

Sec. 36, lots 1-7, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.
 T. 35 N., R. 69 E.,
 Sec. 6, lots 1-7, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$.
 T. 36 N., R. 69 E.,
 Sec. 2, lots 3, 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 6, lots 1-7, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 18, lots 1-4, E $\frac{1}{2}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 30, lots 1-4, E $\frac{1}{2}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$.
 T. 37 N., R. 69 E.,
 Sec. 18, lots 1, 2, 5-8, E $\frac{1}{2}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 20, All;
 Sec. 26, All;
 Sec. 30, lots 1-4, E $\frac{1}{2}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 32, All;
 Sec. 34, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.
 Containing 16,626.4 acres, more or less.

In exchange for these lands, the United States will acquire private lands within Elko County from Simplot Land and Cattle Company, located in the following townships:

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

- T. 34 N., R. 68 E.
- T. 35 N., R. 68 E.
- T. 34 N., R. 69 E.
- T. 35 N., R. 69 E.
- T. 36 N., R. 69 E.
- T. 37 N., R. 69 E.
- T. 35 N., R. 70 E.
- T. 36 N., R. 70 E.
- T. 37 N., R. 70 E.

A more detailed legal description can be found in the subject case file at the Elko District office. These private offered lands comprise 16,666.389 acres, more or less, and include three existing water rights (certificates 12368, 12641, and 12642) associated with the lands. The mineral estate of the private offered lands, owned by third parties, will not be conveyed under this action.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Further information concerning the exchange, including the environmental assessment, is available for review at the Bureau of Land Management, Elko District Office, 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the exchange is to consolidate the public land ownership pattern in this area to achieve a configuration more conducive to natural resource management by both parties. The resulting pattern of public land ownership will better support the BLM's objective of implementing management on an ecosystem-wide basis, will eliminate or reduce management complexities caused by intermingled ownership of parcels in the area, and will contribute toward the implementation of the Wells Resource Area Resource Management Plan (RMP) of July, 1985. Consummation of the exchange will serve to acquire private lands which have high values for

wildlife, cultural resources, historical, recreation, threatened, endangered, or candidate species, and water resources. The value of the lands to be exchanged is equal.

The patent, when issued, will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. Oil and gas. A more detailed description of this reservation, which will be included in the patent document, is available for review at the Elko District office.

2. A right-of-way thereon for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States; Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

The patent will be subject to:

1. An easement for roads and public utilities in favor of Elko County on a strip of land thirty feet in width along the exterior boundary of each parcel.

2. The following rights-of-way granted to the right-of-way holders, their successors, or assigns:

- N-39088, a powerline right-of-way held by Wells Rural Electric Company, granted pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976;
- N-41038, a powerline right-of-way held by Raft River Electric Company, granted pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976;
- N-47793, a telephone line right-of-way held by Beehive Telephone Company, granted pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976;
- N-52499, an access road right-of-way held by Elko County, granted pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976;
- N-60439, a range improvement fence right-of-way reservation held by the United States, granted pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976.

The conveyance of public lands in T. 37 N., R. 69 E., sec. 18 will be made under the conditions of a conservation easement in order to protect the integrity of a wildlife improvement project and to preserve habitat characteristics within the section by precluding surface development for a period of thirty years.

The disposal of the above described public land will result in the adjustment of the grazing preference of the following grazing permits:

Permittee	Allotment	Adjustment
Larry Schutte .. H&R Livestock Simplot Land & Cattle Co.	Big Springs .. Leppy Hills ... Pilot	0 AUMs. +104 AUMs. - 697 AUMs.

Simplot Land and Cattle Company was notified by letter dated June 1, 1995 that this reduction would be necessary.

The subject public lands have been segregated from all appropriations under the public land laws including the mining law.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register, interested parties may submit comments to the District Manager, Elko District Office, P.O. Box 831, Elko, NV 89803.

All objections will be reviewed by the State Director, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of timely filed objections, this realty action shall become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Dated: January 26, 1996.

Helen Hankins,

District Manager.

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Minerals Management Service

Subpart D, Drilling Operations

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of request for reinstatement of information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on a request to reinstate a previously approved collection of information contained in 30 CFR Part 250, Subpart D, Drilling Operations. MMS has added new requirements which will increase the reporting burden; and, reduced recordkeeping hours due to corrected re-estimates. MMS will request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to reinstate this collection of information.

DATES: Submit written comments by April 8, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Mail Stop 4700; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 22070-4817; Attention: Chief, Engineering and Standards Branch.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Andrew Radford, Engineering and Standards Branch, Minerals Management Service, telephone (703) 787-1144.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Abstract

1. The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA), 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*, requires the Secretary of the Interior to preserve, protect, and develop oil and gas resources in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS); make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; balance orderly energy resources development with protection of the human, marine, and coastal environment; ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources offshore; and preserve and maintain free enterprise competition. Section 1332(6) of the OCSLA (43 U.S.C. 1332) requires that "operations in the Outer Continental Shelf should be conducted in a safe manner by well-trained personnel using technology, precautions, and techniques sufficient to prevent or minimize the likelihood of blowouts, loss of well control, fires, spillages, physical obstruction 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." To carry out these responsibilities, the Director of the MMS has issued rules governing drilling operations in the OCS. To perform these duties, MMS needs to collect information from lessees in the OCS. This information is in the form of descriptions of the drilling site, procedures, and equipment as described in 30 CFR Part 250, Subpart D, Drilling Operations.

2. The MMS prepared a proposed rule to amend Subpart D, § 250.67, Hydrogen sulfide, to revise the requirements for preventing hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) releases and protecting human safety. Also proposed were requirements for visual and audible warning systems, personnel protection, training, (H₂S) and sulphur dioxide (SO₂) detection and monitoring, and H₂S flaring. The proposed rule was published in the Federal Register on May 11, 1995 (60 FR 25178). Comments were due July 10, 1995. MMS did not receive any comments pertaining to the Subpart D information collection requirements in this proposed rule.

3. MMS will use the information to ascertain the condition of a drilling site for the purpose of mitigating hazards inherent in drilling operations. If MMS did not collect the information, we could not determine whether lessees are properly providing for the safety of operations and the protection of the environment. Specifically, we could not:

a. Review drilling plans to ensure that the drilling unit is fit for the intended purpose.

b. Review expected oceanographic and meteorological conditions to use when evaluating the integrity of the drilling unit (this information is submitted only if it is not otherwise available).

c. Review shallow hazard survey data to ensure that the lessee will not encounter geologic conditions which present a hazard to operations.

d. Review welding and burning plans to ensure the safety of operations.

e. Review casing data to ensure the adequacy of casings for anticipated conditions.

f. Review well records to ascertain whether hydrocarbons have been encountered and whether H₂S has been encountered.

4. The reporting and recordkeeping requirements and number of respondents vary for each section. The estimates below are based on an average.

Description of Respondents: Federal OCS oil and gas lessees.

Frequency: On occasion; varies by section.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 125.

Estimate of Burden: Reporting average of 19 annual hours per response; recordkeeping average of 140 annual hours per recordkeeper.

Estimate of Total Annual Burden on Respondents: Reporting burden estimate = 2,371 hours; recordkeeping burden estimate = 17,533. Estimated combined total of 19,904.

Estimate of Total Annual Cost to Respondents for Hour Burdens: Based on \$25 per hour, the total cost to lessees is estimated to be \$497,600.

Estimate of Total Other Annual Costs to Respondents: Unknown.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.

OMB Number: 1010-0053.

Form Number: N/A.

Comments: MMS will summarize written responses to this notice for inclusion in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

1. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), MMS specifically solicits responses to the following questions: (a) Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper performance of MMS' functions and will it be useful? (b) Are the estimates of the burden 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 those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology?

2. In addition, the Paperwork Reduction Act requires agencies to estimate the total annual cost burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. MMS needs your comments on this item. Your response should split the cost estimate into two components: (a) a total capital and start-up cost component; and (b) an annual operation and maintenance and purchase of services component. The estimates should take into account costs associated with generating, maintaining, and disclosing or providing the information. Include descriptions of methods used to estimate major cost factor including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, the discount rate(s), and the time period over which costs will be incurred. Capital and start-up costs include, among other items, preparations for collecting information such as purchasing computers and software, monitoring, sampling, drilling and testing equipment; and record storage facilities. Generally, estimates should not include purchases of equipment or services made: (a) prior to October 1, 1995; (b) to achieve regulatory compliance with requirements not associated with the information collection; (c) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the government; or (d) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

Bureau Clearance Officer: Arthur Quintana (703) 787-1239.

Dated: January 29, 1996.

Henry G. Bartholomew,

Deputy Associate Director for Operations and Safety Management.

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Reduction of Royalty or Net Profit Share

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