

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council will be held on September 20, 1996.

**DATES:** The meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 20, 1996 in Rifle, Colorado.

**ADDRESSES:** For further information, contact Lynda Boody, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Grand Junction District Office, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506; Telephone (970) 244-3000; TDD (970) 244-3011.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m.

This meeting will be held at the U.S. Forest Service Office, Rifle Ranger District, 0094 County Road 244, Rifle, CO 81650.

The agenda for this meeting will focus on general Council business, issues with which the Council would like to become involved, new business, and committee reports.

All Resource Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to the Council, or written statements may be submitted for the Council's consideration. Public comment will be taken throughout the meeting. Depending on the number of persons wishing to make oral statements, a per-person time limit may be established by the Grand Junction/Craig District Manager.

Summary minutes for the Council meeting will be maintained in the Grand Junction and Craig District Offices and will be available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting.

Dated: August 26, 1996.

Mark Morse,

*Grand Junction/Craig District Manager.*

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**[MT-960-1990-00]****Resource Advisory Council Meeting, Butte, MT**

**AGENCY:** Butte District Office, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Butte District Resource Advisory Council Meeting, Butte, Montana.

**SUMMARY:** The Council will convene at 1:00 PM on Thursday, October 3 and continue through Friday, October 4, 1996 to discuss the Westslope Cutthroat Trout, Abandoned Mine Reclamation in

western Montana, Land Exchanges, and the draft Standards and Guidelines EIS comments.

The meeting will be held at the Dillon Resource Area Office, 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, Montana.

The meeting is open to the public and written comments may be given to the Council. Oral comments may be presented to the Council at 3 PM on October 3. The time allotted for oral comment may be limited, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard. Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meeting; or need special assistance, such as sign language or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the Butte District, 106 North Parkmont (PO Box 3388), Butte, Montana 59702-3388; telephone 406-494-5059.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Owings at the above address or telephone number.

Dated: August 27, 1996.

Michele D. Good,

*Acting District Manager.*

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**[MT-060-06-1020-00]****Montana Off-Road Vehicle Designation**

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

**ACTION:** Notice to limit off-road vehicle use on public lands.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that beginning September 1, 1996, the use of off-road vehicles (ORV) is limited on public lands within the Pike Creek Block Management Area in southern Petroleum County, Montana. This will be in effect during the bird and big game hunting seasons as established by the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission in accordance with the authority and requirements of regulation 43 CAR 8364.1.

**DATES:** This designation will be in effect between September 1, and December 1.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chuck Otto, Judith Resource Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1160, Airport Road, Lewistown, MT 59457.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This block management area includes 37,120 acres in three units (North, South and South Zimmerman). The public land is administered by the BLM, Judith Resource Area, Lewistown District. This designation is the result of analysis completed in the Judith, Valley, Phillips

Resource Management Plan of 1994, and will be implemented as a cooperative effort among private landowners; Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks; Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation; and the BLM. The purpose of this designation is to prevent damage to soil, vegetation and scenic resources; to open additional private and state lands for hunting; and to reduce landowner/recreationist conflicts so as to provide a higher quality hunt.

The off-road vehicle limitation area is located in southern Petroleum County, Montana.

Dated: August 26, 1996.

David L. Mari,

*District Manager.*

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**[WY-989-1050-00-P]****Filing of Plats Survey; Wyoming**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The plats of survey of the following described lands are scheduled to be officially filed in the Wyoming State Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming, thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication.

Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming

T. 22 N., R. 101 W., accepted July 15, 1996

T. 16 N., R. 83 W., accepted August 8, 1996

T. 56 N., R. 95 W., accepted August 8, 1996

T. 49 N., R. 72 W., accepted August 16, 1996

T. 17 N., R. 93 W., accepted August 16, 1996

T. 27 N., R. 71 W., accepted August 26, 1996

If protests against a survey, as shown on any of the above plats, are received prior to the official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest(s) and or appeal(s). A plat will not be officially filed until after disposition of protest(s) and or appeal(s).

These plats will be placed in the open files of the Wyoming State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and will be available to the public as a matter of information only. Copies of the plats will be made available upon request and prepayment of the reproduction fee of \$1.10 per copy.

A person or party who wishes to protest a survey must file with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Cheyenne, Wyoming, a notice of protest prior to thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication. If the protest notice did not include a

statement of reasons for the protest, the protestant shall file such a statement with the State Director within thirty (30) calendar days after the notice of protest was filed.

The above-listed plats represent dependent resurveys, subdivision of sections.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1828, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

Dated: August 27, 1996.

John P. Lee,

Chief, Cadastral Survey Group.

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## Minerals Management Service

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

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, DOI.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) is soliciting comments on an information collection for Requests to Exceed Regulatory Allowance Limitation.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before November 5, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments sent via the U.S. Postal Service should be sent to: Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, Rules and Procedures Staff, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3101, Denver, Colorado, 80225-0165; courier address is: Building 85, Room A-212, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225; e-Mail address is: David\_Guzy@smtp.mms.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dennis C. Jones, Rules and Procedures Staff, phone (303) 231-3046, FAX (303) 231-3194, e-Mail Dennis\_Jones@smtp.mms.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, each agency shall provide notice and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning collection of information in order to solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the

burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) Royalty Management Program (RMP) is requesting the continuation of a collection of information to be used by royalty payors on Federal or Indian mineral leases. The payors use the form when requesting MMS approval to exceed established transportation or processing allowance limits. Use of the form will not place any additional burden on payors.

Under certain circumstances lessees are authorized to deduct from royalty payments the reasonable actual costs of transporting the royalty portion of produced oil and gas from the lease to a processing or sales point not in the immediate lease area. When gas is processed for the recovery of gas plant products, lessees may claim a processing allowance. Transportation and processing allowances are a part of the product valuation process which MMS uses to determine if the lessee is reporting and paying the proper royalty amount.

MMS performs the royalty management functions for the Secretary of the Interior, who is responsible for the collection of royalties from lessees who produce minerals from leased Federal and Indian lands. The Secretary is required by various laws to manage the production of mineral resources on Federal and Indian lands, to collect the royalties due, and to distribute the funds in accordance with those laws. The Secretary is authorized to prescribe rules and regulations in order to administer the provisions of laws pertaining to mineral leases on Federal and Indian land and the Outer Continental Shelf. Applicable citations include: 30 U.S.C. 189, pertaining to Public Lands; 30 U.S.C. 359, pertaining to Acquired Lands; 43 U.S.C. 1334, pertaining to Outer Continental Shelf Lands; 25 U.S.C. 396d, pertaining to Indian Lands; and 30 U.S.C. 1713, pertaining to oil and gas from Public and Indian Lands.

Regulations at 30 CFR 206 establish uniform product valuation and allowance policies for all Federal and Indian leases. These regulations require information in support of the product valuation or allowances being claimed. Without such information, MMS cannot evaluate the amount of royalties being

paid or the amount of allowances being claimed.

Regulations at 30 CFR 206.104(b)(1) and 206.156 (c)(1) establish the limit on transportation allowance deductions for oil and gas at 50 percent of the value of the oil or gas at the point of sale. Regulations at 30 CFR 206.104(b)(2) and 206.156(c)(3) provide that MMS may approve a transportation allowance in excess of 50 percent upon proper application from the royalty payor.

Similar regulations at 30 CFR 206.158(c)(2) establish 66⅔ percent of the value of each gas plant product as the limit on the allowable gas processing deduction, while 30 CFR 206.158(c)(3) provides for the approval of a gas processing allowance in excess of 66⅔ percent when properly requested by the payor.

To request permission to exceed an allowance limit, royalty payors must write a letter to MMS providing the reasons why a higher allowance limit is necessary. Although the request to exceed an allowance limit is voluntary on the part of the payors and results in a benefit to them, many times payors have not provided all of the data needed by MMS to approve or deny a request. The followup necessary to obtain required information creates an additional burden for both the payor and the Government.

The use of form MMS-4393, included with the payor's request, ensures that MMS receives the lease data required to make a decision on the request by including the Accounting Identification Number (AID) identifying the lease, the product code identifying the product being transported or processed, and the selling arrangement used to identify the marketing outlet for the product. These are the necessary data that have been missing from many of the requests in the past. The use of Form MMS-4393 reduces the time required for most payors to clarify a request to exceed allowance rates, and reduces the time required by the Government to process the request.

Costs for performing this collection of information are based on time estimated for the payor to provide the information requested on Form MMS-4393. The form will be completed once a year, if necessary, for each of about 50 allowance requests. Completing the form is expected to average one half hour at a cost of \$25 per hour.

*Annual burden costs:* 50 requests×1/2 hour×\$25=\$625.00

*Annual burden hours:* 50 requests×1/2 hour=25 hours.