

62570 (FR Doc. 98-2346, 63 FR 46467, September 1, 1998) as it affects the following described land:

**Mount Diablo Meridian**

T. 6 S., R. 61 E.,

Sec. 6, lot 9 (formerly a portion of lot 4).

The area described contains 4.24 acres in Lincoln County.

The land is not needed for the protection of Ash Springs. The land remaining in the application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR Part 2300.

At 9 a.m. on September 8, 1999, the land will be opened to the operation of the public land laws generally, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. All valid applications received at or prior to 9 a.m. on September 8, 1999, shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing.

At 9 a.m. on September 8, 1999, the land will be opened to location and entry under the United States mining laws subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. Appropriation of any of the land described in this order under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38 (1994), shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determination in local courts.

Dated: July 27, 1999.

**Jim Stobaugh,**

*Lands Team Lead.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[WY-920-1430-06; WYW 142589]

**Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Wyoming**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to withdraw 3759.12 acres of public land in Fremont County, to protect the habitat of the Desert yellowhead, *Yermo xanthocephalus*. This notice closes the land for up to 2 years from surface entry and mining. The land will remain open to mineral leasing.

**DATES:** Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by November 8, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and requests should be sent to the BLM Wyoming State Director, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003-1828.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janet Booth, BLM Wyoming State Office, 307-775-6124, or Jack Kelly, BLM Lander Field Office Manager, 1335 Main Street, Lander, Wyoming 82520, 307-332-8400.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 8, 1999, a petition/application was approved allowing the Bureau of Land Management to file 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:

**Sixth Principal Meridian**

T. 30 N., R. 95 W.,

Sec. 2, lots 1-3, incl.

T. 31 N., R. 95 W.,

Sec. 22, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 23, all;

Sec. 26, all;

Sec. 27, all;

Sec. 28, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 33, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 34, N $\frac{1}{2}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 35, all.

The area described contains 3759.12 acres in Fremont County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect the habitat of the *Yermo xanthocephalus*, a plant species officially classified as a Candidate species, Priority 1, under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The only known location is within the Beaver Rim area of central Wyoming.

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 undersigned officer of the BLM.

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 Wyoming 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 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 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. Licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, or discretionary land use authorizations of a temporary nature which would not impact the plant habitat may be allowed with the approval of an authorized officer of the BLM during the segregative period.

Dated: July 26, 1999.

**Alan L. Kesterke,**

*Associate State Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Minerals Management Service**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of currently approved information collection (1010-0079).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*), we are notifying you that we have submitted the information collection request (ICR) discussed below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. We are also inviting your comments on this ICR.

**DATES:** Submit written comments by September 8, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1010-0079), 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503. Mail or handcarry a copy of your comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; attention: Rules

Processing Team; Mail Stop 4024; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Alexis London, Rules Processing Team, telephone (703) 787-1600. You may also contact Alexis London to obtain a copy of the collection of information at no cost.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* 30 CFR 250, Subpart G, Abandonment of Wells.

*OMB Control Number:* 1010-0079.

*Abstract:* The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*) gives the Secretary of the Interior the responsibility to preserve, protect, and develop oil and gas resources in the OCS consistent with the need to make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; balance orderly energy resource development with protection of human, marine, and coastal environments; ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources of the OCS; and preserve and maintain free enterprise competition. In 1978, section 3(6) of the OCS Lands Act was amended to state that "operations in the outer

Continental Shelf should be conducted \* \* \* using technology, precautions, and techniques sufficient to prevent or minimize \* \* \* 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, we established regulations at 30 CFR 250, subpart G, "Abandonment of Wells."

Respondents submit requests to abandon operations and procedures for site clearance. They also submit annual reports describing plans for reentry to complete or permanently abandon a well. For us to decide the necessity for allowing a well to be temporarily abandoned, the lessee/operator must show that there is a reason to not permanently abandon the well and the temporary abandonment is not a significant threat to fishing, navigation, or other uses of the seabed. If we did not collect the information, we could not determine: (a) the intent of the lessee, (b) if the final disposition of the well is being diligently pursued, (c) any deviations from the approved Exploration or Development and Production Plan, and (d) if the lessee/

operator has documented the temporary plugging of the well and marked the location.

We will protect proprietary information submitted with the plans according to the Freedom of Information Act and 30 CFR 250.118, "Data and information to be made available to the public." No items of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are mandatory.

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. We published a **Federal Register** notice with the required 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this ICR on January 14, 1999 (64 FR 2501).

*Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:* Approximately 130 Federal OCS sulphur or oil and gas lessees.

*Frequency:* The frequency of reporting is on occasion and annual.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:* 650 burden hours, averaging approximately 3.25 hours per response. See following chart.

**BURDEN BREAKDOWN**

Citation 30 CFR 250 subpart G	Requirement	Average number per year	Burden	Annual burden hours
701 .....	Request approval to abandon operations (form MMS-124) ....	(40)(1) .....	Burden included with 1010-0045.	0
703(c) .....	Submit annual report on plans for reentry to complete or permanently abandon the well..	75 reports .....	2 hours .....	150
704(a) .....	Request approval of site clearance method. ....	125 requests ....	4 hours .....	500
704(b) .....	Certify location cleared of obstructions (form MMS-124). ....	(40)(1) .....	Burden included with 1010-0045..	0
Total Reporting .....	.....	200 responses ..	.....	650

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Cost" Burden:* We have identified no information collection cost burdens for this collection of information.

*Comments:* All comments are made a part of the public record. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA 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.

Send your comments directly to the offices listed under the addresses section of this notice. The 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 public comments by September 8, 1999.

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

Dated: June 3, 1999.

**E.P. Danenberger,**

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