

competitive basis, when, in the judgment of the authorized officer, equities, such as prior use of the lands, exist; if no competitive interest exists; or, where competitive bidding would represent unfair competitive and economic disadvantage to the originator of the unique land use concept that is compatible with the public interest. Based on past use of the subject parcels in the form of alfalfa hay cultivation, it is the authorized officer's discretion to offer the proposed agricultural on a non-competitive basis. Furthermore, it is the authorized officer's decision to offer the proposed agricultural lease to *The Nature Conservancy* on a non-competitive basis because an improvement consisting of a portion of an irrigation pivot owned by TNC exists on the public land in support of hay production. Because of these points, it is the opinion of the authorized officer no competitive interests exist, or competitive bidding would represent unfair competitive and economic disadvantage to TNC.

Therefore, the BLM will accept for processing, an application to be filed by *The Nature Conservancy*, or its duly qualified designee, for a non-competitive lease of the above described lands, to be used, occupied, and developed as stated above. The non-competitive bid shall not be for less than fair market value. That is to say, rental value which has been based on the fair market value of the land, is acceptable to the BLM after taking into account a current, independent appraisal of, among other considerations, the highest and best use of the lands. The BLM will estimate the costs of processing the lease application. Before the BLM begins to process the application, the lease applicant must pay the full amount of the estimated costs to the United States. If a lease is not granted, the lease applicant must pay to the United States, in addition to the estimated costs, the reasonable costs incurred by the BLM in processing the lease in excess of the estimated costs. Rent has been determined by the BLM. If and when a lease is granted, rent must be made paid annually or otherwise in advance, and periodically thereafter. If a lease is granted, the lessee shall reimburse the United States for all reasonable administrative and other costs incurred by the United States in processing the lease application and for monitoring construction, operation, maintenance and rehabilitation of the land and facilities authorized. The reimbursement of costs shall be in accordance with the provisions of 43 CFR 2920.6.

The lease application must include a reference to this notice and comply in all respects with the regulations pertaining to land use authorization applications at 43 CFR 2920.5–2 and 2920.5–5(b).

If authorized, the lease would be subject to provisions of the Federal Land Policy Management Act of 1976, and all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, including but not limited to 43 CFR part 2920, and to valid existing rights.

*The parcels are described as follows:*

#### Boise Meridian

T. 15 N., R. 21 E., sec. 22, (contained within) NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 28, (contained within) NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The areas described contain 9.6 acres, more or less, in Custer and Lemhi Counties.

The United States (Lessor) shall reserve all leasable, locatable, and salable mineral resources and deposits in the subject parcel together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same under applicable laws and regulations. The lease, when issued, will contain a covenant requiring TNC assign in the name of the Lessor that amount of water applied to the subject parcel during the use of the subject parcel by TNC. In the event the application of water to the public land ceases, this assignment shall terminate and full water right shall revert back to the sole ownership of TNC.

Comments must be received by the BLM Challis Field Manager at the address stated above, on or before the date stated above. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised 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 from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the BLM Idaho Falls District Manager, who may sustain, vacate or modify this realty action. In the absence of any objections, or adverse comments, this proposed realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2920.4)

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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 a reinstatement of an information collection (1010–0081).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), MMS is inviting comments on a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request (ICR) concerns the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 CFR 282, Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf for Minerals Other than Oil, Gas, and Sulphur.

**DATES:** Submit written comments by October 9, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods listed below. Please use the Information Collection Number 1010–0081 as an identifier in your message.

- E-mail MMS at [rules.comments@mms.gov](mailto:rules.comments@mms.gov). Identify with Information Collection Number 1010–0081 in the subject line.

- Fax: 703–787–1093. Identify with Information Collection Number 1010–0081.

- 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 1010–0081” in your comments.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cheryl Blundon, Regulations and Standards Branch at (703) 787–1607. You may also contact Cheryl Blundon to obtain a copy, at no cost, of the regulations of the subject collection of information.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* 30 CFR 282, Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf for Minerals Other than Oil, Gas, and Sulphur.

*OMB Control Number:* 1010–0081.

*Abstract:* The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1334 and 43 U.S.C. 1337(k)), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to implement regulations to grant to the qualified persons, offering the highest cash bonus on a basis of competitive bidding, leases of any mineral other than oil, gas, and sulphur. This applies to 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. This regulation governs mining operations within the OCS for minerals other than oil, gas and sulphur and establishes a comprehensive leasing and regulatory program for such minerals. These regulations have been designed to (1) Recognize the differences between the OCS activities associated with oil, gas, and sulphur discovery and development and those associated with the discovery and development of other minerals; (2) facilitate participation by States directly affected by OCS mining activities; (3) provide opportunities for consultation and coordination with other OCS users and uses; (4) balance development with environmental protection; (5) insure a fair return to the public; (6) preserve and maintain free enterprise competition; and (7) encourage the development of new technology.

Regulations at 30 CFR 282 implement these statutory requirements. However, 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. Nevertheless, because these are regulatory requirements, the potential

exists for information to be collected and we are requesting that OMB reinstate this collection of information.

We use the information required by 30 CFR 282 to determine if lessees are complying with the regulations that implement the mining operations program for minerals other than oil, gas, and sulphur. Specifically, MMS uses the information:

- To ensure that operations for the production of minerals other than oil, gas, and sulphur in the OCS are conducted in a manner that will result in orderly resource recovery, development, and the protection of the human, marine, and coastal environments.
- To ensure that adequate measures will be taken during operations to prevent waste, conserve the natural resources of the OCS, and to protect the environment, human life, and correlative rights.
- To determine if suspensions of activities are in the national interest, to facilitate proper development of a lease including reasonable time to develop a mine and construct its supporting facilities, or to allow for the construction or negotiation for use of transportation facilities.
- To identify and evaluate the cause(s) of a hazard(s) generating a suspension, the potential damage from a

hazard(s) and the measures available to mitigate the potential for damage.

- For technical and environmental evaluations which provide a basis for MMS to make informed decisions to approve, disapprove, or require modification of the proposed activities.

We protect proprietary information according to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR 2), and 30 CFR 282.5, 282.6, and 282.7 and applicable sections of 30 CFR parts 280 and 281.

No items of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are mandatory.

*Frequency:* Monthly; on occasion.

*Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:* As there are no active respondents, we estimated the potential annual number of respondents to be one. Respondents are OCS lessees.

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:* The previous OMB inventory included 201 annual burden hours for the collection of information. The following chart details the individual components and respective hour burden estimates of this ICR. 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 282   | Reporting requirement   | Hour burden |
|---|---|-------------|
| <b>Subpart A—General</b>  |   |             |
| 4(b); 12(b)(2)(ii); 12(f)(l), (2); 13(d), (e)(2); 21; 22; 25; 26; 28. | Submit delineation plan, including environmental information, contingency plan, monitoring program, and various requests for approval referred to throughout; submit modifications.         | 40          |
| 4(c); 12(c)(2)(ii); 12(f)(l), (2); 13(d), (e)(2); 21; 23; 25; 26; 28. | Submit testing delineation plan, including environmental information, contingency plan, monitoring program, and various requests for approval referred to throughout; submit modifications. | 40          |
| 4(d); 12(d)(2)(ii); 12(f)(1), (2); 13(d), (e)(2); 21; 24; 25; 26; 28. | Submit mining delineation plan, including environmental information, contingency plan, monitoring program, and various requests for approval referred to throughout; submit modifications.  | 40          |
| 5 .....   | Request non-disclosure of G&G info .....  | 10          |
| <b>Subpart B—Jurisdiction and Responsibilities of Director</b>        |   |             |
| 11(c); 12(c) .....  | Apply for right-of-use and easement .....   | 30          |
| 11(d); 12(d) .....  | Request consolidation of two or more OCS mineral leases or portions .....   | 1           |
| 12(f)(1), (h); 20(g), (h) .....                                       | Request approval of operations or departure from operating requirements. (Burden included with applicable operation).   | 0           |
| 13(b), (f)(2); 31 .....   | Request suspension or temporary prohibition or production or operations .....   | 2           |
| 13(e)(1) .....  | Submit site-specific study plan and results. (Since this has never been done, we do not know the cost of such a study).   | 8           |
| 14 .....  | Submit "green" response copy of Form MMS-1832 indicating date violations (INCs) corrected.  | 1           |
| <b>Subpart C—Obligations and Responsibilities of Lessees</b>          |   |             |
| 20(a), (g); 29(i) .....   | Make available all mineral resource or environmental data and information; submit reports and maintain records. (Burden included with applicable operation).                                | 0           |
| 20(b) thru (e) .....  | Submit designation of payor, operator, or local representative; submit changes .....  | 1           |
| 21(d) .....   | Notify MMS of preliminary activities .....  | 1           |
| 27(b) .....   | Request use of new or alternative technologies, techniques, etc .....   | 1           |

| Citation 30 CFR 282       | Reporting requirement  | Hour burden |
|---------------------------|--|-------------|
| 27(c) .....               | Notify MMS of death or serious injury; fire, exploration, or other hazardous event; submit report.   | 1           |
| 27(d)(2) .....            | Request reimbursement for furnishing food, quarters, and transportation for MMS representatives (OCS Lands Act specifies reimbursement; no requests received in many years; minimal burden). | 2           |
| 27(e) .....               | Identify vessels, platforms, structures, etc. with signs .....   | 1           |
| 27(f)(2) .....            | Log all drill holes susceptible to logging; submit copies of logs to MMS .....   | 3           |
| 27(h)(3), (4) .....       | Mark equipment; record items lost overboard; notify MMS .....  | 1           |
| 29(a) .....               | Submit monthly report of minerals produced .....   | 1           |
| 29(b), (c) .....          | Submit quarterly status and final report on exploration and/or testing activities .....  | 5           |
| 29(d) .....               | Submit results of environmental monitoring activities .....  | 5           |
| 29(e) .....               | Submit marked and certified maps annually or as required .....   | 1           |
| 29(f) .....               | Maintain rock, minerals, and core samples for 5 years and make available upon request.   | 1           |
| 29(g) .....               | Maintain original data and information and navigation tapes as long as lease is in effect and make available upon request.   | 1           |
| 29(h) .....               | Maintain hard mineral records and make available upon request .....  | 1           |
| <b>Subpart D—Payments</b> |  |             |
| 40 .....                  | Submit surety or personal bond .....   | 2           |
| <b>Subpart E—Appeals</b>  |  |             |
| 50; 15 .....              | File an appeal. (Burden exempt under 5 CFR 1320.4(a)(2), (c)) .....  | 0           |

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour Cost” Burden:* There is one non-hour cost burden associated with 282.13(e)(1), a site specific study. Since this has not been done to date, we estimated that the cost of such study would cost industry at least \$100,000 to comply with the requirement.

*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:* Before submitting an ICR to OMB, PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) 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.

Agencies must also estimate the “non-hour cost” burdens to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the

collection of information. Therefore, if you have costs to generate, maintain, and disclose this information, you should comment and provide your total capital and startup cost components or annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of service components. 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, and record storage facilities. *You should not include estimates for 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.

We will summarize written responses to this notice and address them in our submission for OMB approval. As a result of your comments, we will make any necessary adjustments to the burden in our submission to OMB.

*Public Comment Procedures:* 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.

Dated: August 1, 2007.

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**INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**

[USITC SE-07-015]

**Government in the Sunshine Act Meeting Notice**

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** United States International Trade Commission  
**TIME AND DATE:** August 20, 2007 at 2 p.m.

**PLACE:** Room 101, 500 E. Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, Telephone: (202) 205-2000.

**STATUS:** Open to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** 1. Agenda for Future Meetings: None.

2. Minutes.

3. Ratification List.

4. Inv. Nos. 701-TA-448 and 731-TA-1117 (Preliminary)(Certain Off-the-Road Tires from China)—briefing and vote. (The Commission is currently scheduled to transmit its determination and Commissioners’ opinions to the Secretary of Commerce on or before August 27, 2007).