

activities consistent with an area's VRM Management Class as established in the RMP. It is not BLM policy to determine, at the RMP level, which land uses or activities to restrict based on VRM Management Class. Rather, BLM must consider, at the site specific activity level, all uses proposed for an area with a given VRM Management Class and determine if those uses would be consistent with the objectives for that Class.

Therefore, the RMP will be clarified by removing the following restrictions (this will not impact RMP decisions related to designated critical habitat, Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs), or Areas of Environmental Concern (ACECs)):

- VRM Management Class II areas are closed to leasable mineral entry under the Proposed Plan (PRMP/FEIS p. 2-77). Removal of this restriction will result in an additional 27,387 acres open to leasable mineral entry in the planning area (34,993 acres total).

- VRM Management Class II areas are exclusion areas for renewable energy under the Proposed Plan (PRMP/FEIS p. 2-110). Removal of this restriction will result in an additional 27,327 acres available for renewable energy in the planning area (34,259 acres total).

- VRM Management Class II areas are avoidance areas for all land use authorizations under the Proposed Plan (other than renewable energy which is described above) (PRMP/FEIS p. 2-110). Removal of this restriction will allow BLM to consider issuing land use authorizations on approximately 31,600 acres of land designated as VRM Management Class II in the planning area, outside of designated critical habitat, WSAs, and ACECs.

All future development in the planning area would adhere to the VRM Management Class objectives established in the RMP (PRMP/FEIS p. 2-57). For example, VRM Class II objectives require that the existing character of the landscape be retained and that the level of change to be low. In order to meet these objectives, BLM expects that the level of development in VRM Management Class II would be very minimal. BLM will utilize visual resource design techniques and best management practices to mitigate the potential visual impacts. Visual contrast ratings will be required for all major projects proposed for VRM Management Class I, II, and III areas which have high sensitivity levels. In areas where VRM Management Class objectives cannot be met through design techniques and/or best management practices, BLM has the

authority to deny the project. (PRMP/FEIS p. 2-57 and 2-58).

Mike Pool,

State Director, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ES-956-1420-BJ-TRST; Group No. 186, Minnesota]

Eastern States: Filing of Plat of Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Filing of Plat of Survey; Minnesota.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of survey of the lands described below in the BLM-Eastern States, Springfield, Virginia, 30 calendar days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153. Attn: Cadastral Survey.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This survey was requested by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The lands we surveyed are:

Fifth Principal Meridian, Minnesota

T. 146 N., R. 39 W.

The plat of survey represents the dependent resurvey of a portion of the east, south and west boundaries and a portion of the subdivisional lines; and the survey of the subdivision of sections 23-26, 31, 32, and 35, Township 146 North, Range 39 West, Fifth Principal Meridian, Minnesota, and was accepted July 10, 2008. We will place a copy of the plat we described in the open files. It will be available to the public as a matter of information.

If BLM receives a protest against this survey, as shown on the plat, prior to the date of the official filing, we will stay the filing pending our consideration of the protest.

We will not officially file the plat until the day after we have accepted or dismissed all protests and they have become final, including decisions on appeals.

Dated: July 14, 2008.

Ronald J. Eberle,

Acting Chief Cadastral Surveyor.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

MMS Information Collection Activity: 1010-0082, 30 CFR Part 281, Leasing of Minerals Other Than Oil, Gas and Sulphur in the Outer Continental Shelf, Reinstatement—Not Violation of a Collection; Submitted for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of a reinstatement of an information collection (1010-0082).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are notifying the public that we have submitted to OMB an information collection request (ICR) to renew approval of the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 CFR part 281, Leasing of Minerals Other than Oil, Gas, and Sulphur in the Outer Continental Shelf. This notice also provides the public a second opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of these regulatory requirements.

DATES: Submit written comments by August 27, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You should submit comments directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1010-0082), either by fax (202) 395-6566 or e-mail (OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov).

Please also send a copy to MMS by mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service, Attention: Cheryl Blundon, 381 Elden Street, MS-4024, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817. Please reference "Information Collection 1010-0082" in your subject line and mark your message for return receipt. Include your name and return address in your message text.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cheryl Blundon, Regulations and Standards Branch, (703) 787-1607. You may also contact Cheryl Blundon to obtain a copy, at no cost, of the regulations that require the subject collection of information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR part 281, Leasing of Minerals Other than Oil, Gas, and Sulphur in the Outer Continental Shelf.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0082.

Abstract: Section 8(k) of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1337), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary)

to grant to the qualified persons, offering the highest cash bonuses on a basis of competitive bidding, leases of any mineral other than oil, gas, and sulphur in any area of the OCS not then under lease for such mineral upon such royalty, rental, and other terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe at the time of offering the area for lease. The Secretary is to administer the leasing provisions of the Act and prescribe the rule and regulations necessary to carry out those provisions.

Regulations implementing these responsibilities are under 30 CFR part 281. Responses are mandatory or required to obtain or retain a benefit. No questions of a sensitive nature are asked. The MMS protects information considered proprietary according to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2, and 30 CFR parts 280 and 282).

The MMS would use the information required by 30 CFR part 281 to

determine if statutory requirements are met prior to the issuance of a lease. Specifically, MMS would use the information to:

- Evaluate the area and minerals requested by the lessee to assess the viability of offering leases for sale.
- Request the State(s) to initiate the establishment of a joint working group or task force to assess the proposed action and provide input.
- Ensure excessive overriding royalty interests are not created that would put economic constraints on all parties involved.
- Document that a leasehold or geographical subdivision has been surrendered by the record title holder.
- Determine if activities on the proposed lease area(s) will have significant impact on the environment.

There has been no activity in the OCS for minerals other than oil, gas and sulphur for many years and no information collected since we allowed the OMB approval to expire in 1991.

However, because these are regulatory requirements, the potential exists for information to be collected, and we are requesting that OMB reinstate this collection of information.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: There are no active respondents; therefore, we estimated the potential annual number of respondents to be one.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: The estimated annual "hour" burden for this information collection is a total of 1,248 hours. The following chart details the individual components and estimated hour burdens. In calculating the burdens, we assumed that respondents perform certain requirements in the normal course of their activities. We consider these to be usual and customary and took that into account in estimating the burden.

Citation 30 CFR 281	Reporting and/or recordkeeping requirements	Hour burden	Average number of annual responses	Annual burden hours
		Non-hour cost burden(s)		
Subpart A—General				
6	Appeal decisions	Exempt under 5 CFR 1320.4(a)(2), (c)		0
Subpart B—Leasing Procedures				
11(a), (c)	Request approval for mineral lease with relevant information	60	1	60
All sections	Submit response to Call for Information and Interest on areas for leasing of minerals (other than oil, gas, sulphur) in accordance with approved lease program, including information from States/local governments.	120	1	120
13	States or local governments submit comments/recommendations on planning, coordination, consultation, and other issues that may contribute to the leasing process.	200	1	200
All sections	Submit suggestions and relevant information in response to request for comments on proposed lease including information from States/local governments.	160	1	160
18(a), (b), (c); 20(e), (f); 26(a)	Submit bids (oral or sealed) and required information	250	1	250
18(c); 20(e), (f)	Tie bids—submit oral bids for highest bidder	20	1	20
20(a), (b), (c); 41(a)	Establish a Company File for qualification; submit updated information, submit qualifications for lessee/bidder.	58	1	58
21(a); 47(c)	Request for reconsideration of bid rejection/cancellation	Requirement not considered IC per 5 CFR 1320.3(h)(9)		0
Subtotal			7	868

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Non-hour cost burden(s)				

Subpart C—Financial Considerations

26; 21(b), (e); 40(b); 41(b)	Execute lease (includes submission of evidence of authorized agent and request for dating of leases).	100	1	100
31(b); 41	File application and required information for assignment or transfer for approval.	160	1	160
		\$50 required or non-required filing document fee × 1 = \$50		
32(b), (c)	File application for waiver, suspension, or reduction and supporting documentation.	80	1	80
33; 41(c)	Submit surety or personal bond	Burden covered under 1010–0081		0
Subtotal			3	340
			\$50 non-hour cost burden	

Subpart E—Termination of Leases

46(a)	File written request for relinquishment	40	1	40
Total Burden			11	1,248
			\$50 non-hour cost burden	

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour Cost”

Burden: We have identified one non-hour cost burden. In § 281.41, respondents would pay a \$50 application fee for any instrument to be filed (see the burden table). We have identified no other non-hour cost burdens for this collection of information.

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

Comments: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) 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.

To comply with the public consultation process, on September 24, 2007, we published a **Federal Register** notice (72 FR 54283) announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval. The notice provided the required 60-day comment period. In addition, § 282.0 provides the OMB control number for the information collection requirements imposed by the 30 CFR part 282 regulations. The PRA (5 U.S.C. 1320) informs the public that they may comment at any time on the collection of information and MMS provides the address to which they should send comments. We have received no comments in response to these efforts.

If you wish to comment in response to this notice, you may send your

comments 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 August 27, 2008.

Public Availability of Comments: Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer: Arlene Bajusz (202) 208–7744.

May 15, 2008.

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