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This notice is being published less than fifteen days prior to the meeting due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.173 Biological Research Related to Deafness and Communication Disorders)

Dated: August 28, 1996.

Susan K. Feldman,

*Committee Management Officer, NIH.*

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### Division of Research Grants; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following Division of Research Grants Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meetings:

*Purpose/Agenda:* To review individual grant applications.

*Name of SEP:* Microbiological and Immunological Sciences.

*Date:* September 11, 1996.

*Time:* 11:00 a.m.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4190, Telephone Conference.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Garrett Keefer, Scientific Review Administrator, 671 Rockledge Drive, Room 4190, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1152.

*Name of SEP:* Clinical Sciences.

*Date:* September 16, 1996.

*Time:* 1:00 p.m.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4100, Telephone Conference.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Jeanne Ketley, Scientific Review Administrator, 671 Rockledge Drive, Room 4100, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1788.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the above meetings due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the grant review and funding cycle.

The meetings will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393-

93.396, 93.837-93.844, 93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

#### Bureau of Land Management

[WO-310-1310-01-24-1A]

#### Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection; OMB Approval Number 1004-0074

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is announcing its intention to request an extension of approval for the collection of information which will be used to determine the highest qualified bonus bid submitted for a competitive oil and gas or geothermal lease (Form 3000-2) and enable the BLM to complete environmental reviews in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Form 3200-9). The information supplied allows the BLM to determine whether a bidder is qualified to hold a lease and to conduct geothermal resource operations under the terms of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 and the Geothermal Steam Act of 1969.

**DATE:** Comments must be submitted on or before November 4, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Management Team (420), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 401 LS Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: WOCComment@WO0033wp.wo.blm.gov.

Comments may be hand delivered to the Bureau of Land Management Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street N.W., Washington, D.C.

Comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gloria J. Austin, (202) 452-0340.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8(d), the BLM is required to provide a 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning a proposed collection of

information to solicit comments on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) gives the Secretary of the Interior responsibility for oil and gas leasing on approximately 600 million acres of public lands and national forests, and private lands where minerals have been reserved by the Federal Government. The Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Reform Act of 1987 was passed by Congress to require that all public lands that are available for oil and gas leasing be offered first by competitive oral bidding. The Department of the Interior Appropriations Act of 1981 (43 U.S.C. 6508) provides for the competitive leasing of the lands in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A). The Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1001-1025) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to issue leases for geothermal development. The lands available for exploration and leasing include public, withdrawn, reserved, and acquired lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 established a national policy to protect the environment.

The regulations within 43 CFR Group 3100 outline procedures for obtaining a lease to explore for, develop, and produce oil and gas resources located on Federal lands. The regulations within 43 CFR Group 3200 provide for the issuance of geothermal leases and the exploration, development and utilization of Federally-owned geothermal resources. The BLM needs the information requested on the two forms to process bids for oil and gas and geothermal lands and to complete environmental reviews required by the NEPA.

The information will be used to determine the highest qualified bonus bid submitted for a competitive oil and gas or geothermal resources parcel on

form 3000-2, "Competitive Oil and Gas or Geothermal Resources Lease Bid". In the case of form 3200-9, "Notice of Intent to conduct Geothermal Resources Exploration Operations", the information will be used to enable the BLM to complete environmental reviews in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The BLM needs the information requested to determine the eligibility of an applicant to hold, explore for, develop and produce oil and gas and geothermal resources on Federal lands.

The forms are submitted in person or by mail to the proper BLM Office. For Form 3000-2, the name and address of the bidder is needed to identify the bidder and allow the authorized officer to ensure that the bidder meets the requirements of the regulations. The total bid and payment submitted with bid is necessary to determine the specific bid and that the bid is accompanied by one-fifth of the amount bid as required by the regulations for a Geothermal bid or the minimum acceptable bid, first year's rental and administrative fee as required by the regulations for an oil and gas bid. For Form 3200-9, names and addresses are needed to identify entities who will be conducting operations on the land. The description of land is necessary to determine the area to be entered or disturbed by the proposed exploration operation. Dates of commencement and completion are necessary to determine how long the applicant/operator/contractor intends to conduct operations on the land. The forms were developed in 1990 and 1986 respectively and the information required from the public remains the same.

Based on past experience conducting oil and gas and geothermal lease sales and administering geothermal exploration operations, the BLM estimates that the public reporting burden for completing to be two hours. The bidder/lessee/operator/contractor has access to records, plats, and maps necessary for providing land descriptions. The estimate includes time spent researching bids and assembling information as well as the time of clerical personnel.

It is estimated that approximately 393 Form 3000-2 will be filed annually for a total of 786 reporting hours and approximately 50 form 3200-9 will be filed annually for a total of 100 reporting hours. Respondents vary from individuals and small businesses to large corporations.

Any interested member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of Form 3000-2 or 3200-9 by contacting the person identified under

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.** All responses to the notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become part of the public record.

Dated: August 23, 1996.  
Annetta Cheek,  
*Leader, Regulatory Management Team.*  
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#### [UTU-72033]

#### Utah; Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

In accordance with Title IV of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act (P.L. 97-451), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease UTU-72033 for lands in San Juan County, Utah, was timely filed and required rentals accruing from July 1, 1996, the date of termination, have been paid.

The lessees have agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10 per acre and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent, respectively. The \$500 administrative fee has been paid and the lessees have reimbursed the Bureau of Land Management for the cost of publishing this notice.

Having met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease and set out in Section 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease UTU-72033, effective July 1, 1996, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

Robert Lopez,  
*Group Leader, Minerals Adjudication Group.*  
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#### [CA-056-1430-01 and CA-059-1430-01; CACA 7337, CACA 7366, and CAS 585]

#### Termination of Classifications of Public Lands for Small Tract Classification Number 506, Recreation and Public Purpose, and Multiple-Use Management, and Opening Order; California

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice terminates the following classifications of public lands, either in their entirety or in part: CACA 7337—Small Tract Classification Number 506, CACA 7366—Recreation

and Public Purposes, and CAS 585—Multiple-Use Management. The lands will be opened to the operation of the public land laws including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. The lands have been and remain open to the operation of the mineral leasing laws.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Termination of the classifications are effective on September 3, 1996. The lands will be open to entry at 10 a.m. on October 3, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathy Gary or Duane Marti, BLM California State Office (CA-931), 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, California 95825-0451; telephone number 916-979-2858.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### (1). CACA 7337—Small Tract Act Classification Number 506

On January 4, 1957, 1,581.65 acres of public lands were classified as suitable for lease under the Act of June 1, 1938, as amended (43 U.S.C. 682a-e). The lands were segregated from appropriation under the public land laws and the general mining laws. The classification decision was published in the Federal Register on January 11, 1957 (22FR245). On March 25, 1992, that classification was terminated for all but 180 acres, which are described below. The decision to terminate the classification, in part, was published in the Federal Register on February 24, 1992 (57FR6331).

Pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), and the regulations contained in 43 CFR 2091.7-1(b)(2), Small Tract Act Classification Number 506 is hereby terminated in its entirety and the segregation for the following described land is hereby terminated:

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 33 N., R. 10W.,

Sec. 13, lots 4 through 18, inclusive,  
W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described aggregates 180 acres in Trinity County.

The classification no longer serves a needed purpose as to the land described above and is hereby terminated.

##### (2). CACA 7366—Recreation and Public Purposes Classification Number C3-1131

On May 20, 1971, 231.85 acres of public lands were classified as suitable for lease or sale under the Recreation