

Dated: December 22, 1997.

Helen Hankins,

District Manager, Elko.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-922-08-1310-00-P; MTM 81595]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

Under the provisions of Pub. L. 97-451, a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease MTM 81595, Beaverhead County, Montana, was timely filed and accompanied by the required rental accruing from the date of termination.

No valid lease has been issued affecting the lands. The lessee has agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$5 per acre and 16-2/3% respectively. Payment of a \$500 administration fee has been made.

Having met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Sec. 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate the lease, effective as of the date of termination, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease, the increased rental and royalty rates cited above, and reimbursement for cost of publication of this Notice.

Dated: December 24, 1997.

Karen L. Johnson,

Chief, Fluids Adjudication Section.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-942-5700-00]

Filing of Plats of Survey; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform the public and interested state and local government officials of the latest filing of Plats of Survey in California.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Unless otherwise noted, filing was effective at 10:00 a.m. on the next federal work day following the plat acceptance date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lance J. Bishop, Chief, Branch of

Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), California State Office, 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, CA 95825-0451, (916) 978-4310.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The plats of Survey of lands described below have been officially filed at the California State Office of the Bureau of Land Management in Sacramento, CA.

Mount Diablo Meridian, California

T. 3 N., R. 26 E.,—Dependent resurvey and subdivision of section 33, (Group 1238) accepted November 5, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, Bakersfield District, Bishop Resource Area.

T. 37 N., R. 5 W.,—Supplemental plat of the SE¼ of section 13 and the W½ of section 24, accepted November 13, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, Redding Resource Area.

San Bernardino Meridian, California

T. 1 N., R. 20 W.,—Dependent resurvey and metes-and-bounds survey, (Group 1111) accepted November 17, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the National Park Service, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

All of the above listed survey plats are now the basic record for describing the lands for all authorized purposes. The survey plats have been placed in the open file in the BLM, California State Office, and are available to the public as a matter of information. Copies of the survey plats and related field notes will be furnished to the public upon payment of the appropriate fee.

Dated: December 23, 1997.

Lance J. Bishop,

Chief, Branch of Cadastral Survey.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service, Interior

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection Solicitation.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) is soliciting comments on an information collection, Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance (OMB Control Number 1010-0022, Form MMS-2014), which expires on May 31, 1998.

FORM: MMS-2014, Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 6, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments sent via the U.S. Postal Service should be sent to Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, Rules and Publications Staff, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3021, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165; courier address is Building 85, Room A613, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225; e-mail address is David_Guzy@mms.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dennis C. Jones, Rules and Publications Staff, phone (303) 231-3046, FAX (303) 231-3385, e-mail

Dennis_C_Jones@mms.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Section 3506 (c)(2)(A), we are notifying you, members of the public and affected agencies, of this collection of information, including Form MMS-2014, which expires May 31, 1998. We are requesting OMB approval for a three year extension of this existing collection authority. Is this information collection necessary for us to properly do our job? Have we accurately estimated the industry burden for responding to this collection? Can we enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information we collect? Can we lessen the burden of this information collection on the respondents by using automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

The Secretary of the Interior is responsible for the collection of royalties from lessees 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.

MMS performs the royalty management functions for the Secretary. When a company or individual enters into a contract to develop, produce, and dispose of minerals from Federal or Indian lands, that company or individual agrees to pay the United States or Indian tribe or allottee a share (royalty) of the full value received for the minerals taken from leased lands. We use an automated fiscal accounting system, the Auditing and Financial System (AFS), to account for revenues collected from Federal and Indian leases. The Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance, Form MMS-2014, is the only document used for reporting royalties and other lease-related transactions to MMS. AFS relies on data

reported by payors on Form MMS-2014 for the majority of its processing. In addition to accounting for royalties reported by payors, AFS, using Form MMS-2014 information, performs numerous other functions. These functions include monthly distribution of mineral revenues to State, Indian, and General Treasury accounts; providing royalty accounting and statistical information to States, Indians, and others who have a need for such information; and identifying under reporting and nonreporting so MMS can promptly collect revenues. Sales and royalty information gathered through AFS is compared with production data collected by an MMS automated production accounting system, the Production Accounting and Auditing System (PAAS). This AFS/PAAS comparison of reported sales with reported production provides MMS with the ability to verify that the proper royalties are being collected.

MMS counts monthly payor responses by line item. Each line represents one reporting transaction. Approximately 274,000 lines are submitted each month by about 2,000 payors. Payors include about 1,750 oil and gas companies plus about 250 solid mineral companies. The total number of payors changes monthly as old wells cease production, new wells are brought into production, mines cease or increase production, or selling arrangements change. We estimate that on the average 7 minutes is needed to manually complete each line. Average time includes data assembly, value and royalty calculations, entering data on the form, and mailing. The total time involved varies considerably from a small company reporting only one or two leases to a large company with a multipage report. For those companies with equipment enabling them to report using electronic media, including electronic data interchange, diskettes and tape, the time to generate and submit the data is estimated to be less than 3 minutes per line. About 20 percent of total lines will be prepared and submitted manually, an estimated 67,000 lines per month in FY 1997. The remaining 80 percent of total lines will be submitted via electronic media, about 208,000 lines per month. We also estimate that each payor will spend 10 hours on related recordkeeping for this collection. We estimate that the total annual burden for this information collection is 155,400 hours.

Dated: December 29, 1997.

Lucy Querques Denett,
Associate Director for Royalty Management.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

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

Title: Designation of Royalty Payment Responsibility.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0107.

Comments: This collection of information has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval. In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Section 3506 (c)(2)(A), we are notifying you, members of the public and affected agencies, of this collection of information and are inviting your comments. Is this information collection necessary for us to properly do our job? Have we accurately estimated the public's burden for responding to this collection? Can we enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information we collect? Can we lessen the burden of this information collection on the respondents by using automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

Comments should be made directly to the Attention: Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503; telephone (202) 395-7340. Copies of these comments should also be sent to us. The U.S. Postal Service address is Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, Rules and Publications Staff, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3021, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165; the courier address is Building 85, Room A-613, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225; and the e-Mail address is David-Guzy@mms.gov. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days; therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure their maximum consideration.

Copies of the proposed information collection and related explanatory material may be obtained by contacting Dennis C. Jones, Rules and Publications Staff, telephone (303) 231-3046, FAX (303) 231-3385, e-Mail Dennis_C_Jones@mms.gov.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 4, 1998.

SUMMARY: The Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996 (RSFA), Pub. L. 104-185, as corrected by Pub. L. 104-200, establishes the owners of operating rights and/or lease record title (who are jointly defined as "lessees" under RSFA) as responsible for making royalty and related payments on a Federal lease. Currently, it is common for a payor rather than a lessee to make royalty and related payments on a Federal lease. When a payor pays royalties on a Federal lease on behalf of a lessee, RSFA requires that the lessee certify to MMS in writing that a particular payor has been designated by the lessee to make such royalty and related payments to MMS on behalf of the lessee. RSFA made this payor designation requirement effective for lease production beginning September 1, 1996. We may require some payors to provide us information regarding the lessees on whose behalf they are paying if we need to inform those lessees that they must certify to MMS in writing their respective payors as their designees. We are asking payors and lessees to provide data required under RSFA so that we can fully implement the Act.

Description of Respondents: Federal lessees and payors.

Frequency of Response: As necessary.

Bureau Form Number: MMS-4425.

Estimated Reporting and

Recordkeeping Burden: 1 hour.

Annual Responses: 24,000.

Annual Burden Hours: 24,000 hours.

Bureau Clearance Officer: Jo Ann Lauterbach, (202) 208-7744.

Dated: December 9, 1997.

R. Dale Fazio,
Acting Associate Director for Royalty Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

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

Title: Training and Outreach Evaluation Questionnaires

Comments: This collection of information has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval. In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Section 3506(c)(2)(A), we are notifying