

7. *Career Highlights*: Significant related experience, civic and professional activities, elected offices (included prior advisory committee experience or career achievements related to the interest to be represented) Attach additional pages, as necessary.

8. *Qualifications*: Education, training and experience that qualify you to serve on the Board.

9. *Experience or knowledge of wild horse and burro management and the issues facing the Bureau of Land Management*:

10. *Experience or knowledge of horses or burros*: (Equine health, training and management)

11. *Experience in working with disparate groups to achieve collaborative solutions*: (e.g., civic organizations, planning commissions, school boards)

12. *Indicate any BLM permits, leases or licenses that you hold*:

13. *Attach or have Letters of References sent from Special Interests or Organizations you may represent. Also letters of endorsement from business associates, friends, coworkers, local State and/or Federal government or members of Congress if applicable.*

The above information is critical in determining selection and will influence the appointments.

As appropriate, certain Board members may be appointed as Special Government Employees. Special Government Employees serve on the board without compensation, and are subject to financial disclosure requirements in the Ethics in Government Act and 5 CFR 2634. Nominations are to be sent to the address listed under **ADDRESSES**, above.

Each nominee will be considered for selection according to their ability to represent their designated constituency, analyze and interpret data and information, evaluate programs, identify problems, work collaboratively in seeking solutions and formulate and recommend corrective actions. Pursuant to section 7 of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act, Members of the Board cannot be employed by either Federal or State Government. Members will serve without salary, but will be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses at current rates for Government employees. The Board will meet no less than two times annually. The Director, Bureau of Land Management may call additional

meetings in connection with special needs for advice.

Edwin L. Roberson,

Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UTU-27917; UTU-47084; UTU-79134; UTU-79796; UTU-27918; UTU-79133; UTU-79795]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Leases, Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Title IV of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act (Pub. L. 97-451), Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation timely filed a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas leases UTU27917, UTU27918, UTU47084, UTU79133, UTU79134, UTU79795, and UTU79796, for lands in Summit and San Juan County, Utah, and it was accompanied by all required rentals and royalties accruing from October 1, 2008, the date of termination.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kent Hoffman, Deputy State Director, Division of Lands and Minerals at (801) 539-4080.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Lessee has agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$5 and \$10 per acre and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively. The \$500 administrative fee for the leases has been paid and the lessee has reimbursed the Bureau of Land Management for the cost of publishing this notice.

Having met all the requirements for reinstatement of the leases as set out in Section 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate the leases, effective October 1, 2008, subject to the original terms and conditions of the leases and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

Dated: December 11, 2008.

Kent Hoffman,

Deputy State Director, Division of Lands and Minerals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-320-1610-DR; CA-350-1610-DR; CA-370-1610-DR]

Notice of Availability of Record of Decision for the Sage Steppe Ecosystem Restoration Strategy for the Alturas, Eagle Lake, and Surprise Field Offices

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) policies, the BLM announces the availability of the Records of Decision (RODs) for the Sage Steppe Ecosystem Restoration Strategy for the Alturas, Eagle Lake, and Surprise Field Offices. The RODs constitute the final decisions of the BLM and make the Sage Steppe Ecosystem Restoration Strategy effective immediately.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the RODs are available at the following locations: Alturas Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 708 West 12th Street, Alturas, CA 96101; Eagle Lake Field Office 2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA 96130; and Surprise Field Office, 602 Cressler Street, Cedarville, CA 96104. The RODs are also available on the internet at <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/prog/planning.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information contact Jeff Fontana, Public Affairs Officer, Bureau of Land Management, 2950 Riverside Dr., Susanville, CA 96130, telephone (530) 257-0456.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: One of the most significant factors affecting the health, diversity and productivity of public lands in the region is the rapid expansion and encroachment of western juniper into the sagebrush steppe ecosystem. Western juniper has significantly increased in density and distribution since the late 1800's and if left unchecked can have significant impacts on soil resources, plant community structure and composition, water and nutrient cycles, and wildlife habitat. In order to address this ecosystem management issue across jurisdictional boundaries, the BLM joined forces with the United States Forest Service (USFS) and county governments to develop a comprehensive vegetation management strategy across a planning area that encompasses 6.5 million acres of public

and private land. The strategy broadly identifies restoration methods and provides guidelines for implementing site specific treatments over a 50-year timeframe. The Modoc National Forest is issuing a companion Record of Decision (ROD) and both agencies will work closely with county governments to implement the strategy in a cooperative and coordinated manner. BLM officially initiated the planning process for the Draft Sage Steppe EIS with the publishing of the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS in the **Federal Register** on July 18, 2005. A Public Scoping Notice was distributed following the NOI and a public notice was published in the Modoc Record on July 28, 2005. The Notice of Availability of the DEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on August 31, 2007. During the comment period nine public meetings, presentations and field trips were offered and 23 comment letters were received. Based upon public comments on the DEIS an additional alternative was added to the FEIS. This new alternative was identified by the agencies as the Preferred Alternative, as it best meets the purpose and need for the project. The Notice of Availability of the Final EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on May 9, 2008.

Any party adversely affected by the BLM's decision(s) to implement the Sage Steppe Ecosystem Restoration Strategy may appeal within 30 days of publication of this Notice of Availability. The appeal must be filed with the field office manager whose decision is being appealed at the above listed addresses. Please consult 43 CFR, part 4 for further information on the IBLA appeal process.

Dayne Barron,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

[Docket No. MMS-2008-OMM-0030]

MMS Information Collection Activity: 1010-0059, Oil and Gas Production Safety Systems, Extension of a 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 (1010-0059).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are notifying the public that we have submitted to OMB an information collection request (ICR) to renew approval of the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 CFR 250, subpart H, Oil and Gas Production Safety Systems. This notice also provides the public a second opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of these regulatory requirements.

DATE: Submit written comments by January 20, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You should submit comments directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1010-0059), either by fax (202) 395-6566 or e-mail (*OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov*).

Please also send a copy to MMS by either of the following methods:

- <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-0030 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. Submit comments to *regulations.gov* by January 20, 2009. 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 1010-0059 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 regulation that requires the subject collection of information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR Part 250, Subpart H, Oil and Gas Production Safety Systems.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0059.

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 manage the mineral resources of the OCS. Such rules and regulations will apply to all operations conducted under a lease, right-of-use and easement, and pipeline right-of-way. 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 other techniques sufficient to prevent or minimize the likelihood of blowouts, loss of well control, fires, spillages, physical obstructions 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."

Regulations implementing these responsibilities are under 30 CFR part 250, subpart H. Responses are submitted to MMS on occasion and are mandatory. No questions of a sensitive nature are asked. The MMS protects proprietary information according to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR Part 2), 30 CFR part 252, OCS Oil and Gas Information Program, and 30 CFR 250.197. Data and information to be made available to the public or for limited inspection.

The MMS uses the information collected under subpart H to evaluate equipment and/or procedures that lessees and/or operators propose to use during production operations, including evaluation of requests for departures or use of alternative procedures. Information is also used to verify that production operations are safe and protect the human, marine, and coastal environment. The MMS inspectors review the records maintained to verify compliance with testing and minimum safety requirements.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: Approximately 130 potential Federal oil or gas or sulphur lessees and/or operators.

Estimated Reporting and

Recordkeeping Hour Burden: The estimated annual hour burden for this information collection is a total of 47,021 hours. The following chart