

ANS Task Force did not commission the study. The principal investigators assembled a team of biological invasion scientists and physical oceanographers to conduct a study and submitted their report to the ANS Task Force and NOAA in November 1998. Both EPA and NOAA have accepted the report and authorized its release.

The ANS Task Force is now considering whether to adopt this volunteered study as fulfilling its responsibilities under section 1102(a)(1) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 4712(a)(1)). A key factor in those deliberations is the scientific and technical accuracy and completeness of the November 1998 report of the volunteered study.

Dated: March 26, 1999.

Hannibal Bolton,

Acting Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Acting Assistant Director—Fisheries.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-125-08-1430-00; GP9.-0148 ; OR 53620]

Notice of Realty Action: Direct Sale of Public Land in Coos County, Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Correction notice.

SUMMARY: In **Federal Register**, Volume 63, Page 70419, Number 244 of Monday, December 21, 1998, Notices, under the **SUMMARY** heading, add the following paragraph: The mineral interest being offered for conveyance have no known mineral values and may be conveyed simultaneously, in accordance with Section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. Acceptance of the direct sale offer will qualify the purchaser to make application for conveyance of those mineral interests. Purchasers must submit a non refundable \$50.00 filing fee for the conveyance of the mineral estate upon request by the Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: March 23, 1999.

Sue E. Richardson,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-030-09-1220-04:GP9-0129]

Notice of Special Recreation Permit Requirements, Wallowa/Grande Ronde Rivers

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior, Vale District Baker Resource Area.

ACTION: Notice of Special Recreation Permit Requirements, Wallowa/Grande Ronde Rivers, Oregon and Washington.

SUMMARY: Withdrawn.

Additional Information

Federal Register Notice #OR-030-09-1220-04:GP9-0996 (64 FR 9347, Feb. 25, 1999), is withdrawn. New regulations regarding the permit system for the Wallowa/Grande Ronde Rivers will be forthcoming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Baker Resource Area, 3165 10th St., Baker City, Oregon 97814, Telephone (541) 523-1256.

Penelope J. Woods,

Baker Resource Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-930-1430-01; AZA-30820]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal; Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; Correction.

SUMMARY: In a notice published in the **Federal Register** December 14, 1998, the Secretary of the Interior proposed to withdraw approximately 605,350 acres of Federal lands and minerals to protect the native biodiversity and the ecological richness of the Shivwits Plateau area in northwestern Arizona. The document contained five legal description errors.

In the **Federal Register** issue of December 14, 1998, in FR Doc. 98-33046: (1) On page 68789, in the ninth line, add (Private Surface). (2) On page 68789, in the thirteenth line, change the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ to the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ to read: Sec. 10, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$; 600.00 acres. (3) On page 68790, in the forty second line, change S $\frac{1}{4}$ to S $\frac{1}{2}$ to read: Sec. 5, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$; (Non-Federal Subsurface) 633.84 acres. (4) On page 68792, in the fifteenth

line from the bottom, add E $\frac{1}{2}$ to read: Sec. 29, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$; (Non-Federal Surface and Federal Subsurface) 180.10 acres. (5) On page 68794, in the third line from the bottom, add NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ to read: Sec. 2, lot 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$; (State Surface and Subsurface) 237.42 acres.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Roger G. Taylor, Field Manager, Arizona Strip Field Office, 345 East Riverside Drive, St. George, Utah 84790, (435) 688-3200.

Dated: February 16, 1999.

Roger G. Taylor,

Arizona Strip Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of a currently approved information collection.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, MMS invites the public and other Federal agencies to comment on a proposal to extend the currently approved collection of information discussed below. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) provides that 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 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

DATES: Submit written comments by May 3, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments and suggestions directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (OMB Control Number 1010-0118), 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503. Send a copy of your comments to the Minerals Management Service, Attention: Anne Ewell, Mail Stop 4024, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions concerning the electronic spreadsheets, please contact Larry Barker, Division of Verification, telephone (303) 231-3157, FAX (303)

231-3189, e-mail address: Lawrence.Barker@mms.gov. For questions concerning this collection of information, please contact Anne Ewell, Royalty-in-Kind Study Team, telephone (703) 787-1584. You may also obtain copies of this collection of information by contacting MMS's Information Collection Clearance Officer at (202) 208-7744.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Royalty-in-Kind (RIK) Pilot Program Spreadsheets: Federal Oil and Gas Purchase System and Joint Effort—Royalty Oil and Gas Purchase System.

Abstract: The Secretary of the Interior, under the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 192) and the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1353), is responsible for the management of royalties on minerals produced from leased Federal lands. MMS carries out these responsibilities for the Secretary. The Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance, Form MMS-2014, is the only document used by MMS's automated Auditing and Financial System (AFS) to input royalty-related financial data from lessees, payors, and purchasers. MMS has undertaken several pilot programs to study the feasibility of taking the Government's royalty in the form of production, that is, as RIK. MMS has made available at no cost two versions of an electronic spreadsheet for RIK purchasers to use to simply create an electronic Form MMS-2014 to accompany their payments for Federal RIK, since they will not need to use the full range of reporting instructions and methods on the form.

MMS will use the information to conduct its automated accounting, verification, and distribution activities and to support disbursement of royalty revenues to the Treasury and States that have an interest in Federal revenues. MMS will protect proprietary information submitted on Form MMS-2014 under applicable Department regulations at 43 CFR part 2. No items of a sensitive nature are collected. The requirement to respond is mandatory.

Burden Statement: The reporting burden is estimated to average 2 minutes per response (line of data) including the time for reviewing the instructions, gathering and maintaining the data, entering the data on the spreadsheets, and reviewing the output—a completed Form MMS-2014.

This collection of RIK purchaser information represents a significant net reduction in burden compared to the collection of information on in-value transactions. While a few new companies may report, the overall number of respondents is greatly

reduced. This is because only one purchaser need report one or two lines of data on aggregated volumes from a multi-lease property, rather than multiple lessee/producers each reporting at the detailed revenue source level that in-value royalty payments would require for the same properties. The electronic spreadsheets automatically allocate data needed by MMS to revenue source levels on Form MMS-2014, reducing complexity of reporting. This is made possible because MMS enters necessary reference data (e.g., ownership percentages) into the spreadsheets before providing them to purchasers. Further, the spreadsheet for joint Federal and State production will also automatically create a report acceptable to the State of Wyoming for production from properties offered jointly by MMS and the State.

On November 27, 1998, MMS published a 60-day **Federal Register** Notice (63 FR 65610) soliciting comments on using the optional electronic spreadsheets (both Federal only and joint Federal and State versions) to create a Form MMS-2014 when reporting purchases of the Government's royalty oil. Although the spreadsheets were in use before and during the comment period, no comments were received. However, during contact with purchasers in the Wyoming Pilot I, Phase 1, MMS found that the purchasers were pleased with the new process. Purchasers preferred MMS's electronic spreadsheets to any other method. Additionally, those reporting on properties combining Federal and State production located in the State of Wyoming were particularly pleased that, once sufficient data to prepare a report to MMS had been entered for those agreements, the electronic spreadsheets automatically calculated and produced reports acceptable to the State.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4 in year 1; 5 in year 2; and 10 in year 3.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 49 hours in year 1; 330 in year 2; and 330 in year 3.

Frequency of Collection: Monthly.

Comments: In calculating the burden, we assume that respondents perform many of the requirements and maintain records in the normal course of their activities. We consider these usual and customary and take that into account in estimating the burden.

(1) We specifically solicit your comments on the following questions:

(a) Is the proposed collection of information necessary for us to properly perform our functions and will it be useful?

(b) Are the estimates of the burden hours of the proposed collection reasonable?

(c) Do you have any suggestions that would enhance the quality, clarity, or usefulness of the information to be collected?

(d) Is there a way to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology?

(2) In addition, the PRA requires agencies to estimate the total annual reporting and recordkeeping "cost" burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. We need to know if you have costs associated with the collection of this information for either total capital and startup cost components or annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of service components. Your estimates should consider the costs to generate, maintain, and disclose or provide the information. 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, sampling, drilling, and testing equipment; and record storage facilities. Generally, your estimates should not include 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.

MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer: Jo Ann Lauterbach (202) 208-7744.

Dated: March 22, 1999.

Lucy Querques Denett,

Associate Director for Royalty Management.
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