

presented as the Proposed RMP in the Final EIS, released December 2, 2011, for a public protest period and a Governor's consistency review period.

The BLM received 27 letters protesting decisions contained in the Proposed RMP/Final EIS, including decisions regarding mining opportunities in the San Pedro Mountains and Ojo Caliente Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), management of the La Cienega ACEC, land tenure adjustment opportunities in El Palacio, travel management, and protective management of the Old Spanish National Historic Trail. While the Governor's consistency review provided input from the Governor that the BLM considered in its decision making, the review did not identify any specific inconsistency with State plans, policies, or programs. As a result of protests receive during the protest period, the BLM made one change to the Approved RMP by removing language which unnecessarily limited the designation of off-highway vehicle routes within the Santa Fe ACEC, described in detail in the ROD/Approved RMP. Editorial and formatting modifications were also made to the Approved RMP.

The ROD/Approved RMP does not contain implementation-level decisions that may be appealed under the provisions of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E. Rather, all decisions are considered planning-level decisions and were subject to protest under 43 CFR 1610.5-2 at the time the Proposed RMP/Final EIS was made available to the public.

Jesse J. Juen,
State Director.

Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6; 43 CFR 1610.2(g), 1610.5-1(b).
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Segregation of Public Lands for the Proposed Hyder Valley Solar Energy Project in Maricopa County, AZ

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regulations, the BLM is segregating approximately 3,399.76 acres of public lands located in the State of Arizona from all forms of

appropriation under the public land laws, including the Mining Law of 1872, but not the mineral leasing or mineral materials sales laws, for a period of up to 2 years. This is for the purpose of processing one solar energy right-of-way (ROW) application submitted by Pacific Solar Investments, LLC, to construct and operate the Hyder Valley Solar Energy Project in Maricopa County, Arizona.

DATES: Effective Date: This segregation is effective on May 24, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eddie Arreola, Supervisory Project Manager; Telephone: 602-417-9505; Address: 1 North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85004-4427, or email: earreola@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM is segregating the following described public lands located in the State of Arizona, subject to valid existing rights, from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the Mining Law, but not the mineral leasing or the mineral materials sales laws.

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

T. 4 S., R. 9 W.,

Sec. 7;

Sec. 18, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 19, lots 2 to 4, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 20, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 29, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 30;

Sec. 31, lots 1 to 3, inclusive, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 4 S., R. 10 W.,

Sec. 13, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The areas described aggregate 3,399.76 acres, more or less, in Maricopa County. In order to process the ROW application filed on the above described lands, the BLM finds that it is necessary for the orderly administration of the public lands to segregate the lands included in the application under the authority contained in 43 CFR 2091.3-1(e) and 43 CFR 2804.25(e) for a period of up to 2 years, subject to valid existing rights. This 2-year segregation period commences on May 24, 2012. The public lands involved in this closure will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the Mining Law,

but not the mineral leasing or material sales laws. The BLM has determined that this segregation is necessary for the orderly administration of the public lands.

The segregation period will terminate and the lands will automatically reopen to all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, when one of the following events occurs: (1) Upon the issuance of a decision by the BLM authorized officer granting, granting with modifications, or denying the application for a right-of-way; (2) Upon publication of a **Federal Register** notice of termination of the segregation; or (3) Without further administrative action at the end of the segregation provided for in this **Federal Register** notice initiating the segregation, whichever occurs first. The segregation is effective only for a period of up to 2 years, without the possibility of extension.

The lands to be segregated are identified in the legal description provided above.

Authority: 43 CFR 2091.3-1(e), 43 CFR 2804.25(e).

Raymond Suazo,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Outer Continental Shelf, Central and Western Gulf of Mexico Planning Areas, Oil and Gas Lease Sales for Years 2012-2017 (Sales 229, 227, 233, 231, 238, 235, 246, 241, 248, and 247)

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Interior.

ACTION: Call for Information and Nominations; Clarification.

SUMMARY: On March 15, 2011, BOEM (formerly the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement) published a notice in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 14040), entitled "Call for Information and Nominations" (the Call). Subsequently, on November 15, 2011, BOEM published a "Call for Information and Nominations: Correction" in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 70748) correcting the sale numbers that were identified in the Call. This document describes a revision to the description of the areas not available for leasing in the OCS. BOEM believes the previous descriptions of the areas excluded by the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 109-432 December 20, 2006) could be confusing.

Consequently, Section 4.A. items 1 and 2 of the original call are to be revised by deleting the following:

1. Blocks that were previously included within the Eastern GOM Planning Area and are within 100 miles of the Florida coast; and

2. Blocks east of the Military Mission line (86 degrees, 41 minutes west longitude) under an existing moratorium until 2022, as a result of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (December 20, 2006); and replacing them with:

1. Whole blocks and portions of blocks deferred by the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006.

Section 4.A. items 3 and 4 are also renumbered to 2 and 3 respectively to reflect this change.

DATES: This modification is effective immediately.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Carrol Williams, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394, telephone (504) 736–2803.

Dated: May 14, 2012.

Tommy P. Beaudreau,
Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing that the information collection request for bonding and insurance requirements for surface coal mining and reclamation operations under regulatory programs has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request describes the nature of the information collection and the expected burden and cost.

DATES: OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collections but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB by June 25,

2012 in order to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Department of the Interior Desk Officer, by telefax at (202) 395–5806 or via email to OIRA_Docket@omb.eop.gov. Also, please send a copy of your comments to John Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave. NW., Room 203–SIB, Washington, DC 20240, by telefax to (202) 219–3276, or by email to jtrelease@osmre.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To receive a copy of the information collection request contact John Trelease at (202) 208–2783, or electronically at jtrelease@osmre.gov. You may also review this information collection request on the Internet by going to <http://www.reginfo.gov> (Information Collection Review, Currently Under Review, Agency is Department of the Interior, DOI–OSMRE).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities [see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)]. OSM has submitted a request to OMB to renew its approval for the collection of information contained in 30 CFR Part 800—Bonding and insurance requirements for surface coal mining and reclamation operations under regulatory programs. OSM is requesting a 3-year term of approval for each information collection activity.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this collection of information is 1029–0043 for 30 CFR 800.

As required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), a Federal Register notice soliciting comments for this collection of information was published on March 2, 2012, (77 FR 12879). We received one comment for this information collection request. The commenter expressed concern that bond amounts are not adequate to cover the cost of reclamation if the operator should forfeit their bond, requiring taxpayers to fund reclamation. However, section 509 of SMCRA and 30 CFR Part 800 require that bonds be in an amount adequate to complete the reclamation plan in the

event of bond forfeiture. This notice provides the public with an additional 30 days in which to comment on the following information collection activity:

Title: 30 CFR Part 800—Bond and insurance requirements for surface coal mining and reclamation operations under regulatory programs.

OMB Control Number: 1029–0043.

Summary: The regulations at 30 CFR Part 800 primarily implement § 509 of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, which requires that persons planning to conduct surface coal mining operations first post a performance bond to guarantee fulfillment of all reclamation obligations under the approved permit. The regulations also establish bond release requirements and procedures consistent with § 519 of the Act, liability insurance requirements pursuant to § 507(f) of the Act, and procedures for bond forfeiture should the permittee default on reclamation obligations.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency of Collection: Once.

Description of Respondents: Surface coal mining and reclamation applicants and State regulatory authorities.

Total Annual Responses: 12,336.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 112,627 hours.

Total Annual Cost Burden: \$1,510,214.

Send comments on the need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and ways to minimize the information collection burdens on respondents, such as use of automated means of collections of the information, to the addresses listed in **ADDRESSES**. Please refer to the appropriate OMB control number in all correspondence.

Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

Dated: May 8, 2012.

Andrew F. DeVito,
Chief, Division of Regulatory Support.

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