

be invited to participate as cooperating agencies.

**DATES:** All relevant public meetings will be announced through the local news media, newsletters, and the BLM Web site at <http://www.nv.blm.gov/carson/> at least 15 days prior to the event. The minutes and list of attendees from each meeting will be available to the public and open for 30 days to any participant who wishes to clarify the views they expressed.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Donald T. Hicks, Manager, Carson City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Desna Young, Environmental Planner at the Carson City Field Office, 775-885-6000. Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Carson City Field Office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed RMP amendment involves approximately 19,000 acres of public land in Alpine County, California. As part of the RMP amendment, an EA will be prepared to analyze designation of public lands suitable for retention, disposal by sale or exchange, or conveyance for community expansion purposes. Public lands needing access will be identified as well as lands with existing access that could be improved to permit easier access to the public. The EA will also analyze travel and management by designating road and trail routes on public land. Comments will be accepted throughout the RMP amendment and EA process. The plan amendment will fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), and BLM management policies. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Carson City Field Office during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EA. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be

available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: November 21, 2005.

**Donald T. Hicks,**

*Manager, Carson City Field Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Intent To Prepare a Resource Management Plan for the Jarbidge Field Office, Idaho and Associated Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Jarbidge Field Office, Twin Falls, Idaho intends to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) with an associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Jarbidge Field Office and by this notice is announcing public scoping meetings. The RMP will replace the existing 1987 Jarbidge RMP.

**DATES:** The BLM will announce public scoping meetings to identify relevant issues through local news media, newsletters, and the BLM Web site <http://www.blm.gov/rmp/id/jarbidge> at least 15 days prior to the first meeting. We will provide formal opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft RMP/EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Web site: <http://www.blm.gov/rmp/id/jarbidge> (subject to change).
- E-mail: [ID\\_Jarbidge\\_RMP@blm.gov](mailto:ID_Jarbidge_RMP@blm.gov).
- Fax: (208) 736-2375 or (208) 735-2076.
- Mail: Project Manager, Jarbidge Field Office, 2536 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Jarbidge Field Office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Rick Vandervoet, Acting Field Manager, Jarbidge Field Office, Telephone 208-735-2060; e-mail [richard\\_vandervoet@blm.gov](mailto:richard_vandervoet@blm.gov) or Howard Hedrick, District Manager, Twin Falls District, Telephone 208-735-2060; e-mail [howard\\_hedrick@blm.gov](mailto:howard_hedrick@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document provides notice that the BLM Jarbidge Field Office, Twin Falls, Idaho,

intends to prepare a RMP with an associated EIS for the Jarbidge Field Office and announces public scoping meetings.

The planning area is located in Twin Falls, Owyhee and Elmore Counties, Idaho and Elko County, Nevada. This planning activity encompasses approximately 1,366,000 acres of public land. The plan will fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), and BLM management policies. Preparation of an RMP for the Jarbidge Field Office is necessary to respond to a Stipulated Settlement Agreement under the jurisdiction of the District Court, for the District of Idaho; respond to changing resource conditions; respond to new issues; and prepare a comprehensive framework for managing public lands administered by the field office into the future. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis and EIS alternatives. These issues will also guide the planning process. You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing to the BLM at any public scoping meeting, or you may submit them to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name and/or address from public review or disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. The BLM will honor such requests to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, are available for public inspection in their entirety.

To be most helpful, scoping comments should be received within 60 days following the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**; however, coordination with the public will continue throughout the planning process.

Preliminary issues and management concerns have been identified by BLM personnel, other agencies, and in meetings with individuals and user groups. They represent the BLM's knowledge to date regarding the existing issues and concerns with current land

management. The major issues that will be addressed in this planning effort include: Tribal treaty rights and trust responsibilities; availability and management of public lands for commercial uses (e.g., livestock grazing, minerals development); vegetation management (including invasive species, noxious weeds, riparian areas and wetlands); fire and fuels management; management of habitat for wildlife and special status species; management of transportation, public access, and recreational opportunities; land tenure adjustments, rights of way including wind energy and utility corridors; wild horses; and management of areas with special values.

After gathering public comments as to what issues the plan should address, they will be placed in one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the plan;
2. Issues to be resolved through policy or administrative action; or
3. Issues beyond the scope of this plan.

The BLM will provide an explanation in the plan for placing an issue in either category two or three. In addition to these major issues, the plan will address a number of management questions and concerns. BLM encourages the public to help identify these questions and concerns during the scoping phase.

Preliminary planning criteria include the following:

1. The plan will comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and current policies. This includes local, state, Tribal, and Federal air quality standards; as well as water quality standards from the Idaho Non-Point Source Management Program Plans.
2. The RMP planning effort will be collaborative in nature. The BLM will strive to ensure that its management decisions are complementary to other planning jurisdictions and adjoining properties, within the limits described by law and Federal Regulations.
3. The BLM will continue to manage all previously established Wilderness Study Areas for wilderness values and character until Congress either designates them as wilderness areas or releases them for other types of multiple use management.
4. The RMP will recognize all valid existing rights.
5. As part of this RMP process, BLM will analyze areas for potential designation as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) in accordance with 43 CFR 1610.7-2, and river corridors for designation under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

The BLM will use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the plan in order

to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Specialists with expertise in the following disciplines will be involved in the planning process: Rangeland management, botany, noxious weeds, minerals and geology, fire use, outdoor recreation and wilderness, archaeology, paleontology, wildlife and fisheries, lands and realty, hydrology, soils, sociology and economics, public affairs, and geographic information.

Dated: November 23, 2005.

**K Lynn Bennett,**

*Idaho State Director, Bureau of Land Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of an information collection (1010-0128).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), MMS is inviting comments on a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request (ICR) concerns the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 CFR 250, Subpart O, "Well Control & Production Safety Training."

**DATES:** Submit written comments by March 13, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods listed below. Please use the Information Collection Number 1010-0128 as an identifier in your message.

- Public Connect on-line commenting system, <https://occonnect.mms.gov>. Follow the instructions on the Web site for submitting comments.

- E-mail MMS at [rules.comments@mms.gov](mailto:rules.comments@mms.gov). Identify with Information Collection Number 1010-0128 in the subject line.

- Fax: 703-787-1093. Identify with Information Collection Number 1010-0128.

- Mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Attention: Rules Process Team (RPT); 381 Elden Street, MS-4024; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817. Please reference "Information

Collection 1010-0128" in your comments.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cheryl Blundon, Rules Processing Team at (703) 787-1600. You may also contact Cheryl Blundon to obtain a copy, at no cost, of the regulations that require the subject collection of information.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** 30 CFR Part 250, Subpart O, Well Control & Production Safety Training.

**OMB Control Number:** 1010-0128.

**Abstract:** The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.* and 43 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to prescribe rules and regulations to administer leasing of the OCS. Such rules and regulations will apply to all operations conducted under a lease. Operations on the OCS must preserve, protect, and develop oil and natural gas resources in a manner that is consistent with the need to make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; to balance orderly energy resource development with protection of human, marine, and coastal environments; to ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources of the OCS; and to preserve and maintain free enterprise competition.

Section 1332(6) of the OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1332) requires that "operations in the [O]uter Continental Shelf should be conducted in a safe manner by well trained personnel using technology, precautions, and other techniques sufficient to prevent or minimize the likelihood of blowouts, loss of well control, fires, spillages, physical obstructions to other users of the waters or subsoil and seabed, or other occurrences which may cause damage to the environment or to property or endanger life or health." This authority and responsibility are among those delegated to the Minerals Management Service (MMS). To carry out these responsibilities, MMS issues regulations governing oil and gas or sulphur operations in the OCS.

Regulations at 30 CFR part 250, subpart O, implement these safe operation requirements. The MMS uses the information collected under subpart O to ensure that workers in the OCS are properly trained with the necessary skills to perform their jobs in a safe and pollution-free manner. In some instances, MMS will conduct oral interviews of offshore employees to evaluate the effectiveness of a company's training program. The information collected is necessary to