

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

[LLWO320000.17X.19900000.PO0000; OMB Control Number 1004-0169]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Use and Occupancy Under the Mining Laws****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), are proposing to renew a control number with revisions.**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 21, 2018.**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on this information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget's Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior by email at [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov); or via facsimile to (202) 395-5806. Please provide a copy of your comments to U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 2134LM, Attention: Jean Sonneman, Washington, DC 20240 or by email to [Jean\\_Sonneman@blm.gov](mailto:Jean_Sonneman@blm.gov).

Please reference OMB Control Number 1004-0169 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**Adam Merrill by email at [amerrill@blm.gov](mailto:amerrill@blm.gov), or by telephone at 202-912-7044. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf(TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS 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. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this ICR was published on November 15, 2017 (82 FR 52938). The comment period ended on January 16, 2018. No comments were received.

We are again soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the BLM; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the BLM enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the BLM minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. 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.

**Abstract:** This collection of information is necessary to manage the use and occupancy of unpatented public lands for the purpose of developing locatable mineral deposits under the Mining Laws.**Title of Collection:** Use and Occupancy under the Mining Laws.**OMB Control Number:** 1004-0169.**Form Number:** None.**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.**Respondents/Affected Public:** Mining claimants and operators of prospecting, exploration, mining and processing operations.**Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:** 70.**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 70.**Estimated Completion Time per Response:** 4 hours.**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 280.**Respondent's Obligation:** Required to obtain or retain a benefit.**Frequency of Collection:** On occasion.**Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:** None.

Type of response	Number of responses	Time per response (hours)	Total hours (Column B × Column C)
A	B	C	D
Proposed occupancy 43 CFR 3715.3-2 .....	60	4	240
Existing use or occupancy 43 CFR 3715.4 .....	10	4	40
Totals .....	70	.....	280

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 authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).**Jean Sonneman***Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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[LLWY-957000-18-L13100000-PP0000]

**Filing of Plats of Survey, Wyoming****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of official filing.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is scheduled to file plats of survey 30 calendar days from the date of this publication in the BLM Wyoming State Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming. The surveys, which were executed at the request of the BLM and U. S. Forest Service, are necessary for the management of these lands.

**DATES:** Protests must be received by the BLM by February 21, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit written protests to the Wyoming State Director at WY957, Bureau of Land Management, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sonja Sparks, BLM Wyoming Acting Chief Cadastral Surveyor at 307-775-6225 or [s75spark@blm.gov](mailto:s75spark@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 to contact this office during normal business hours. The Service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with this office. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The lands surveyed are: The plat and field notes representing the dependent resurvey of portions of Tracts 42, 45 and 51, and portions of the subdivisional lines, and the survey of the subdivision of sections 10 and 15, Township 12 North, Range 111 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, Group No. 950, was accepted October 2, 2017.

The plat and field notes representing the dependent resurvey of Lot 37, Lot 65 and Tract 69, portions of Lots 47, 54, 59 and 67, portions of the subdivisional lines, the survey of the subdivision of Lot 65 and certain sections, and the metes-and-bounds survey of certain parcels, Township 56 North, Range 97 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, Group No. 951, was accepted October 2, 2017.

The plat and field notes representing the dependent resurvey of certain lots and a portion of the range line, Township 50 North, Ranges 102 and 103 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, Group No. 952, was accepted October 2, 2017.

The plat and field notes representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of Lot No. 89, and the survey of the subdivision of Lot No. 89, and metes-and-bounds survey of Lot 89-I, Township 55 North, Range 100 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, Group No. 953, was accepted October 2, 2017.

The plat and field notes representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of

the north boundary and subdivisional lines, and the survey of the subdivision of section 2, Township 42 North, Range 84 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, Group No. 954, was accepted October 2, 2017.

The plat and field notes representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the subdivisional lines and the survey of the subdivision of section 22, Township 57 North, Range 73 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, Group No. 956, was accepted October 2, 2017.

The plat and field notes representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the south boundary, the rehabilitation of the corner of Townships 50 and 51 North, Ranges 69 and 70 West, and the survey of the subdivision of section 31, Township 51 North, Range 69 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, Group No. 957, was accepted October 2, 2017.

The plat and field notes representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of Lot No. 39, portions of Lot No. 40, and portions of the subdivisional lines, and the survey of the subdivision of section 20, Township 21 North, Range 113 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, Group No. 958, was accepted January 11, 2018.

The plat and field notes representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the north boundary and subdivisional lines, and the survey of the subdivision of section 4, Township 46 North, Range 81 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, Group No. 960, was accepted January 11, 2018.

A person or party who wishes to protest one or more plats of survey identified above must file a written notice of protest within 30 calendar days from the date of this publication with the Wyoming State Director at the above address. Any notice of protest received after the scheduled date of official filing will be untimely and will not be considered. A written statement of reasons in support of a protest, if not filed with the notice of protest, must be filed with the State Director within 30 calendar days after the notice of protest is filed. If a notice of protest against a plat of survey is received prior to the scheduled date of official filing, the official filing of the plat of survey identified in the notice of protest will be stayed pending consideration of the protest. A plat of survey will not be officially filed until the next business day following dismissal or resolution of all protests of the plat.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your protest, you should be aware that your entire protest—including your personal

identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Copies of the preceding described plats and field notes are available to the public at a cost of \$4.20 per plat and \$.13 per page of field notes.

Dated: January 12, 2018.

**Sonja S. Sparks,**

*Acting Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Division of Support Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of Natural Resources Revenue

[Docket No. ONRR-2011-0002; DS63644000 DR2000000.CH7000 189D0102R2]

### States' Decisions on Participating in Accounting and Auditing Relief for Federal Oil and Gas Marginal Properties

**AGENCY:** Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** ONRR regulations provide two types of accounting and auditing relief for Federal onshore or Outer Continental Shelf lease production from marginal properties. Each year ONRR provides a list of qualifying marginal Federal oil and gas properties to States that receive a portion of Federal royalties from those properties. Each State then decides whether to participate in one or both relief options. For calendar year 2018, we provide this notice of the affected States' decisions to allow one or both types of relief.

**DATES:** January 1, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lindsay Goldstein, Market and Spatial Analysis Office, at (303) 231-3301; or email to [lindsay.goldstein@onrr.gov](mailto:lindsay.goldstein@onrr.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The regulations, codified at 30 CFR part 1204, subpart C, implement certain provisions of section 7 of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996 (RSFA) (30 U.S.C. 1726), which allows States to relieve the lessees of marginal properties from certain reporting, accounting, and auditing requirements. States make an annual determination of whether or not to allow relief. Two options for relief are authorized: (1) Notification-based relief from cumulative royalty reports and payments, allowing lessees or designees instead to file one annual report and