Sec. 16, lots 1, 5, 8, 9, and 10; Sec. 17, lots 1, 2, and 3, and S1/2NE1/4; Sec. 21, lots 1, 4, 5, 8, and 9, E¹/₂E¹/₂, NW¹/₄, and W¹/₂SW¹/₄; Sec. 25, W1/2SW1/4; Sec. 26, S¹/₂; Sec. 27, lots 1 to 13, inclusive, SW1/4NW1/4, and SW1/4SE1/4; Sec. 28, lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, and 11, E¹/₂NE¹/₄, NE1/4SE1/4, and W1/2W1/2; Sec. 33, lots 1 and 2, N¹/₂NW¹/₄; Sec. 34, lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 10, N1/2NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4, and SE1/4SE1/4; Sec. 35, W¹/₂NW¹/₄. T. 23 S., R. 16 E., Sec. 3, lots 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 to 12, inclusive, and 14, NE1/4SE1/4, SW1/4NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4, and SE1/4SW1/4; Sec. 10, N¹/₂N¹/₂; Sec. 11, lots 1, 3, 6, 9, 10, 11 and 14, NW1/4NW1/4; Sec. 12, NW¹/₄SW¹/₄ and SE¹/₄SW¹/₄; Sec. 13, lots 6, 7, and 10, NW1/4NE1/4, and E¹/₂SE¹/₄; Sec. 14, N¹/₂NE¹/₄ and NE¹/₄NW¹/₄; Sec. 23, lots 1, 2, and 3, NE¹/₄NE¹/₄, SW1/4NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, and E1/2SW1/4; Sec. 24, lots 1, 5, and 6, E¹/₂NE¹/₄, NE1/4SW1/4, and NW1/4SE1/4; Sec. 25, lot 8; Sec. 26, SW¹/₄NE¹/₄. T. 23 S., R. 17 E., Sec. 31, W¹/₂NE¹/₄, SE¹/₄NE¹/₄, and E¹/₂SE¹/₄. T. 24 S., R. 16 E., Sec. 1, lots 5 to 8, inclusive, and SE¹/₄NE¹/₄; Sec. 11, SE¹/₄SE¹/₄; Sec. 12, lots 1 to 8, inclusive, SE¹/₄NE¹/₄, SW1/4NW1/4, and NW1/4SE1/4; Sec. 13, lots 1 to 8, inclusive, NW¹/₄SE¹/₄, and SE1/4SE1/4; Sec. 14, E¹/₂NE¹/₄; Sec. 23, lots 1 to 6, inclusive, NW¹/₄NE¹/₄, SE¹/₄NW¹/₄, E¹/₂SW¹/₄, and SW¹/₄SE¹/₄; Sec. 24, lots 1 to 10, inclusive, and NW1/4SE1/4; Sec. 25, lots 1 to 7, inclusive. T. 24 S., R. 17 E., Sec. 6, lots 1 to 14, inclusive, and S1/2SE1/4; Sec. 18, lot 4 and SE¹/₄SW¹/₄; Sec. 19, lots 1 to 13, inclusive, E¹/₂NE¹/₄, and NE1/4SE1/4; Sec. 28, SE¹/₄NE¹/₄, SE¹/₄SW¹/₄, and SE¹/₄; Sec. 30, lots 1 to 5, inclusive, NW1/4NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, and E1/2SW1/4; Sec. 31, lots 1 to 13, inclusive; Sec. 33, W¹/₂ and W¹/₂E¹/₂. T. 25 S., R. 16 E., Sec. 1, lots 1 to 9, inclusive, SE¹/₄NW¹/₄, and NE1/4SW1/4. T. 25 S., R. 17 E., unsurveyed, except as noted Sec. 5; Sec. 6, excluding S¹/₂SW¹/₄; Sec. 7, NE¹/4; Secs. 8, 9, 16, and 17; Sec. 19, E¹/₂; Secs. 20 to 23, inclusive, and Secs. 26 to 29 inclusive; Sec. 30, NE¹/₄, N¹/₂SE¹/₄, and SE¹/₄SE¹/₄; Sec. 31, E¹/₂NE¹/₄, and SE¹/₄; Sec. 32, lots 1, 2, and 3, W¹/₂NE¹/₄,

E¹/₂NW¹/₄, NW¹/₄NW¹/₄, E¹/₂SW¹/₄, SW1/4SW1/4, and NW1/4SE1/4, surveyed;

Secs. 33 to 35. T. 25 S., R. 17½ E., unsurveyed, except as noted Sec. 3, excluding future lots 1 to 10, inclusive, S1/2NE1/4, and SW1/4; Sec. 4, excluding future lots 1 to 3, and 6 to 8, inclusive; Secs. 5 and 6: Sec. 9 (A); Sec. 9 (B); Sec. 10, W¹/₂; Sec. 12, NE¹/₄NE¹/₄, S¹/₂NE¹/₄, and SE¹/₄; Sec. 13, N¹/₂NE¹/₄, SW¹/₄NE¹/₄, E¹/₂NW¹/₄, SW1/4, and W1/2SE1/4; Sec. 14, S¹/₂; Sec. 15, W¹/₂W¹/₂: Secs. 16, 20, and 21; Sec. 22, excluding NE¹/₄; Sec. 23 (A); Sec. 23 (B); Sec. 24, excluding E¹/₂NE¹/₄; Secs. 25 and 27; Sec. 28 (A); Sec. 28 (B); Sec. 29, and secs. 33 to 35, inclusive; Sec. 36, lots 1, 2, and 3, NE¹/₄, SW¹/₄, NW¹/₄SE¹/₄, surveyed. T. 25 S., R. 18 E., unsurveyed, except as noted Sec. 6, lots 1, 8, 9, and 10, S¹/₂NE¹/₄, NE¹/₄SW¹/₄, S¹/₂SW¹/₄, and W¹/₂SE¹/₄; Sec. 7, NW¹/4; Sec. 31, SE¹/₄SE¹/₄; Sec. 32, S¹/₂SW¹/₄, surveyed. T. 26 S., R. 16 E., unsurveyed, Sec. 23, S¹/₂SE¹/₄; Sec. 24, S¹/₂; Sec. 25, N¹/₂N¹/₂ and S¹/₂NW¹/₄; Sec. 26, NE¹/₄, S¹/₂NW¹/₄, SW¹/₄, and W1/2SE1/4; Sec. 27, S¹/₂SE¹/₄; Sec. 33, SE¹/4; Sec. 34 T. 26 S R. 17 E., unsurveyed, except as noted secs. 2, 3, and 4; Sec. 5, E¹/₂; Sec. 10; Sec. 11, excluding SW¹/₄; Sec. 12; Sec. 13, excluding N¹/₂NW¹/₄, SW¹/₄NW¹/₄, and W1/2SW1/4; Sec. 15, W¹/₂; Sec. 16, N¹/₂, N¹/₂S¹/₂, SE¹/₄SW¹/₄, and S¹/₂SE¹/₄, surveyed; Sec. 17, S¹/₂S¹/₂; Sec. 18, S¹/₂S¹/₂; Secs. 19 and 20; Sec. 21, N¹/₂; Sec. 23, E¹/₂SE¹/₄; Sec. 24, excluding W¹/₂NW¹/₄; Sec. 25; Sec. 26, excluding NW1/4NE1/4, and N1/2NW1/4; Sec. 27, excluding N¹/₂N¹/₂; Secs. 34 and 35; T. 26 S., R. 171/2 E., unsurveyed, Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 11, 12, 13, 23, and 24; Sec. 25, NW¹/4; Secs. 26, 27, 28, 34, and 35. T. 26 S., R. 18 E., unsurveyed, except as

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Sec. 5, excluding S¹/₂NE¹/₄, SE¹/₄NW¹/₄, NE1/4SW1/4, S1/2SW1/4, and SE1/4; Sec. 6, excluding SE¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 7, NW¹/₄NE¹/₄, N¹/₂NW¹/₄, SW¹/₄NW¹/₄,

and NW1/4SW1/4;

Sec. 16, NW¹/₄SW¹/₄, surveyed;

- Sec. 17, S¹/₂;
- Sec. 18, S¹/₂S¹/₂;
- Sec. 19, N¹/₂ and N¹/₂S¹/₂; Sec. 20, N¹/₂ and N¹/₂SW¹/₄;
- Sec. 21, NW¹/4.

The area described contains 80,716 acres in Carbon, Grand, Emery, and San Juan Counties.

All persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing, by the date specified above, to the Moab Field Office Manager.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register, the lands will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date.

Notice is hereby given that two public meetings, in connection with the proposed withdrawal, will be held: on January 26, 2000 at 7 p.m. in the Carbon County Courthouse, Main Street, Price, Utah, and on January 27, 2000 at 7 p.m. in the BLM Moab Field Office conference room, 82 East Dogwood Avenue, Moab, Utah.

Dated: December 9, 1999.

Margaret Wyatt,

Moab Field Office Manager. [FR Doc. 99-32532 Filed 12-15-99; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4310-DQ-P

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submitted for Office of Management and Budget Review, **Comment Request**

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection requests.

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), we are notifying you that an information collection request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. We are also soliciting your comments on the ICR describing the information collection, its expected costs and burdens, and how the data will be collected.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 18, 2000. **ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Interior Department (OMB Control Number 1010-0063), 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20503. You should also send copies of these comments to us. Our mailing address for written comments regarding this information collection is David S. Guzy, Chief, Rules and Publications Staff, Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3021, Denver, Colorado 80225. Courier or overnight delivery address is Building 85, Room A-613, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225. Email address is RMP.comments@mms.gov.

Public Comment Procedure

Your comments and copies of your comments may be submitted to the addresses listed above. Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include Attn: Production Accounting and Auditing System Reports on Solid Minerals, OMB Control Number 1010-0063, Forms MMS-4050, MMS-4051-S, MMS-4059 and MMS-4060, and your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact David S. Guzy directly at (303) 231-3432.

We will post public comments after the comment period closes on the Internet at *http://www.rmp.mms.gov*. You may arrange to view paper copies of the comments by contacting David S. Guzy, Chief, Rules and Publications Staff, telephone (303) 231-3432, FAX (303) 231-3385. Our practice is to make comments, including names and addresses of respondents, available for public review on the Internet and during regular business hours at our offices in Lakewood, Colorado. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the rulemaking record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the rulemaking record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis C. Jones, Rules and Publications Staff, phone (303) 231–3046, FAX (303) 231–3385, email

Dennis.C.Jones@mms.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Production Accounting and Auditing System Reports on Solid Minerals.

OMB Control Number: 1010–0063.

Abstract: The Secretary of the Interior is responsible for collecting royalties from leases producing minerals from leased Federal and Indian lands. The Secretary is required by various laws to manage the production of mineral resources on Indian lands and Federal onshore and offshore leases, to collect the royalties due, and to distribute the funds in accordance with those laws; we perform these royalty management functions for the Secretary.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Operators of solid mineral leases.

Frequency of Response: Monthly, quarterly, annually.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 170.

Estimated Total Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden: 2,763 hours.

Comments

Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act 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.

Send your comments directly to the offices listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive public comments by January 18, 2000.

MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer: Jo Ann Lauterbach, (202) 208–7744. Dated: December 9, 1999. Lawrence E. Cobb, Acting Associate Director for Royalty Management. [FR Doc. 99–32558 Filed 12–15–99; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4310–MR–P

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Environmental Assessment Preparation for Proposed Lease Sale 177 in the Western Gulf of Mexico (2000)

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA).

SUMMARY: The MMS is beginning preparation of an EA for proposed Lease Sale 177 (scheduled for August 2000) in the Western Gulf of Mexico Planning Area. In January 1997, MMS issued a Call for Information and Nominations/ Notice of Intent (Call/NOI) to Prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the four proposed Western Gulf of Mexico sales in the current 5-year leasing program. In 1998, MMS prepared a single EIS for all four sales. The multisale Final EIS, filed in May 1998, included an analysis of a single, "typical" sale, and a cumulative analysis that included the effects of holding all four sales, as well as the cumulative effects of the long-term development of the planning area. The MMS stated in the EIS that an EA would be prepared for each lease sale after the first sale covered in the EIS (Sale 171).

The preparation of this EA is the first step in the prelease decision process for Sale 177. The proposal and alternatives for Sale 177 were identified by the Director of MMS in January 1997, following the Call/NOI and were analyzed in the Western Gulf multisale EIS, which is available from the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region's Public Information Office at 1-800-200-GULF. The proposed action analyzed in the multisale EIS was the offering of all available unleased acreage in the Western Gulf of Mexico Planning Area, with the following exceptions: Blocks A–375 (East Flower Garden Bank) and A-983 (West Flower Garden Bank) in the High Island Area, East Addition, South Extension, designated as a national marine sanctuary; and Blocks 793, 799, and 816 in the Mustang Island Area, identified by the Navy as needed for testing equipment and for training mine warfare personnel. The proposal to be addressed in this EA has been revised to the following extent: two