

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Renewal of Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: 60-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) invites public comments on, and plans to request approval to continue, the collection of information that assists the BLM in preventing unnecessary or undue degradation of public lands by operations authorized by the mining laws, and in obtaining financial guarantees for the reclamation of public lands. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has assigned control number 1004-0194 to this information collection.

DATES: Please submit comments on the proposed information collection by April 26, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, fax, or electronic mail.

Mail: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW., Room 2134LM, Attention: Jean Sonneman, Washington, DC 20240.

Fax: to Jean Sonneman at 202-245-0050.

Electronic mail: Jean_Sonneman@blm.gov.

Please indicate "Attn: 1004-0194" regardless of the form of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Adam Merrill, at 202-912-7044.

Persons who use a telecommunication

device for the deaf may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339, to leave a message for Mr. Merrill.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521, require that interested members of the public and affected agencies be given an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d) and 1320.12(a)). This notice identifies an information collection that the BLM plans to submit to OMB for approval. The Paperwork Reduction Act 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.

The BLM will request a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity. Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will accompany our submission of the information collection requests to OMB.

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.

The Following Information Pertains to This Request

Title: Surface Management Activities under the General Mining Law (43 CFR subpart 3809).

OMB Control Number: 1004-0194.

Summary: This collection of information enables the BLM to determine whether operators and mining claimants are meeting their responsibility to prevent unnecessary or undue degradation while conducting exploration and mining activities on public lands under the mining laws, including the General Mining Law (30 U.S.C. 22-54). It also assists the BLM in obtaining financial guarantees for the reclamation of public lands. This collection of information is found at 43 CFR subpart 3809 and in the forms listed below.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Forms:

- Form 3809-1, Surface Management Surety Bond;
- Form 3809-2, Surface Management Personal Bond;
- Form 3809-4, Bond Rider Extending Coverage of Bond to Assume Liabilities for Operations Conducted by Parties Other Than the Principal;
- Form 3809-5, Notification of Change of Operator and Assumption of Past Liability.

Description of Respondents: Operators and mining claimants.

Estimated Annual Responses: 1,495.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 183,808.

Estimated Annual Non-Hour Costs: \$4,780 for notarizing Forms 3809-2 and 3809-4a.

The estimated burdens are itemized in the following table:

| Type of response and 43 CFR citation | Number of responses | Hours per response | Total hours (Column B × Column C) |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| A | B | C | D |
| Initial or Extended Plan of Operations (3809.11) | 49 | 320 | 15,680 |
| Data for EIS (3809.401(c)) | 5 | 4,960 | 24,800 |
| Data for Standard EA (3809.401(c)) | 15 | 890 | 13,350 |
| Data for Simple Exploration EA (3809.401(c)) | 29 | 320 | 9,280 |
| Modification of Plan of Operations (3809.430 and 3809.431) | 107 | 320 | 34,240 |
| Data for EIS (3809.432(a) and 3809.401(c)) | 2 | 4,960 | 9,920 |
| Data for Standard EA (3809.432(a) and 3809.401(c)) | 35 | 890 | 31,150 |
| Data for Simple Exploration EA (3809.432(a) and 3809.401(c)) | 70 | 320 | 22,400 |
| Notice of Operations (3809.21) | 396 | 32 | 12,672 |
| Modification of Notice of Operations (3809.330) | 167 | 32 | 5,344 |
| Extension of Notice of Operations (3809.333) | 140 | 1 | 140 |
| Surface Management Surety Bond, Form 3809-1 (3809.500) | 28 | 8 | 224 |
| Surface Management Personal Bond, Form 3809-2 (3809.500) | 170 | 8 | 1,360 |
| Bond Rider Extending Coverage of Bond, Form 3809-4 (3809.500) | 25 | 8 | 200 |
| Surface Management Personal Bond Rider, Form 3809-4a (3809.500) | 69 | 8 | 552 |

| Type of response and 43 CFR citation | Number of responses | Hours per response | Total hours (Column B × Column C) |
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| A | B | C | D |
| Notification of Change of Operator and Assumption of Past Liability, Form 3809-5 (3809.116) | 52 | 8 | 416 |
| Notice of State Demand Against Financial Guarantee (3809.573) | 1 | 8 | 8 |
| Request for BLM Acceptance of Replacement Financial Instrument (3809.581) | 13 | 8 | 104 |
| Request for Reduction in Financial Guarantee and/or BLM Approval of Adequacy of Reclamation (3809.590) | 78 | 8 | 624 |
| Response to Notice of Forfeiture of Financial Guarantee (3809.596) | 13 | 8 | 104 |
| Appeals to the State Director (3809.800) | 30 | 40 | 1200 |
| Federal/State Agreements (3809.200) | 1 | 40 | 40 |
| Totals | 1,495 | | 183,808 |

Anna Atkinson,

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Bureau of Land Management.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

[NPS-AKRO-DENA-19163;
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Notice of Availability for Public Review of Mining Plan of Operations for Claims Within Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 36 CFR 9.17, the National Park Service (NPS) is hereby giving notice that Kris DeVault has filed a proposed plan to conduct mining operations on the Liberty #9 and Liberty #13 through #18 unpatented placer claims near Kantishna, Alaska. The claims are located within Denali National Park and Preserve.

ADDRESSES: This plan of operations is available for inspection during normal business hours at the following locations:

Office of the Superintendent, Denali National Park and Preserve—
Headquarters, Mile post 3.4 Denali Park Road, P.O. Box 9, Denali Park, AK 99755.

National Park Service Alaska Regional Office—Natural Resources Division, 240 West 5th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Donald Striker, Superintendent, at (907) 683-9625, donald_striker@nps.gov, Steve Carwile, Compliance Officer, at (907) 683-9550, email at steve_carwile@nps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The regulations at 36 CFR part 9, subpart A, implement 54 U.S.C. 100731-737,

which was originally enacted as the Mining in the Parks Act. These regulations are applicable to all mineral activities in park units related to unpatented and patented mining claims under the Mining Law of 1872 (30 U.S.C. 21 *et seq.*). Under the regulations, all mining claim operations in parks require NPS approval of a plan of operations. The plan of operations serves as the blueprint for the operation.

Kris DeVault, the operator of the Liberty #9 and Liberty #13 through #18 unpatented placer claims near Kantishna, Alaska, has submitted a proposed plan of operations. The Regional Director is currently evaluating the proposed plan under the standards of 36 CFR 9.10. If the plan meets the standards, the NPS may approve the plan as submitted or approve the plan with terms and conditions. Under 36 CFR 9.17(a), the NPS is required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** advising the public of the availability of the proposed plan for review.

Dated: February 22, 2016.

Herbert C. Frost,

Regional Director, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

[Docket No. BOEM-2015-0141]

Outer Continental Shelf, Gulf of Mexico, Oil and Gas Lease Sale, Central Planning Area Lease Sale 247; MMAA104000

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and announcement of public meetings and comment period for the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: BOEM is announcing the availability of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Gulf of Mexico (GOM) Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas Central Planning Area (CPA) Lease Sale 247 (CPA Lease Sale 247). CPA Lease Sale 247 is tentatively scheduled for March 2017. The Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement provides a discussion of potential significant impacts of the proposed action and provides an analysis of reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. It also considers new information made available since the completion of earlier EISs related to CPA Lease Sale 247. The prior 2012-2017 Gulf of Mexico EISs are available on BOEM's Web site at <http://www.boem.gov/nepaprocess/>. This Notice of Availability also serves to announce the beginning of the public comment period for the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

In keeping with the Department of the Interior's mission to protect natural resources and to limit costs, while ensuring availability to the public, the Draft Supplemental EIS and associated information are available on BOEM's Web site at <http://www.boem.gov/nepaprocess/>. BOEM will also distribute digital copies of the Draft Supplemental EIS on compact discs. BOEM will print and distribute a limited number of paper copies. You may request a digital or paper copy of the Draft Supplemental EIS from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Public Information Office (GM 250C), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 250, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394 (1-800-200-GULF).

DATES: Comments should be submitted no later than April 11, 2016. As described below in the "Comments" section, public comments may also be submitted at public meetings being held on March 14, 15, and 17, 2016.