

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management****[NV-930-1430-00; NVN-74668]****Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Nevada****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, has filed an application to withdraw 40 acres of public land for the United States Air Force to use as a safe zone for departing and arriving aircraft at the Nellis Air Force Base. The land was previously withdrawn by Public Land Order No. 5832, which has expired. The land is still needed as a safe zone.

DATE: Comments and requests for meeting should be received on or before March 21, 2002.

ADDRESS: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Nevada State Director, BLM, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis J. Samuelson, BLM Nevada State Office, 775-861-6532.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Army, Los Angeles District, Corps Engineers, on behalf of the United States Air Force, has filed an application to withdraw the following described public land from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 19 S., R. 62 E.,
sec. 35, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 40 acres in Clark County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is for a clear zone near the end of the runway at the Nellis Air Force Base. The land was previously withdrawn as a clear zone by Public Land Order No. 5832, which expired in January 2001. The clear zone is critical to support the mission of the Nellis Air Force Base.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the Nevada State Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the

proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the Nevada State Director within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR Part 2300.

Dated: November 26, 2001.

Jim Stobaugh,
Lands Team Lead.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Minerals Management Service****Agency Information Collection Activities: Submitted for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of a revision of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0104).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, we are submitting to OMB for review and approval an information collection request (ICR) titled "Accounting for Comparison (Dual Accounting)." We are also soliciting comments from the public on this ICR.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before January 22, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (OMB Control Number 1010-0104), 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. Also, submit copies of your written comments to Carol Shelby, Regulatory Specialist, Minerals Management Service, MS 320B2, P.O. Box 25165, Denver, Colorado 80225. If you use an overnight courier service, MMS's courier address is Building 85, Room A-614, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225. You may also submit your comments at our email address mrm.comments@mms.gov. Include the title of the information collection and the OMB control number in the

"Attention" line of your comment. Also include your name and return address. Submit electronic comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. If you do not receive a confirmation that we have received your email, contact Ms. Shelby at (303) 231-3151 or FAX (303) 231-3385.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol Shelby, Regulatory Specialist, phone (303) 231-3151, FAX (303) 231-3385, or email Carol.Shelby@mms.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Accounting for Comparison (Dual Accounting).

OMB Control Number: 1010-0104.
Bureau Form Number: Form MMS-4410.

Abstract: The Department of the Interior (DOI) is responsible for matters relevant to mineral resource development on Federal and Indian lands and the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) is responsible for managing the production of minerals from Federal and Indian lands and the OCS, collecting royalties from lessees who produce minerals, and distributing the funds collected in accordance with applicable laws. The Secretary also has an Indian trust responsibility to manage Indian lands and seek advice and information from Indian beneficiaries. MMS performs the royalty management functions for the Secretary.

MMS regulations at 30 CFR 206.172 require lessees to certify on Form MMS-4410, "Certification for Not Performing Accounting for Comparison (Dual Accounting)," that dual accounting is not required for a specific Indian lease. This is a one-time certification that remains in effect until there is a change in lease status or ownership. In this information collection request, we are asking approval to add to Form MMS-4410 the lessee's reason for not performing dual accounting. The certification and reason for not performing dual accounting will be submitted on new Part A of Form MMS-4410.

MMS regulations also require lessees to elect to perform either actual dual accounting under 30 CFR 206.176 or the alternative methodology for dual accounting under 30 CFR 206.173. Previously, lessees reported the dual accounting election on a monthly basis on Form MMS-2014, Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance. However, in our reengineering initiative, we redesigned and streamlined Form MMS-2014 (OMB Control Number 1010-0140). The revised Form MMS-2014 no longer contains the dual

accounting election information. Since we must collect the information, we are requesting approval to revise Form MMS-4410 to include the dual accounting election in a new Part B. Lessees will make the actual or alternative dual accounting election every 2 years or whenever lessees elect alternative dual accounting at the beginning of any month rather than monthly as previously required on Form MMS-2014. By moving the dual accounting election to Part B of Form

MMS-4410, we are reducing the reporting burden associated with the dual accounting election from a monthly collection to a biennial collection.

The revised Form MMS-4410, Parts A and B, will consolidate the collection of all dual accounting information on one form. The changes will be effective January 2002 if OMB approves our request.

Responses to this information collection are mandatory for all Indian gas leases (except leases on the Osage

Indian Reservation). Proprietary information is requested and protected, and there are no questions of a sensitive nature involved in this collection of information.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: 370 payors on approximately 2,340 Indian leases.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: 1,000 hours. See the following chart for a breakdown of the burden estimate.

30 CFR Section	Reporting requirement	Burden hours per response	Annual number of responses	Annual burden hours
206.172(b)(1)(ii)	Gas production that you certify on Form MMS-4410, Certification for Not Performing Accounting for Comparison (Dual Accounting), is not processed before it flows into a pipeline with an index but which may be processed later. (New Part A of revised Form MMS-4410).	4	25	100
206.173(a)(1)	You may elect to perform the dual accounting calculation according to either §206.176(a) (called actual dual accounting), or paragraph (b) of this section (called the alternative methodology for dual accounting). (New Part B of revised Form MMS-4410).	2	450	900
206.173(a)(2)	You must make a separate election to use the alternative methodology for dual accounting for your Indian leases in each MMS-designated area. (New Part B of revised Form MMS-4410).	See 206.173(a)(1) above.		
206.176(b)	If you are required to account for comparison, you may elect to use the alternative dual accounting methodology provided for in §206.173 instead of the provisions in paragraph (a) of this section. (New Part B of revised Form MMS-4410).	See 206.173(a)(1) above.		
206.176(c)	If you do not perform dual accounting, you must certify to MMS that gas flows into such pipeline before it is processed. (New Part A of revised Form MMS-4410).	See 206.172(b)(1)(ii) above.		
Total	1,000

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-hour" Burden: We have identified no "non-hour cost" burden.

Comments: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) requires each agency " * * * to provide notice * * * and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information * * *." Agencies must specifically solicit comments to (a) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

To comply with the public consultation process, on June 6, 2001, we published a **Federal Register** notice (66 FR 30480) with the required 60-day

comment period announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval. We received comments from one company. We responded to the comments in our ICR submission for OMB approval. We have posted a copy of the ICR at our Internet web site http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws_R_D/FRNotices/FRInfColl.htm. We will also provide a copy of the ICR to you without charge upon request.

If you wish to comment in response to this notice, please send your comments directly to the offices listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive your comments by January 22, 2002. The 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 OMB control number.

Public Comment Policy: We will post all comments received in response to this notice on our Internet web site at http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws_R_D/

[InfoColl/InfoColCom.htm](#) for public review. We also make copies of these comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours at our offices in Lakewood, Colorado.

Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by the law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

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

Dated: November 30, 2001.

Milton K. Dial,

*Acting Associate Director for Minerals
Revenue Management.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Final Environmental Impact Statement/ General Management Plan, Mount Rainier National Park, Pierce and Lewis Counties, WA; Notice of Availability

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service announces the availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement and General Management Plan (FEIS/GMP) for Mount Rainier National Park, Washington. Upon approval, the GMP will serve as a "blueprint" to guide park managers in implementing park programs and management activities for Mount Rainier National Park over the next 15-20 years.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FEIS/GMP identifies and analyzes three alternatives for managing resources and visitors in Mount Rainier National Park. The "no-action" alternative is a continuation of the present management course regarding the management of visitor use and facilities. The National Park Service's preferred alternative (Alternative 2) would provide a range of high-quality visitor experiences and improve stewardship of park resources. The primary goals of this alternative are to better manage peak-period visitation so that it does not adversely affect park resources and visitor experiences, and encourage more off-peak use of the park. Alternative 3 would offer a different combination of visitor opportunities than those offered in the preferred alternative, while still protecting resources. None of the alternatives would propose major new developments within the park, and no park resources or values would be impaired.

The FEIS/GMP evaluates the environmental consequences of the preferred alternative and the other alternatives on natural resources (e.g., air and water quality, soils and vegetation, special status species), geologic (volcanic and nonvolcanic) hazards, cultural resources (e.g., archeological resources, ethnographic resources), visitor experiences (e.g., visitor access, the range of visitor activities), Wilderness, and the

socioeconomic environment (e.g., regional context, gateway communities). A range of mitigation measures appropriate to each alternative are identified and evaluated. It was determined that Alternative 2 is the Aenvironmentally preferred" alternative.

Public Comment: A Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on September 27, 1994. During the subsequent scoping phase leading to development of the Draft EIS, the NPS conducted six public meetings. The results of these meetings were published in the first of a series of public newsletters (Newsletter 1 was distributed during winter 1995). Also throughout the conservation planning and environmental impact analysis process, numerous county, state and federal agency meetings and consultations with five Tribes were conducted. A Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS/GMP was published in the **Federal Register** on November 20, 2000; the document was on public review through February 9, 2001. The NPS received 143 written responses and many oral comments during seven public meetings held in various Washington towns and cities; all were duly considered in preparing the FEIS/GMP. All comments obtained are filed in the administrative record.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the FEIS/GMP are available from the Superintendent, Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods, Star Route, Ashford, Washington 98304-9751; (360) 589-2211. Public reading copies of the FEIS/GMP will also be available for review at the following locations:

Office of the Superintendent, Tahoma Woods, Mount Rainier National Park, Ashford, Washington 98304-9751; Telephone (360) 589-2211.

NPS Library, Columbia Cascades Support Office, 909 First Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98104-1060; Telephone: (206) 220-4114.

Office of Public Affairs, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, 18th and C Streets NW., Washington, DC 20240; Telephone: (202) 208-6843.

If individuals responding to this Notice request that their name or and address be withheld from public disclosure, it will be honored to the extent allowable by law. Such requests must be stated prominently in the beginning of the comments. There also may be circumstances wherein the NPS will withhold a respondent's identity as allowable by law. As always: NPS will make available to public inspection all submissions from organizations or businesses and from persons identifying

themselves as representatives or officials of organizations and businesses; and, anonymous comments may not be considered.

Decision: A Record of Decision may be approved by the Regional Director, Pacific West Region, no sooner than 30 days after publication by the Environmental Protection Agency of the Notice of filing of this Final EIS in the **Federal Register**. The official responsible for the final decision is the Regional Director; subsequently the official responsible for implementation of the plan is the Superintendent, Mt. Rainier National Park.

Dated: October 25, 2001.

Martha K. Leicester,

Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Stiltsville, Management Plan, Biscayne National Park, FL

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a draft environmental impact statement for the Stiltsville Management Plan, Biscayne National Park, Florida.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service (NPS) is preparing a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for the Stiltsville Management Plan for Biscayne National Park. This effort will result in a management plan to guide public use and management of 7 stilt structures located in the northern end of Biscayne National Park in Biscayne Bay, Florida. Management options being considered include public use of the structures consistent NPS policy and best management practices for environmental protection (the preferred alternative), and private lease under NPS management.

Major issues include potential impacts on water quality, biological resources, soundscape, visual resources, cultural resources, and the visitor experience.

To facilitate sound planning and consideration of environmental resources, the NPS intends to gather information necessary for the preparation of the Management Plan/DEIS and to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues to be