

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-030-1990-00]

Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Little Rock Mine Project, Grant County, NM

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act, the Mimbres Resource Area has prepared a FEIS analyzing the potential environmental impacts of the proposed re-establishment, operation, and reclamation of the Little Rock Mine Project located approximately 7 miles south of Silver City, New Mexico. The proposed project would also require the construction of a haul road that would enable Phelps Dodge Mining Company (PDMC) to transport ore from the Little Rock Mine pit to existing Tyrone operations for processing. The permit area is approximately 600 acres of which the proposed mine pit would cover 190 acres and the haul road 40 acres.

DATES: Written comments on the FEIS must be submitted or postmarked no later than October 27, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: Juan S. Padilla, Team Coordinator, BLM, Las Cruces District, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Juan S. Padilla, Team Coordinator at (505) 525-4376.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Those individuals, organizations, Native American tribes, agencies, and other government agencies with a known interest in the proposal have been sent a copy of the FEIS. Single copies of the document are available from the BLM Las Cruces District Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico and the BLM New Mexico State Office, 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Reading copies are available for review at public and university libraries in Las Cruces, Silver City, Deming, Lordsburg, Socorro, and Santa Fe, New Mexico. Following the 30-day availability of this FEIS, a Record of Decision (ROD) will be issued.

Dated: September 18, 1997.

Linda S.C. Rundell,
District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ES-020-07-1430-00]

Notice of Intent To Prepare Planning Analysis

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Jackson District Office, Eastern States, will prepare a Planning Analysis/Environmental Assessment (PA/EA) for the public lands within the state of Louisiana which are administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

The planning effort will follow the procedures set forth in 43 CFR, subpart 1600.

The public is invited to participate in the planning process, beginning with the identification of planning issues and criteria. Planning criteria include applicable laws, regulations, and policies. Additional criteria will be developed if identified through public participation activities. The PA/EA will be prepared by an interdisciplinary team.

DATES: Comments relating to the identification of planning issues and criteria will be accepted through November 1, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Jackson District, 411 Briarwood Drive, Suite 404, Jackson, Mississippi 39206.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clay W. Moore, PA/EA Team Leader, (601) 977-5400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PA/EA will guide future use of approximately 2,400 acres of public domain land, comprised of small parcels of land located throughout the State.

The anticipated issues for the PA/EA include the following: (1) Land ownership adjustments and (2) special management areas. These issues are preliminary and subject to change as a result of public input.

The PA/EA will be developed by an interdisciplinary team composed of specialists in realty, wildlife, forestry, cultural resources, visual resources, recreation, fire management, soil, water and air. Additional technical support will be provided by other specialists as needed.

Public participation will be an important part of the planning process. It is intended that all interested or affected parties be involved. The planning team will seek public input by

direct mailings, person-to-person contacts, and coordination with local, state, and other federal agencies. Agency coordination meetings and public meetings may be held to obtain input on issues and planning criteria. Public meetings, if any, will be scheduled at a later time.

Complete records of all phases of the planning process will be available for public review at the Jackson District Office. Copies of the PA/EA will be available upon request.

Dated: September 11, 1997.

Bruce E. Dawson,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of revision of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0049).

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, MMS invites the public and other Federal agencies to comment on a proposal to extend and revise the currently approved collection of information discussed below. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (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 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

DATES: Submit written comments by November 24, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Mail Stop 4020; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817; attention: Rules Processing Team.

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 part 250, subpart B, Exploration and Development and Production Plans.

Abstract: The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA), as amended, 43

U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*, requires the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to preserve, protect, and develop offshore oil and gas resources; to make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; to balance orderly energy resource development with protection of the human, marine, and coastal environments; to ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources of the OCS; and to preserve and maintain free enterprise competition. Section 11 of the amended OCLSA requires the holders of OCS oil and gas and sulphur leases to submit exploration or development and production plans for approval prior to commencing these activities. The implementing regulations and associated information collection requirements are contained in 30 CFR part 250, subpart B, Exploration and Development and Production Plans. In addition, the MMS Regions have issued Notices to Lessees and Operators (NTLs) that provide supplementary guidance and procedures applicable to each Region or nationally. These NTLs address the various surveys, reports, plans (including supplemental deep water operations plans and conservation information for the Gulf of Mexico (GOM) Region), etc., that are necessary for MMS to approve the exploration or development and production activities.

The MMS engineers, geologists, geophysicists, and environmental scientists use the information collected under 30 CFR part 250, subpart B, and related NTLs, to analyze and evaluate the planned operations to ensure that they will not adversely affect the marine, coastal, or human environment and that they conserve the resources of the OCS. It would be impossible for the Regional Supervisor to make an informed decision on whether to approve the proposed plans, or whether modifications are necessary, without the analysis and evaluation of the required information. The affected States also review the information collected for consistency with approved Coastal Zone Management plans.

The MMS will protect proprietary information submitted with the plans in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act; 30 CFR part 250.18, Data and information to be made available to the public; and 30 CFR part 252, OCS Oil and Gas Information Program. No items of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are mandatory.

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

Frequency: The frequency of reporting is on occasion.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: 177,440 reporting burden hours; 260 recordkeeping burden hours. The estimated average burden per response is:

(1) Preliminary activities: 1 hour per notice.

(2) Exploration or development and production plans: 480 hours per plan.

(3) GOM Region Deepwater Operations Plans: 480 hours per plan.

(4) Revised plans: 80 hours per revision.

(5) Recordkeeping: 2 hours per respondent.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: The MMS has identified no burdens associated with this collection of information.

Comments: The MMS will summarize written responses to this notice and address them in its submission for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. As a result of comments we receive and our consultations with a representative sample of respondents, we will make any necessary adjustments to the burden in our submission to OMB. In calculating the burden, MMS assumed that respondents perform many of the requirements and maintain records in the normal course of their activities. The MMS considers these to be usual and customary and took that into account in estimating the burden.

(1) The MMS specifically solicits comments on the following questions:

(a) Is the proposed collection of information necessary for MMS to properly perform its functions, and will it be useful?

(b) Are the estimates of the burden hours 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 respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology?

(2) In addition, the PRA requires agencies to estimate the total annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. We need to know if you have any. Your response should split the cost estimate into two components:

(a) Total capital and startup cost component; and

(b) Annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of service components. Your estimates should consider the

costs to generate, maintain, and disclose or provide the information. You should describe the methods you use to estimate major cost factors, including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, discount rate(s), and the period over which you incur costs. Capital and startup costs include, among other items, computers and software you purchase to prepare for collecting information; monitoring, sampling, drilling, and testing equipment; and record storage facilities. Generally, your estimates should not include equipment or services purchased: (i) Before October 1, 1995; (ii) to comply with requirements not associated with the information collection; (iii) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the Government; or (iv) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

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

Dated: September 18, 1997.

E.P. Danenberger,

Chief, Engineering and Operations Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Inventory Completion for Native American Human Remains and Associated Funerary Objects from Lake Texoma, OK in the Possession of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District, Tulsa, OK

AGENCY: National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3003 (d), of the completion of an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects from Lake Texoma, OK in the possession of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District, Tulsa, OK.

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by U.S. Army Corps-Tulsa District professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma.

In 1971, human remains representing two individuals were exposed during a work project at site 34Jn30, Lake Texoma, Johnson County, OK and removed by University of Oklahoma staff. No known individuals were