

be retained in public ownership and managed to enhance and protect significant cultural resources. Management actions affecting this area are: fire would be managed with conditional fire suppression; wood product sales, livestock grazing and range improvements would be allowed; rights-of-way, and mineral material sales and permits would not be allowed; oil and gas leasing would be allowed with a No Surface Occupancy stipulation; the area would be closed to geophysical exploration for oil and gas on the cultural resource sites and allowed (surface methods and vibroseis) in the remainder of the area; and off-road vehicle use would be limited to designated roads and trails.

7. *Weatherman Draw* (4,268 public surface acres) in Carbon County would be designated an area of critical environmental concern. This significant cultural site would be retained in public ownership and managed to enhance and protect the cultural resources. Management actions affecting this area are: fire would be managed with conditional fire suppression; wood product sales would not be allowed; rights-of-way associated with valid existing oil or gas lease rights would be allowed with restrictions, other rights-of-way would not be allowed; livestock grazing would be allowed; range improvements would be allowed when they do not conflict with the area of critical environmental concern values; locatable minerals would be withdrawn from entry; mineral material sales and permits would not be allowed; oil and gas leasing would be allowed with a No Surface Occupancy stipulation with no waiver, exception or modification provisions; geophysical exploration for oil and gas would be closed; and off-road vehicle use would be limited to authorized use.

8. *Battle Butte* (120 public surface acres) in Rosebud County would be designated an area of critical environmental concern. This historic battlefield would be retained in public ownership and managed to enhance and protect the cultural resources. Management actions affecting the area are: fire would be managed with conditional fire suppression; livestock grazing and range improvements would be allowed; rights-of-way, coal leasing, and mineral material sales and permits would not be allowed; oil and gas leasing would be allowed with a No Surface Occupancy stipulation; geophysical exploration for oil and gas would be allowed on designated roads and trails with restrictions; and off-road vehicle use would be limited to designated roads and trails.

9. *Finger Buttes* (6,206 public surface acres) in Carter County would be designated an area of critical environmental concern. The area would be retained in public ownership and managed for its scenic values. Management actions affecting this area are: fire would be managed with conditional fire suppression; wood product sales would be allowed with restrictions; rights-of-way would avoid the area; livestock grazing and range improvements would be allowed; mineral material sales and permits and nonenergy leasable mineral leasing would not be allowed; oil and gas leasing would be allowed with a Controlled Surface Use stipulation; geophysical exploration for oil and gas would be allowed on designated roads and trails with restrictions; and off-road vehicle use would be limited to designated roads and trails.

10. *Howrey Island* (321 public surface acres) in Treasure County would be designated an area of critical environmental concern. The area would be retained in public ownership and managed for its special wildlife habitat. Management actions affecting this area are: fire would be managed with conditional fire suppression; wood product sales would be allowed with restrictions; rights-of-way would not be allowed; livestock grazing would be allowed; range improvements would be allowed when they do not degrade the area's values; and off-road vehicles would be limited to the BLM road except from February 15th to June 1st. During that time, no vehicles would be allowed, including on the BLM road.

11. *Reynolds Battlefield* (336 public surface acres) in Powder River County would be designated an area of critical environmental concern. This historic battlefield would be retained in public ownership and managed to enhance and protect the cultural resources. Management actions affecting the area are: fire would be managed with conditional fire suppression; timber sales and wood product sales would be allowed with restrictions; rights-of-way would avoid the area; livestock grazing and range improvements would be allowed; coal leasing and mineral material sales and permits would not be allowed; oil and gas leasing would be allowed with a No Surface Occupancy stipulation; geophysical exploration for oil and gas would be allowed on designated roads and trails with restrictions; and off-road vehicle use would be limited to designated roads and trails.

12. The *Fossil Cycad* area (320 public surface acres) in Fall River County, South Dakota, would be designated an

area of critical environmental concern. The surface and minerals would be retained in public ownership and managed to protect and enhance significant paleontological resources. Management actions affecting this area are: fire would be managed with conditional fire suppression; timber sales, wood product sales, and geophysical exploration for oil and gas would not be allowed; rights-of-way would be allowed with stipulations; oil and gas leasing would be allowed with a No Surface Occupancy stipulation; livestock grazing would be allowed; locatable minerals would be withdrawn from entry; and off-road vehicle use would be limited to designated roads and trails.

This notice meets the requirements of 43 CFR 1610.7-2 for designation of areas of critical environmental concern.

Dated: December 16, 1997.

Timothy M. Murphy,
District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-360-1020-00]

Notice of Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Northwest California Resource Advisory Council, Ukiah, California.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committees Act (Public Law 92-463) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (Public Law 94-579), the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Northwest California Resource Advisory Council will meet Thursday and Friday, Feb. 5 and 6, 1998, at the BLM's Clear Lake Field Office, 2550 North State Street, Ukiah.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting begins at 10 a.m. Feb. 5. Agenda items include discussion of a proposal to close Black Sands Beach to motor vehicle access, the status of an environmental impact statement on Healthy Rangeland Standards and Guidelines, discussion of recreation user fees, the status of planning in the Sacramento River Bend Area of Critical Environmental Concern, reports on the status of the plan amendment for South Cow Mountain, and reports from the managers of BLM's Arcata, Clear Lake and Redding field offices. Public

comments will be taken at 4 p.m. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, a time limit could be established.

On Friday, the council will convene at 8 a.m. at the Clear Lake Field Office and depart immediately for a field tour in the Cache Creek area. Members of the public are welcome, but they must provide their own transportation.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Contact Jeff Fontana, public affairs officer, at (530) 257-5381.

Jeff Fontana,

Public Affairs Officer.

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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 revision of a currently approved collection, 1010-0049.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for

approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Act) the collection of information discussed below. The Act requires that OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Act also 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.

DATES: Submit written comments by January 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments and suggestions directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1010-0049), 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503. Send a copy of your comments to the Rules Processing Team, Mail Stop 4020, Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alexis London, Rules Processing Team, Engineering and Operations Division, Minerals Management Service, telephone (703) 787-1600. You may obtain copies of the supporting statement and collection of information by contacting the MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer at (202) 208-7744.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR 250, Subpart B, Exploration and Development and Production Plans.

OMB Number: 1010-0049.

Abstract: Respondents provide information and maintain records on their proposed exploration or development and production activities on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The MMS uses the information to ensure that OCS operations are carried out in a manner that is safe, pollution free, do not interfere with the rights of other users, and conserve the resources of the OCS. Responses to this collection of information are mandatory. The MMS will protect proprietary information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and 30 CFR 250.18, Data and information to be made available to the public.

Description of Respondents: Federal OCS oil and gas and sulphur lessees.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 130.

Frequency: The frequency of response is on occasion.

Estimated Annual Burden on Respondents: Reporting and recordkeeping "hour" burden of 269,438 hours (see chart below); no reporting and recordkeeping "cost".

BURDEN BREAKDOWN

	Reporting requirement	Average number per year	Burden per requirement	Annual burden hours
Citation 30 CFR 250 subpart B and related NTLs:				
31	Notify MMS of preliminary activities	10 notices	1	10
33	Submit initial exploration plan, including surveys, reports, studies, etc.	288 plans	580 hours	167,040
33	Submit revised exploration plan, including surveys, reports, studies, etc.	185 revisions	80 hours	14,800
34	Submit initial development and production plan (or development operations coordination document used in western GOM), including surveys, reports, studies, etc.	97 plans	580 hours	56,260
34	Submit revised development and production plan (or development operations coordination document used in western GOM), including surveys, reports, studies, etc.	294 revisions	82 hours	24,108
34	Submit supplemental deepwater operations plans for projects in GOM water depths greater than 1,000 feet and projects utilizing subsea production technology.	12 plans	580 hours	6,960
Total Reporting		886 responses		269,178
Citation 30 CFR 250 subpart B and related NTLs: Supplemental NTLs	Retain original copies of surveys, studies, reports, etc. (Note: Respondents would retain these as part of usual & customary business activities. The burden is to make them available to MMS if needed.).	130	2 hours	260
Total record-keeping.				260