifications were made in preparing the Approved RMPA, with the exception of adding the Lesser Prairie-Chicken ACEC to the final decision. These modifications provided further clarification of some of the decisions.

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New Mexico State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-030-08-1232-EA-NV15; 8-08807; TAS: 14X5413]

Temporary Closure of Public Lands During Competitive Special Recreation Permitted Events on Public Lands Managed by the Carson City Field Office, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will effect temporary closure of certain public lands in Lyon, Storey, Churchill, Carson, Douglas, Mineral, Washoe, and Nye counties at various dates and locations to provide for public and participant safety and to protect adjacent natural and cultural resources during the conduct of permitted special recreation events.

EFFECTIVE DATES: April through November 2008. Events may be canceled or rescheduled with short notice due to weather, sudden change in resource conditions, emergency actions, or at the discretion of the authorizing officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arthur Callan, (775) 885-6000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These closures (Closure Number: NV-030-08-001) are authorized under the provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.* This notice applies to public lands directly affected by and adjacent to competitive special events for which a BLM Special Recreation Permit (SRP) has been authorized. Examples of events include: motorized off-highway vehicle (OHV) races, mountain bike races; horse endurance rides and field dog trials. Race and ride events are conducted along dirt roads, trails, and washes approved for such

use; field dog trials occur over specified acreages. One or more special events occur monthly from April through November. Unless otherwise posted, race closure periods are from 5 a.m. race day until race finish or until the event has cleared between affected check point locations. Closures may occupy 2 to 24 hour periods. The general public will be advised of event and closure specifics via on-the-ground signage, public letters, e-mail, or local newspaper notices. The public may call to confirm or discuss closures at anytime prior to an announced event date. Locations commonly used for permitted events include, but are not limited to:

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

1. *Lemmon Valley MX Area—Washoe County*
T. 21 N., R. 19 E., Sec. 8.

2. *Hungry Valley Recreation Area—Washoe County*

T. 20–24 N., R. 18–21 E.

3. *Pine Nut Mountains—Carson, Douglas and Lyon Counties*

T. 11–16 N., R. 20–24 E.

4. *Virginia City/Jumbo Areas—Storey and Washoe Counties*

T. 16–17 N., R. 20–21 E.

5. *Yerington/Weeks Areas—Lyon County*

T. 12–16 N., R. 23–27 E.

6. *Fallon Area (Including Sand Mountain)—Churchill County*

T. 14–18 N., R. 27–32 E.

7. *Hawthorne Area—Mineral County*

T. 5–14 N., R. 31½–36 E.

8. *Vegas to Reno OHV Race Route: Nye, Mineral, Churchill, and Lyon Counties in the Vicinity of Highway 95 From South to North*

Marking and effect of closure: BLM lands to be temporarily closed to public use include the length, width and certain lands adjacent to those roads, trails or areas identified as the race route or event area by colorful flagging, chalk arrows in the dirt and directional arrows attached to wooden stakes. The authorized applicants or their representatives are authorized and required to post warning signs, control access to, and clearly mark the event routes and areas, common access roads and road crossings during closure periods. Spectator and support vehicles may be driven on open roads only. Spectators may observe motorized race events from specified locations (such as designated spectator, pit and check point areas) or as directed by event and agency officials.

Other permitted and recreational uses generally affected by a temporary

closure include: road and trail uses for livestock management and mineral exploration, utility maintenance, casual public land exploration, camping, hunting, or shooting of any kind of weapon including paint ball.

Exceptions: Closure restrictions do not apply to event officials, medical/rescue, law enforcement, and agency personnel monitoring the events.

Penalties: In accordance with the applicable provisions of 43 U.S.C. 1733 any person failing to comply with the closure orders may be subject to imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or a fine in accordance with the applicable provisions of 18 U.S.C. 3571 or both.

Authority: 43 CFR 8364.1 and 43 CFR, part 2930.

Dated: April 14, 2008.

Donald T. Hicks,

Manager, Carson City Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

[Docket No. MMS-2008-OMM-0026]

MMS Information Collection Activity: 1010-0057, 30 CFR Part 250, Subpart C, Pollution Prevention and Control, Extension of a Collection; Submitted for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of an information collection (1010-0057) extension.

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), MMS is inviting comments on a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request (ICR) concerns the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 CFR Part 250, Subpart C, "Pollution Prevention and Control."

DATES: Submit written comments by July 1, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods.

- Electronically: go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Under the tab "More Search Options," click Advanced

Docket Search, then select "Minerals Management Service" from the agency drop-down menu, then click "submit." In the Docket ID column, select MMS-2008-OMM-0026 to submit public comments and to view supporting and related materials available for this rulemaking. Information on using Regulations.gov, including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site's "User Tips" link. The MMS will post all comments.

- Mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Attention: Cheryl Blundon; 381 Elden Street, MS-4024; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817. Please reference "Information Collection 1010-0057" in your subject line and mark your message for return receipt. Include your name and return address in your message text.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cheryl Blundon, Regulations and Standards Branch, (703) 787-1607. You may also contact Cheryl Blundon to obtain a copy, at no cost, of the regulations that require the subject collection of information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR Part 250, Subpart C, "Pollution Prevention and Control."

OMB Control Number: 1010-0057.

Abstract: The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.* and 43 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to prescribe rules and regulations to administer leasing of the OCS. Such rules and regulations will apply to all operations conducted under a lease. Operations on the OCS must preserve, protect, and develop oil and natural gas resources in a manner that is consistent with the need to make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; to balance orderly energy resource development with protection of human, marine, and coastal environments; to ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources of the OCS; and to preserve and maintain free enterprise competition.

Section 1332(6) states that "operations in the [O]uter Continental Shelf should be conducted in a safe manner by well-trained personnel using technology, precautions, and techniques sufficient to prevent or minimize the likelihood of blowouts, loss of well

control, fires, spillages, physical obstruction to other users of the waters or subsoil and seabed, or other occurrences which may cause damage to the environment or to property, or endanger life or health." Section 1334(a)(8) requires that regulations prescribed by the Secretary include provisions "for compliance with the national ambient air quality standards pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*), to the extent that activities authorized under this Act significantly affect the air quality of any State." Section 1843(b) calls for "regulations requiring all materials, equipment, tools, containers, and all other items used on the Outer Continental Shelf to be properly color coded, stamped, or labeled, wherever practicable, with the owner's identification prior to actual use."

This information collection (IC) request covers the regulations at 30 CFR Part 250, Subpart C, Pollution Prevention and Control. It also covers the related Notices to Lessees and Operators (NTLs) that the Minerals Management Service (MMS) issues to clarify and provide additional guidance on some aspects of the regulations.

We will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2) and under regulations at 30 CFR 250.197, "Data and information to be made available to the public or for limited release." No items of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are mandatory.

Frequency: On occasion, monthly, or annually, daily for inspection recordkeeping; varies by section.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: Approximately 130 Federal OCS oil and gas or sulphur lessees and 17 states.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: The currently approved annual reporting burden for this collection is 226,451 hours. The following chart details the individual components and respective hour burden estimates of this ICR. In calculating the burdens, we assumed that respondents perform certain requirements in the normal course of their activities. We consider these to be usual and customary and took that into account in estimating the burden.