

Courthouse, Worthington, MN (9/29/97), (2) Stub's Ranch Kitchen, Spencer, IA (9/30/97), (3) Loess Ridge Nature Center, Sioux City, IA (10/1/97), (4) Storey County Conservation Board—McFarland Park, Ames, IA (10/2/97), (5) Lime Creek Nature Center, Mason City, IA (10/3/97), (6) Northland Community & Technical College, Thief River Falls, MN (10/6/97), (7) Barnesville High School, Barnesville, MN (10/7/97), (8) Morris Wetland Management District, Morris, MN (10/8/97), (9) Lyon County Courthouse, Marshall, MN (10/9/97), and (10) MN Department of Natural Resources, New Ulm, MN (10/10/97).

Dated: September 7, 1997.

**John Christian,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[MT-020-1430-00]

#### Order—Closure of Public Lands in Yellowstone County, MT

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Montana, Miles City District, Billings Resource Area, Interior.

**ACTION:** Temporary closure of 379.9 acres of public lands to use of motorized vehicles and discharge of firearms.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is served that public land south of Laurel, known as the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone property (formerly the Altman Ranch), is closed to the use of off-highway vehicles (OHVs), and the discharge of any firearm including pellet guns. The closure will be in effect from the publication date of this notice in the **Federal Register**, until public consultation is complete and an activity plan for the area is approved. OHV use includes all types of motor vehicles except for those authorized for administrative operations for farming and property maintenance or other BLM management programs. The area will remain open as a walk-in area for archery hunting, hiking, picnicking, skiing, and wildlife watching. This closure is necessary to protect the public lands, adjacent private property, and for public safety due to shooting.

The public land protected by this closure is located at:

#### CLARKS FORK OF THE YELLOWSTONE TRACT

##### Principal Meridian, Montana

T. 2 S., R. 24 E.,

sec. 22; Lots 5,6

Sec. 23: Lots 3,4 excluding Tract 1

described as Certificate of Survey #1750

Sec. 23: Lots 2,5,7,8,10,N2SW

Sec. 24: Lot 2 excluding Tract 1 described as Certificate of Survey #1750

**DATES:** Closure will be in effect from September 8, 1997.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Burton D. Williams, Area Manager, BLM, Billings Resource Area Office, 810 E. Main, Billings, Montana 59105 or call 406-238-1540.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Authority for this action is outlined in sections 302, 303, and 310 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976, (43 U.S.C. 1716) and Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations, Subparts 8341 (43 CFR 8341.2) and 8364 (43 CFR 8364.1). Any person who fails to comply with this closure is subject to arrest and a fine up to \$1000 or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months, or both. This closure applies to all persons except persons authorized by the Bureau of Land Management.

**Todd S. Christensen,**

*Acting District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Delegation of Royalty Management Functions to States

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of MMS standards for delegation.

**SUMMARY:** The Standards for Delegation of royalty management functions to States are available in print and through the Minerals Management Service (MMS) Website at <http://www.rmp.mms.gov/rsfa/regs/rsfaregs.htm>.

**ADDRESSES:** You may obtain printed copies of the Standards for Delegation from David S. Guzy, Chief, Rules and Publications Staff, Royalty Management Program, Minerals Management Service, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3021, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David S. Guzy, Chief, Rules and Publications Staff, telephone (303) 231-3432, Fax (303) 231-3385, E-mail David\_Guzy@mms.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 13, 1996, the President signed into law the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996 (RSFA). RSFA amends portions of the

Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (FOGRMA). Before RSFA, section 205 of FOGRMA allowed MMS to delegate only audits, inspections, and investigations to the States. RSFA amendments to section 205 now allow MMS to delegate other royalty management functions for Federal onshore oil and gas leases to requesting States. MMS published a final rule, the Delegation of Royalty Management Functions to States, 62 FR 43076, August 12, 1997. The rule stated that MMS would publish a notice in the **Federal Register** advising when the Standards for Delegation would be available. This notice advises the public of the availability of the Standards.

Dated: August 29, 1997.

**Donald T. Sant,**

*Acting Associate Director for Royalty Management.*

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## AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Proposed Collection: Comment Request

**SUMMARY:** U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is making efforts to reduce the paperwork burden. USAID invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed or continuing collections of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Send comments on or before September 30, 1997.

**ADDRESS INFORMATION TO:** Mary Ann Ball, Bureau of Management, Office of Administrative Services, Information and Records Division, U.S. Agency for International Development, RRB Room 2.07C, Washington, D.C. (202) 712-1765 or via e-mail MBall@USAID.Gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Number: OMB 0412-0510.