

Green River, 25 miles from the boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation to Sand Wash Ranger Station—recommended classification: Scenic:

Green River, 76 miles from the Sand Wash Ranger Station to Nefertiti Rock—recommended classification: Wild,

White River, 23 miles from the Colorado Border to T. 15 S. R. 23 E. Sec. 24,—recommended classification: Recreational,

White River, 21 miles from T. 15 S. R. 23 E. Sec. 24, to the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation Boundary—recommended classification: Wild.

The information provided with additional nominations will be carefully considered. Preliminary findings of river eligibility and tentative classification will be made available for public review and comment. Only then will the determination be made as to which rivers will be considered further in the Vernal Field Office Resource Management Plan.

Preliminary Planning Criteria identified to guide resolution of the issues that will be considered in the RMP revision are as follows:

(1) The plan will recognize the existence of valid existing rights,

(2) Lands covered in the RMP will be public lands, which include split estate lands, managed by BLM. Decisions on lands not managed by BLM will not be made in the RMP,

(3) The BLM will use a collaborative and multi-jurisdictional approach, where possible, to jointly determine the desired future condition of Public Lands,

(4) The BLM will make all possible attempts to ensure that its management prescriptions and planning actions are as complimentary as possible with other planning jurisdictions, within the boundaries described by law and policy,

(5) The BLM will consider the management prescriptions on adjoining lands to attempt to minimize inconsistent management on lands covered by this planning effort. To the extent possible, BLM will coordinate inventories, planning, and management programs with other Federal, State, Tribal, and local governments and agencies,

(6) Management prescriptions will focus on the relative values of resources and not the combination of uses that will give the greatest economic return or economic output, and

(7) To the extent possible the BLM will use current scientific information, research, new technologies and the results of resource assessments, monitoring and coordination to determine appropriate local, and

regional management strategies that will enhance or restore impaired ecosystems.

Complete records of all phases of the planning process will be available for public review at the Vernal Field Office throughout this planning effort.

This notice announces the beginning of scoping. The Vernal Field Office is seeking public involvement in the early stages of this planning effort to enhance collaboration. If you have information or concerns you would like to share, including ideas or opportunities, that could enhance data collection, inventories, or formulation of issues that could be addressed in the plan, please submit them to the above address. Comments will be accepted and considered until the alternatives to be analyzed in the plan are finalized.

Alternatives will be developed and analyzed to resolve the issues that are identified during the scoping process. A Draft RMP and Draft EIS will be published and made available for public review. Comments made on the Draft RMP will be addressed in a Proposed RMP and Final EIS.

Currently, there is one proposed RMP amendment being considered for the Book Cliffs RMP that could result in decisions to amend the RMP. This is an independent planning effort and will take place concurrently with the new planning effort. Any decisions made during the amendment process will be carried forward and will not affect the RMP revision process announced in this notice.

Sally Wisely,

Utah State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Northeast California Resource Advisory Council, Susanville, California, and Sierra Front/Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council, Carson City, Nevada.

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 Northeast California Resource Advisory Council

and the Sierra Front/Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council will hold a joint session Thursday, April 5, 2001, at the Airport Plaza Hotel, 1981 Terminal Way, Reno, Nevada.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will run from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Agenda items include updates on the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area, and the upcoming planning process. Council members may discuss other natural resource management issues common to the Northwest Nevada-Northeast California region. Time will be set aside for public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, a time limit may be established.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact BLM Public Affairs Officer Joseph J. Fontana at (530) 257-5381.

Susan T. Stokke,

Surprise Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Filing of Plats of Survey: Oregon/ Washington

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 Oregon State Office, Portland, Oregon, thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication.

Willamette Meridian

Oregon

T. 5 S., R. 7 W., accepted December 18, 2000

Washington

T. 2 N., R. 14 E., accepted December 23, 2000

If protests against a survey, as shown on any of the above plat(s), are received prior to the date of official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest(s). A plat will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

The plat(s) will be placed in the open files of the Oregon State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1515 S.W. 5th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97201, and will be available to the public as a matter of information only. Copies of

the plat(s) may be obtained from the above office upon required payment. A person or party who wishes to protest against a survey must file with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Portland, Oregon, a notice that they wish to protest prior to the proposed official filing date given above. A statement of reasons for a protest may be filed with the notice of protest to the State Director, or the statement of reasons must be filed with the State Director within thirty (30) days after the proposed official filing date.

The above-listed plats represent dependent resurveys, survey, and subdivision.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, (1515 S.W. 5th Avenue), P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208.

Dated: February 21, 2001.

Robert D. DeViney, Jr.,

Branch of Realty and Records Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submitted for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review, Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of a revision of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0042).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, we are submitting to OMB for review and approval an information collection request (ICR) titled "Sale of Federal Royalty Oil, 30 CFR Part 208" which includes Form MMS-4070, Application for the Purchase of Royalty Oil." We are revising this ICR to include a change of title to more closely reflect the information that we are collecting and to add reporting requirements that were not included in the previous OMB-approved submission. The original title for this ICR was "Application for the Purchase of Royalty Oil." We are also soliciting comments from the public on this ICR.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before April 11, 2001.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the

Interior (OMB Control Number 1010-0042), 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. Also, please submit copies of your written comments to Dennis C. Jones, Regulations and FOIA Team, Minerals Management Service, Minerals Revenue Management, P.O. Box 25165, MS 320B2, Denver, Colorado 80225. If you use an overnight courier service, our courier address is Building 85, Room A-613, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225.

Public Comment Procedure: Please submit your comments to the offices listed in the **ADDRESSES** section, or email your comments to us at MRM.comments@mms.gov. Include the title of the information collection and the OMB Control Number in the "Attention" line of your comments; also, include your name and return address. Submit electronic comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. If you do not receive a confirmation that we have received your email, contact Mr. Jones at (303) 231-3046, FAX (303) 231-3385. We will post all comments at <http://www.rmp.mms.gov> for public review.

Also, contact Mr. Jones to review paper copies of the comments. The comments, including names and addresses of respondents, are available for public review during regular business hours at our offices in Lakewood, Colorado. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the public record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the public record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you request that we withhold your name and/or address, state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis C. Jones, Regulations and FOIA Team, phone (303) 231-3046, FAX (303) 231-3385, email

Dennis.C.Jones@mms.gov. You may also contact Dennis Jones to obtain at no cost a copy of our submission to OMB which includes Form MMS-4070.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Sale of Federal Royalty Oil, 30 CFR Part 208 (originally titled—Application for the Purchase of Royalty Oil).

OMB Control Number: 1010-0042.
Bureau Form Number: Form MMS-4070.

Abstract: The Department of the Interior (DOI) is responsible for matters relevant to mineral resource development on Federal and Indian Lands and the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) is responsible for managing the production of minerals from Federal and Indian Lands and the OCS; for collecting royalties from lessees who produce minerals; and for distributing the funds collected in accordance with applicable laws.

The Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 and the OCS Lands Act of 1953 authorize the Secretary to sell royalty oil accruing to the United States from oil and gas leases issued pursuant to those acts. "Royalty oil" is crude oil produced from leased Federal lands, both onshore and offshore, in instances in which the Government exercises the option to accept a lessee's royalty payment in oil rather than in money. Title to the oil is transferred to the Government and then sold to an eligible refiner. When the Secretary determines that small refiners do not have access to adequate supplies of oil, the Secretary may dispose of any oil taken as royalty by conducting a sale of such oil, or by allocating it to eligible refiners.

When the Secretary decides to offer royalty oil taken in kind for sale to eligible refiners, we publish a Notice of Availability of Royalty Oil in the **Federal Register** and other printed media, when appropriate. The Application for the Purchase of Royalty Oil, Form MMS-4070, is submitted by refiners interested in purchasing royalty oil in accordance with instructions in the Notice and with instructions issued by MMS for completion of the form. The information collected is used by MMS to determine if the applicant meets eligibility requirements to contract to purchase royalty oil. Information collected also provides a basis for the allocation of available royalty oil among qualified refiners. Applicants are required to submit a letter of intent from a qualified financial institution stating that the applicant will be granted surety coverage for the royalty oil. The letter of intent must accompany Form MMS-4070.

We are revising the ICR to add reporting requirements that were not covered in the last OMB-approved submission. These requirements are (1) Eligible refiners, who purchase royalty oil, must also submit to MMS two copies of any written third-party agreements, or two copies of a full written explanation of any oral third-