

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. 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.

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

make one annual payment, and (2) other requested relief, as proposed by lessees or designees and approved by ONRR, after consulting with the affected State(s). The regulations require ONRR to publish no later than 30 days before the beginning of the calendar year a list of the States and their decisions regarding marginal property relief.

To qualify for the first relief option (notification-based relief) for calendar

year 2018 properties must produce less than 1,000 barrels-of-oil-equivalent (BOE) per year for the base period (July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017). Annual reporting relief will begin January 1, 2018, with the annual report and payment due February 28, 2019, or March 31, 2019, if you have an estimated payment on file. To qualify for the second relief option (other requested relief), the combined

equivalent production of the marginal properties during the base period must equal an average daily well production of less than 15 BOE per well, per day calculated under 30 CFR 1204.4(c).

The following table shows the States that have qualifying marginal properties and the States' decisions to allow one or both forms of relief.

State	Notification-based relief (less than 1,000 BOE per year)	Request-based relief (less than 15 BOE per well per day)
Alabama	No	No.
Arkansas	N/A	Yes.
California	No	No.
Colorado	No	No.
Kansas	No	No.
Louisiana	Yes	Yes.
Michigan	Yes	Yes.
Mississippi	No	No.
Montana	No	No.
Nebraska	No	No.
Nevada	No	No.
New Mexico	No	No.
North Dakota	Yes	Yes.
Oklahoma	No	No.
South Dakota	No	No.
Utah	No	No.
Wyoming	Yes	No.

Federal oil and gas properties located in all other States where ONRR does not share a portion of Federal royalties with the State are eligible for relief if they qualify as marginal under 117(c) of RSFA, 30 U.S.C. 1726(c). For information on how to obtain relief, please refer to 30 CFR 1204.205, which you may view at <https://www.ecfr.gov/>.

Unless the information that ONRR received is proprietary data, all correspondence, records, or information that we receive in response to this notice may be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552 *et seq.*). If applicable, please highlight the proprietary portions, including any supporting documentation, or mark the page(s) that contain proprietary data. We protect the proprietary information under the Trade Secrets Act (18 U.S.C. 1905), FOIA Exemption 4 (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4)), and the Department of the Interior's FOIA regulations (43 CFR part 2).

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INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION

United States and Mexico; United States Section; Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for Channel Maintenance Alternatives at Thurman I and II Arroyos in Hatch, NM, Rio Grande Canalization Project

AGENCY: United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico (USIBWC).

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Assessment (EA).

Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA); the Council on Environmental Quality Final Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508); and the USIBWC Operational Procedures for Implementing Section 102 of NEPA, published in the **Federal Register** September 2, 1981, (46 FR 44083); the USIBWC hereby gives notice that the *Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for Channel Maintenance Alternatives at Thurman I and II Arroyos in Hatch, NM, Rio Grande Canalization Project* is available. This EA evaluated potential environmental impacts of the No Action Alternative and two alternatives for the

construction of sediment control projects at Thurman I and II Arroyos, two ephemeral tributaries of the Rio Grande, located in Hatch, Doña Ana County, New Mexico within a portion of the Rio Grande Canalization Project protective levee system. The Preferred Alternative, Alternative C: Sediment Basins, calls for the construction of a sediment basin at each arroyo with a concrete end wall. Permits would be required from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for dredge and fill of Waters of the United States, per the Clean Water Act Sections 404 and 401. Potential impacts on natural, cultural, and other resources were evaluated. Mitigation has been proposed for permits for construction. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been prepared for the Preferred Alternative based on a review of the facts and analyses contained in the EA.

Notice of the draft EA was published in the **Federal Register** on October 17, 2017 (**Federal Register** Notice, Vol. 82, No. 199, Page 48253) and provided a thirty (30) day comment period. An environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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