

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-923-1310-FI; WYW149277]

Wyoming: Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188(d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3(a) and (b)(1), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a petition for reinstatement from Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP and Stephen Energy Company LLC for Competitive oil and gas lease WYW149277 for land in Sweetwater County, WY. The petition was filed on time and was accompanied by all the rentals due since the date the lease terminated under the law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, Pamela J. Lewis, Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication, at (307) 775-6176.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lessees have agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16²/₃ percent, respectively. The lessees have paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$163 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice. The lessees have met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in sections 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease WYW149277 effective December 1, 2007, under the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above. BLM has not issued a valid lease affecting the lands.

Pamela J. Lewis,
Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-030-08-5700-BX; 8-08807; TAS: 14X5017]

Temporary Closure of Public Lands in Washoe County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Closure.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1 certain public lands near Stead, Nevada, will be temporarily closed to all public use. This action is being taken to provide for public safety during the Reno Air Racing Association Pylon Racing Seminar and the Reno National Championship Air Races.

DATES: *Effective Date:* Closure to all public use June 18 through June 21, 2008, and September 7 through September 14, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bryant Smith, (775) 885-6000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These closures are authorized under the provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.* This closure applies to all public use, including pedestrian use and vehicles. The public lands affected by this closure are described as follows:

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 21 N., R. 19 E.,
Sec. 8, N¹/₂NE¹/₄, SE¹/₄NE¹/₄ and E¹/₂SE¹/₄;
Sec. 16, N¹/₂ and SW¹/₄.

The area described contains 680 acres, more or less.

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

Penalties: Any person who fails to comply with the closure orders is subject to arrest and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than \$1,000 and/or imprisonment for not more than 12 months.

Authority: 43 CFR 8360.0-7 and 8364.1.

Dated: June 2, 2008.

Donald T. Hicks,

Field Manager, Carson City Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

[Docket No. MMS-2008-OMM-0028]

MMS Information Collection Activity: 1010-0072 Prospecting for Minerals other than Oil, Gas and Sulphur in the Outer Continental Shelf, Extension of an Information Collection; Submitted for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of an information collection (1010-0072).

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 280, "Prospecting for Minerals Other than Oil, Gas, and Sulphur on the Outer Continental Shelf."

DATES: Submit written comments by August 8, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by either of the following methods listed below.

- **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-0028 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 1010-0072" 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 and the form that requires the subject collection of information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR part 280, Prospecting for Minerals Other than Oil, Gas, and Sulphur on the Outer Continental Shelf.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0072.

Form: MMS-134.

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. Section 1337(k) of the OCS Lands Act authorizes the Secretary “* * * to grant to the qualified persons offering the highest cash bonuses on a basis of competitive bidding leases of any mineral other than oil, gas, and sulphur in any area of the outer Continental Shelf not then under lease for such mineral upon such royalty, rental, and other terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe at the time of offering the area for lease.” An amendment to the OCS Lands Act (Pub. L. 103-426) authorizes the Secretary to negotiate agreements (in lieu of the previously required competitive bidding process) for the use of OCS sand, gravel, and shell resources for certain specified types of public uses. The specified uses will support construction of governmental projects for beach nourishment, shore protection, and wetlands enhancement; or any project authorized by the Federal Government.

Section 1340 states that “* * * any person authorized by the Secretary may conduct geological and geophysical [G&G] explorations in the outer Continental Shelf, which do not interfere with or endanger actual operations under any lease maintained or granted pursuant to this Act, and

which are not unduly harmful to aquatic life in such area.” The section further requires that permits to conduct such activities may only be issued if it is determined that the applicant is qualified; the activities are not polluting, hazardous, or unsafe; they do not interfere with other users of the area; and they do not disturb a site, structure, or object of historical or archaeological significance. Respondents are required to submit form MMS-134 to provide the information necessary to evaluate their qualifications.

Section 1352 further requires that certain costs be reimbursed to the parties submitting required G&G information and data. Under the Act, permittees are to be reimbursed for the costs of reproducing any G&G data required to be submitted. Permittees are to be reimbursed also for the reasonable cost of processing geophysical information required to be submitted when processing is in a form or manner required by the Director and is not used in the normal conduct of the business of the permittee.

The MMS OCS Regions collect information required under part 280 to ensure there is no environmental degradation, personal harm or unsafe operations and conditions, damage to historical or archaeological sites, or interference with other uses; to analyze and evaluate preliminary or planned drilling activities; to monitor progress and activities in the OCS; to acquire G&G data and information collected under a Federal permit offshore; and to determine eligibility for reimbursement from the Government for certain costs.

Respondents are required to submit form MMS-134 to provide the information necessary to evaluate their

qualifications. The information is necessary for MMS to determine if the applicants for permits or filers of notices meet the qualifications specified by the Act. The MMS uses the information collected to understand the G&G characteristics of hard mineral-bearing physiographic regions of the OCS. It aids MMS in obtaining a proper balance among the potentials for environmental damage, the discovery of hard minerals, and adverse impacts on affected coastal states. Information from permittees is necessary to determine the propriety and amount of reimbursement.

Responses are mandatory or required to obtain or retain a benefit. No questions of a sensitive nature are asked. The MMS protects information considered proprietary according to 30 CFR 280.70 and applicable sections of 30 CFR parts 250 and 252, and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2).

Frequency: On occasion, annual; and as required in the permit.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: Approximately one hard mineral permittee or one notice filer at any given time and one affected State.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: The currently approved annual reporting burden for this collection is 109 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.

Citation 30 CFR part 280	Reporting and recordkeeping requirements	Hour burden
		Non-hour cost burden
10; 11(a); 12; 13; Permit Form	Apply for permit (form MMS-134) to conduct prospecting or G&G scientific research activities, including prospecting/scientific research plan and environmental assessment or required drilling plan.	8
11(b); 12(c)	File notice to conduct scientific research activities related to hard minerals, including notice to MMS prior to beginning and after concluding activities.	8 \$1,900
21(a)	Report to MMS if hydrocarbon/other mineral occurrences or environmental hazards are detected or adverse effects occur.	1
22	Request approval to modify operations	1
23(b)	Request reimbursement for expenses for MMS inspection	1
24	Submit status and final reports on specified schedule	8
28	Request relinquishment of permit	1
31(b); 73	Governor(s) of adjacent State(s) submissions to MMS: Comments on activities involving an environmental assessment; request for proprietary data, information, and samples; and disclosure agreement.	1
33, 34	Appeal penalty, order, or decision—burden covered under 5 CFR 1320.4(a)(2), (c)	

Citation 30 CFR part 280	Reporting and recordkeeping requirements	Hour burden
		Non-hour cost burden
40; 41; 50; 51; Permit Form	Notify MMS and submit G&G data/information collected under a permit and/or processed by permittees or 3rd parties, including reports, logs or charts, results, analyses, descriptions, etc.	4
42(b); 52(b)	Advise 3rd party recipient of obligations. Part of licensing agreement between parties; no submission to MMS	
42(c), 42(d); 52(c), 52(d)	Notify MMS of 3rd party transactions	1
60; 61(a)	Request reimbursement for costs of reproducing data/information & certain processing costs.	20
72(b)	Submit in not less than 5 days comments on MMS intent to disclose data/information.	1
72(d)	Contractor submits written commitment not to sell, trade, license, or disclose data/information.	1
Part 280	General departure and alternative compliance requests not specifically covered elsewhere in part 280 regulations.	2
Permit Form	Request extension of permit time period	1
Permit Form	Retain G&G data/information for 10 years and make available to MMS upon request.	1

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Non-Hour Cost Burden: We have identified one non-hour cost burden for this collection. In § 280.12, respondents are required to pay \$1,900 to file a notice to conduct research activities related to hard minerals. We have identified no other non-hour cost burdens.

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

Comments: Before submitting an ICR to OMB, PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) requires each agency “* * * to provide notice * * * and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information * * *”. Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Agencies must also estimate the “non-hour cost” burdens to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. Therefore, if you have costs to generate, maintain, and disclose this information, you

should comment and provide your total capital and startup cost components or annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of service components. You should describe the methods you use to estimate major cost factors, including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, discount rate(s), and the period over which you incur costs. Capital and startup costs include, among other items, computers and software you purchase to prepare for collecting information, monitoring, and record storage facilities. You should not include estimates for equipment or services purchased: (i) Before October 1, 1995; (ii) to comply with requirements not associated with the information collection; (iii) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the Government; or (iv) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

We will summarize written responses to this notice and address them in our submission for OMB approval. As a result of your comments, we will make any necessary adjustments to the burden in our submission to OMB.

Public Comment Procedures: Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer: Arlene Bajusz (202) 208-7744.

Dated: June 2, 2008.

E.P. Danenberger,
Chief, Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

[Docket No. MMS-2008-MRM-0022]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection, Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of an extension of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0107).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are notifying the public that we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) an information collection request (ICR) to renew approval of the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 part CFR 218, regarding (1) Cross-lease netting in calculation of late-payment interest; (2) designating a designee; and (3) recoupment of overpayments on Indian oil and gas leases. This notice also provides the public a second opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of the regulatory requirements. We shortened the title of this ICR to meet OMB requirements. The new title of this