

management; cultural and paleontological resources; socioeconomic and environmental justice; energy and minerals; lands and realty; transportation, including Off Highway Vehicle management, and public access; fire and fuels management; wildlife habitat and wildlife.

After public comments as to what issues the plan should address are gathered, they will be placed in one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the plan;
2. Issues to be resolved through policy or administrative action; or
3. Issues beyond the scope of this plan.

The BLM will provide an explanation in the plan as to why we placed an issue in category two or three. In addition to these major issues, a number of management questions and concerns will be addressed in the plan. The public is encouraged to help identify these questions and concerns during the scoping phase.

Preliminary planning criteria are:

1. The BLM will manage the Baker Resource Area to protect resources in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA, 43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*), other applicable laws and regulations, and all existing public land laws.

2. The Plan will recognize valid existing rights within the Planning Area and review how valid existing rights are verified. The Plan will outline the process the BLM will use to address applications or notices filed on existing claims or other land use authorizations after the completion of the Plan.

3. Lands covered in the RMP will be public lands, including split estate lands, managed by BLM. Decisions on lands not managed by the BLM will not be made in the RMP except when formal cooperator status is mutually accepted and leads to additional Records of Decision.

4. The BLM will use a collaborative and multi-jurisdictional approach, where possible to jointly determine the desired future conditions of public lands.

5. The Plan will emphasize the protection and enhancement of the Planning Area's biodiversity while at the same time providing the public with opportunities for compatible commodity-based and recreation activities.

6. The socioeconomic impacts of the alternatives will be addressed.

7. The BLM will use current scientific information, research, technologies, and results of inventory, monitoring and coordination to determine appropriate

local, and regional management strategies that will enhance or restore impaired ecosystems.

8. The planning process will include an EIS that will comply with NEPA standards.

9. Any land located within the Planning Area's administrative boundary, and subsequently acquired by the BLM, will be managed consistent with the Plan, subject to any constraints associated with the acquisition.

10. The Plan will recognize the State's responsibility to manage wildlife. The BLM would consult with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife before establishing no-hunting zones or periods for the purposes of protecting public safety, administration, or public use and enjoyment.

11. The Plan will address transportation and access, and will identify where better access is warranted, where it should remain as is, and where decreased access is appropriate to protect Planning Area resources.

12. Laws and regulations regulate grazing management. The Plan will incorporate the Rangeland Health Standards and Guidelines. It will provide a strategy to ensure proper grazing practices are followed within the Planning Area.

13. The planning process will involve American Indian Tribal governments and will provide possible strategies for the protection of recognized traditional uses, if such uses are identified.

14. Decisions in the Plan will strive to be compatible with existing plans and policies of adjacent local, State, Federal, and tribal agencies as long as the decisions are consistent with Federal law governing the administration of public land.

The BLM will use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the revision in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Specialists with expertise in the following disciplines will be involved in the planning process: rangeland management, minerals and geology, forestry, fire and fuels, outdoor recreation, archaeology, paleontology, wildlife and fisheries, lands and realty, hydrology, soils, sociology, and economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-060-01-1020-PG]

Notice of Public Meeting; Central Montana Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

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

DATES: The meeting will be held February 5 & 6, 2008, at the Yogo Inn Conference Room, 211 E. Main Street, in Lewistown, Montana.

The February 5 session will begin at 10 a.m. with a 30-minute public comment period. This meeting is scheduled to adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

The February 6 meeting will begin at 8 a.m. with a 30-minute public comment period and is scheduled to adjourn at 3:30 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This 15-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior on a variety of management issues associated with public land management in Montana. During these meetings the council will discuss/act upon:

- Reviewing the council charter;
- Discussing the consensus format;
- An orientation for current and new members;
- Reviewing the 2008 council work plan;
- A discussion of what the council expects from the BLM;
- A question and answer period with BLM managers and staff;
- Field manager updates;
- Travel planning in the Judith and Moccasin Mountains;
- A fee proposal template from the U.S. Forest Service;
- Oil and gas leasing;
- An update on the monument resource management plan;
- Watershed planning; and
- Administrative details (next meeting agenda, location, etc.).

All RAC meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the RAC. 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary E. Slagel, Associate Lewistown Field Manager, Lewistown Field Office, P.O. Box 1160, Lewistown, Montana 59457, 406/538-1900.

Dated: January 8, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

[Docket No. MMS-2007-OMM-0078]

MMS Information Collection Activity: 1010-0041 (30 CFR 250, Subpart K) Oil and Gas Production Rates, Extension of a Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of an information collection (1010-0041).

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 250, Subpart K, Oil and Gas Production Rates.

DATE: Submit written comments by March 17, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods listed below.

- Electronically: go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, select "Minerals Management Service" from the agency drop-down menu, then click "submit." In the Docket ID column, select MMS-2007-OMM-0078 to submit public comments and to view supporting and related materials available. Information on using Regulations.gov, including instructions for accessing documents, submitting comments, and viewing the docket after the close of the comment period, is available through the site's "User Tips" link. All comments submitted will be published and posted to the docket after the closing period.

- 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 1010-0041" 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 and the forms that require the subject collection of information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR Part 250, Subpart K, Oil and Gas Production Rates.

Form(s): MMS-126, MMS-127, MMS-128, and MMS-140.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0041.

Abstract: The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.* and 43 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to prescribe rules and regulations to administer leasing of the OCS. Such rules and regulations will apply to all operations conducted under a lease. Operations on the OCS must preserve, protect, and develop oil and natural gas resources in a manner that is consistent with the need to make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; to balance orderly energy resource development with protection of human, marine, and coastal environments; to ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources of the OCS; and to preserve and maintain free enterprise competition.

Section 5(a) of the OCS Lands Act requires the Secretary to prescribe rules and regulations "to provide for the prevention of waste, and conservation of the natural resources of the Outer Continental Shelf, and the protection of correlative rights therein" and to include provisions "for the prompt and efficient exploration and development of a lease area."

Section 1334(g)(2) states "* * * the lessee shall produce such oil or gas, or both, at rates * * * to assure the maximum rate of production which may be sustained without loss of ultimate recovery of oil or gas, or both, under sound engineering and economic principles, and which is safe for the duration of the activity covered by the approved plan."

These authorities and responsibilities are among those delegated to the Minerals Management Service (MMS). The regulations at 30 CFR 250, subpart K, concern oil and gas production rates, and are the subject of this collection.

In addition, MMS also issues various Notices to Lessees (NTLs) and Operators to clarify and provide additional guidance on some aspects of the regulations, as well as various forms to capture the data and information. The current subpart K regulations specify the use of forms MMS-126 (Well Potential Test Report), MMS-127 (Sensitive Reservoir Information Report), MMS-128 (Semiannual Well

Test Report), and MMS-140 (Bottomhole Pressure Survey Report).

The forms and their purposes are:

Form MMS-126, Well Potential Test Report

The MMS uses this information for various environmental, reservoir, reserves, and conservation analyses, including the determination of maximum production rates (MPRs) when necessary for certain oil and gas completions.

Form MMS-127, Sensitive Reservoir Information Report

The MMS uses this information to determine whether a rate-sensitive reservoir is being prudently developed.

Form MMS-128, Semiannual Well Test Report

The MMS uses this information to evaluate the results of well tests to determine if reservoirs are being depleted in a manner that will lead to the greatest ultimate recovery of hydrocarbons.

Form MMS-140, Bottomhole Pressure Survey Report

The MMS uses the information in our efforts to conserve natural resources, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights, including the Government's royalty interest.

We will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2) and under regulations at 30 CFR 250.197, "Data and information to be made available to the public or for limited use." No items of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are required to obtain or retain benefits.

Frequency: On occasion, monthly, semi-annually, annually and as a result of situations encountered.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: Approximately 130 Federal OCS oil and gas lessees.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: The currently approved annual reporting burdens totaled for the consolidated collection is 43,065 hours. 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.