

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Public Meeting, Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council Meeting****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The next regular meeting of the Eastern Montana RAC will be held on September 19, 2012, in Miles City, Montana. The meeting will start at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 3:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** When determined, the meeting location will be announced in a news release.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mark Jacobsen, Public Affairs Specialist, BLM Eastern Montana/Dakotas District, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana, 59301, (406) 233-2831, [mark\\_jacobsen@blm.gov](mailto:mark_jacobsen@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-677-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 15-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior through the BLM on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Montana. At these meetings, topics will include: Miles City and Billings Field Office manager updates, subcommittee briefings, work sessions and other issues that the council may raise. All meetings are open to the public and the public may present written comments to the council. Each formal RAC meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend

and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, tour transportation or other reasonable accommodations should contact the BLM as provided above.

Dated: July 9, 2012.

**Diane Friez,***Eastern Montana — Dakotas District Manager.*

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[NPS-NRSS-GRD-10780; 2360-N003-NMM]

**Proposed Information Collection; Request for Comments****AGENCY:** National Park Service (NPS), Interior.**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We (National Park Service) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and as a part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this IC. This IC is scheduled to expire on February 28, 2013. We may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Please submit your comment on or before September 18, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send your comments on the IC to Edward O. Kassman, Jr., Regulatory Specialist, Energy and Minerals Branch, Geologic Resources Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 25287, Lakewood, Colorado 80225; or via fax at (303) 987-6792; or via email at [Edward\\_Kassman@nps.gov](mailto:Edward_Kassman@nps.gov). Please reference "1024-0064, 36 CFR Part 9, Subpart A—Mining and Mining Claims, 36 CFR Part 9, Subpart B—Non-Federal Oil and Gas Rights" in the subject line of your comments. Please send a copy of your comments to Madonna Baucum, Acting Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service, 1201 Eye St. NW., MS-1242, Washington, DC 20005 (mail); or [madonna\\_baucum@nps.gov](mailto:madonna_baucum@nps.gov) (email).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Edward O. Kassman, Jr., Regulatory Specialist, Energy and Minerals Branch, Geologic Resources Division, National

Park Service, P.O. Box 25287, Lakewood, Colorado 80225; (303) 969-2146, fax (303) 987-6792, or via email at [Edward\\_Kassman@nps.gov](mailto:Edward_Kassman@nps.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

The NPS regulates mineral development activities inside park boundaries pursuant to rights associated with mining claims and non-Federal oil and gas rights under regulations codified at 36 CFR Part 9, Subpart A ("9A Regulations"), and 36 CFR Part 9, Subpart B ("9B Regulations"), respectively. The NPS promulgated both sets of regulations in the late 1970's. In the case of mining claims, the NPS promulgated the 9A Regulations pursuant to congressional authority granted under the Mining in the Parks Act of 1976, 16 U.S.C. 1901 *et seq.*, and individual park enabling statutes. For non-Federal oil and gas rights, the NPS regulates development activities pursuant to authority under the NPS Organic Act of 1916, 16 U.S.C. 1 *et seq.*, and individual enabling statutes. As directed by Congress, the NPS developed the regulations in order to protect park resources and visitor values from the adverse impacts associated with mineral development in park boundaries. The regulations require operators to submit specific technical information describing their future development plans including steps to mitigate the impacts of operations. NPS uses the information to evaluate proposed operations, ensure that all necessary mitigation measures are employed to protect park resources and values, and ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

**II. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 1024-0064.

*Title:* 36 CFR Part 9, Subpart A—Mining and Mining Claims, 36 CFR Part 9, Subpart B—Non-Federal Oil and Gas Rights.

*Form(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a previously approved collection of information.

*Description of Respondents:* Businesses (one-fourth medium to large publicly owned companies and three-fourth private entities).

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

Activity	Annual responses	Avg. time /response (hr)	Additional 10% for minor correspondence	Total annual burden hours
(1) 36 CFR Part 9, Subpart B for Non-Federal Oil and Gas Operations in the National Park System .....	20	160	160 + 16 = 176	3,520
(2) 36 CFR Part 9, Subpart A—Mining and Mining Claims .....	4	160	160 + 16 = 176	704
Total .....	24	.....	.....	4,224

### III. Comments

We invite comments concerning this IC on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Please note that the comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

Dated: July 11, 2012.

**Madonna L. Baucum,**

*Acting Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

[NPS-SERO-BISO-0412-10010; 2310-0046-422]

### Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Oil and Gas Management Plan at Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area and Obed Wild and Scenic River, Tennessee and Kentucky

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park

Service (NPS) announces the availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Oil and Gas Management Plan (Plan) for BISO, Tennessee & Kentucky, and OBED, Tennessee. The Plan will guide the various actions that could be implemented for current and future management of oil and gas at these park units. It provides guidance for activities taken by owners and operators of private oil and gas rights to ensure these activities are conducted in a manner that protects park resources and values, visitor use and experience, and human health and safety.

**DATES:** The NPS will execute a Record of Decision (ROD) [no sooner than 30 days following publication by the Environmental Protection Agency of its Notice of Availability of the FEIS/Plan in the **Federal Register**.]

**ADDRESSES:** The FEIS/Plan is available in electronic format online at [http://parkplanning.nps.gov/biso\\_obri\\_final\\_ogmp](http://parkplanning.nps.gov/biso_obri_final_ogmp). A limited number of compact discs (CDs) and hard copies of the FEIS/Plan are also available at the BISO headquarters, 4564 Leatherwood Road, Oneida, TN 37841; and OBED headquarters, 208 North Maiden St, Wartburg, Tennessee 37887. Hard copies are also available for review in the following libraries:

#### McCreary County Public Library

6 North Main  
Whitley City, KY 42653

#### Oneida Public Library

290 South Main Street  
Oneida, TN 37841-2607

#### Fentress County Public Library

306 South Main Street,  
Jamestown, TN 38556-3845.

#### Wartburg Public Library

514 Spring Street,  
Wartburg, TN 37887.

#### Oak Ridge Public Library

1401 Oak Ridge Turnpike,  
Oak Ridge, TN 37830.

You may also request a CD or hard copy by writing the Superintendent of BISO or the Unit Manager of OBED at the above addresses; or by phone at

(423) 569-9778 and (423) 346-6294, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FEIS/Plan responds to, and incorporates, agency and public comments received on the draft plan/EIS, which was available for public review from June 15, 2011 through August 16, 2011. Five public meetings were held from July 18 through 22, 2011 to gather input on the draft plan/EIS. Twenty-four pieces of correspondence were received during the public review period. NPS responses to substantive agency and public comments are provided as Appendix O of the final plan/EIS.

The FEIS/Plan evaluates three alternatives for managing oil and gas in BISO and OBED. The NPS preferred alternative is "Alternative C: Comprehensive Implementation of 9B Regulations, New Management Framework for Plugging and Reclamation, and Establishment of Special Management Areas." This alternative includes proactive enforcement of the NPS regulations pertaining to non-federal oil and gas operations (Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 9 Subpart B) and existing plans of operations; clear communication with the public and operators about current legal and policy requirements; increased inspections and monitoring to identify sites that are found to be impacting, or threatening to impact park resources beyond the operations area to bring these sites into compliance; focusing staff resources on the implementation and compliance with the regulatory framework; a new management framework for efficiently completing compliance processes necessary for plugging and reclamation of wells; and establishment of 'Special Management Areas' to provide protection for areas where park resources and values are particularly susceptible to adverse impacts from oil and gas development. When approved, the Plan will guide oil and gas management in BISO and OBED over the next 15 to 20 years.

**Authority:** The authority for publishing this notice is 40 CFR 1506.6.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tom Blount, Big South Fork National River