

of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 USC 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate the lease effective November 1, 1998, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gloria S. Baca, BLM, New Mexico State Office, (505) 438-7566.

Dated: June 10, 1999.

Gloria S. Baca,

Land Law Examiner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-952-09-1420-00]

Montana: Filing of Amended Protraction Diagram Plats

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The plats of the amended protraction diagrams accepted June 2, 1999, of the following described lands, are scheduled to be officially filed in the Montana State Office, Billings, Montana, thirty (30) days from the date of this publication.

Tps. 1, 2, 3, and 4 N., Rs. 21, 22, 23, and 24 W.

The plat, representing the Amended Protraction Diagram 15 Index of unsurveyed Townships 1, 2, 3, and 4 North, Ranges 21, 22, 23, and 24 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted June 2, 1999.

T. 1 N., R. 22 W.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 15 of unsurveyed Township 1 North, Range 22 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted June 2, 1999.

T. 1 N., R. 23 W.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 15 of unsurveyed Township 1 North, Range 23 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted June 2, 1999.

T. 1 N., R. 24 W.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 15 of unsurveyed Township 1 North, Range 24 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted June 2, 1999.

T. 2 N., R. 22 W.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 15 of unsurveyed Township 2 North, Range 22 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted June 2, 1999.

T. 2 N., R. 23 W.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 15 of unsurveyed

Township 2 North, Range 23 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted June 2, 1999.

T. 3 N., R. 22 W.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 15 of unsurveyed Township 3 North, Range 22 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted June 2, 1999.

T. 3 N., R. 23 W.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 15 of unsurveyed Township 3 North, Range 23 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted June 2, 1999.

T. 4 N., R. 21 W.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 15 of unsurveyed Township 4 North, Range 21 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted June 2, 1999.

T. 4 N., R. 22 W.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 15 of unsurveyed Township 4 North, Range 22 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted June 2, 1999.

T. 4 N., R. 23 W.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 15 of unsurveyed Township 4 North, Range 23 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted June 2, 1999.

The amended protraction diagrams were prepared at the request of the U.S. Forest Service to accommodate Revision of Primary Base Quadrangle Maps for the Geometronics Service Center.

A copy of the preceding described plats of the amended protraction diagrams, accepted June 2, 1999, will be immediately placed in the open files and will be available to the public as a matter of information.

If a protest against these amended protraction diagrams, accepted June 2, 1999, as shown on these plats, is received prior to the date of the official filings, the filings will be stayed pending consideration of the protests. These particular plats of the amended protraction diagrams will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been accepted or dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Land Management, 222 North 32nd Street, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800.

Dated: June 9, 1999.

Daniel T. Mates,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Division of Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Notice of Proposed Audit Delegation for the State of Alaska

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposal.

SUMMARY: The State of Alaska (State) is requesting a delegation of audit and investigation authority from the Minerals Management Service (MMS). This Notice gives members of the public an opportunity to review and comment on the State's proposal.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before July 19, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Mr. Mark Peterson, State and Indian Compliance Division, Royalty Management Program, Minerals Management Service, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3660, Denver, CO 80225-0165, telephone number (303) 275-7465, fax number (303) 275-7470, e-mail: mark.peterson@mms.gov; or Mr. Matt Rader, Division of Oil and Gas, Department of Natural Resources, State of Alaska, 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 800, Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3510, telephone number (907) 269-8776, fax number (907) 269-8938, e-mail: matt_rader@dnr.state.ak.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public comments should be submitted to Mr. Mark Peterson, at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

The State's proposal was received by MMS on May 7, 1999. In accordance with 30 CFR Section 227.101(a)(1) (1998) (30 U.S.C. 1735; 30 U.S.C. 196; Pub. L. 102-154), the State requests that MMS delegate the royalty management functions of conducting audits and investigations. The State requests delegation of these functions for producing Federal oil and gas leases within the State, producing Federal oil and gas leases in the Outer Continental Shelf subject to revenue sharing under 8(g) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. 1337(g), and for other producing solid mineral or geothermal Federal leases within the State. The State does not request delegation of royalty and production reporting functions.

The State requests 100 percent funding of the delegated functions for a 3-year period beginning October 1, 1999, with the option to extend for an additional 3-year period. The State had a previous 205 audit delegation agreement with MMS from January 18, 1985, through September 30, 1987. Therefore, MMS has determined a formal hearing for comments will not be

held under 30 CFR Section 227.105. This Notice serves as the public's opportunity for review and comment on the State's proposal.

The State's proposal can be viewed and printed from the Internet at: <http://www.rmp.mms.gov/library/readroom/pubcomm/RMPPubRdg.htm>.

A paper copy can be obtained by contacting Mr. Mark Peterson at the address listed above.

Dated: June 11, 1999.

Lucy Querques Denett,

Associate Director for Royalty Management.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Official Corps of Discovery II Medal

SUMMARY: This notice establishes the official National Park Service symbol with the incorporating words "Corps of Discovery II: 200 Years to the Future" commemorating the Bicentennial Anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

DATES: This action is effective June 17, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Engler, Interim Superintendent, Corps of Discovery II: 200 Years to the Future, Route 3, Box 47, Beatrice, Nebraska 68310, telephone 402-223-3514.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Park Service has designated an official National Park Service symbol with the words "Corps of Discovery II: 200 Years to the Future" in honor of the Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial Anniversary, 2003-2006. You may obtain a copy of the image incorporating the words "Corps of Discovery II: 200 Years to the Future" from the Interim Superintendent at the address listed above. Notice is given that whoever manufactures, sells, or possesses this symbol embossed image, or any colorable imitation thereof, or photographs, prints or in any other manner makes or executes any engraving photograph or print, or impression in the likeness of this symbol, or any colorable imitation thereof, without authorization from the United States Department of the Interior is subject to the penalty provisions of Section 701, Title 18 of the United States Code.

Dated: June 4, 1999.

William W. Schenk,

Regional Director, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing that the information collection request for 30 CFR Part 778, Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Legal, Financial, Compliance, and Related Information, has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and reauthorization. This information collection was previously approved and assigned clearance number 1029-0034. This notice describes the nature of the information collection and the expected burden and cost.

DATES: OMB has up to 60 days to approved or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB by July 19, 1999, in order to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related form, contact John A. Trelease at (202) 208-2783, or electronically to jtreleas@osmre.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). OSM has submitted a request to OMB to renew its approval of the collection of information for 30 CFR Part 778, Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Legal, Financial, Compliance, and Related Information. OSM is requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number for this collection of information is listed in 30 CFR Part 778, which is 1029-0034.

As required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), a **Federal Register** notice soliciting comments on the collection of information was published on January 13, 1999 (64 FR 2231). This notice gave the public 60 days in which to comment on the need for the collection of information, the accuracy of the burden estimate, ways to enhance the information collection, and ways to minimize the burden of respondents.

OSM received one comment from an industry group. Although afforded the opportunity, this commenter did not provide any substantive suggestions regarding the need for the collection, accuracy of the estimated burden, or methods to improve the collection. However, the commenter did state that OMB should disapprove the information collection request. OSM published an Interim Final rule on April 21, 1997 (62 FR 19540), which altered regulatory language at 30 CFR Part 778. The commenter stated that, since OSM did not prepare an information collection package with a notice and comment period "OMB should disapprove the ICs [information collections] contained in the IFR (interim final rule), until such time as OSM publishes the ICs in the **Federal Register** for public comment, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) and OMB regulations."

When it promulgated the IFR on April 21, 1997, OSM explained that the IFR "does not contain collections of information which require approval by [OMB] under [the PRA]. OMB has previously approved the collection activities and assigned clearance numbers. * * *" 62 FR 19450, 19457, 19459 (April 21, 1997). OSM based this statement on the good faith belief that, for PRA purposes, the collections of information contained in the IFR do not represent "material or substantive" modifications to the currently approved collections of information which were associated with the prior ownership and control rules, and therefore, did not require notice and comment from the public, nor OMB approval. (Importantly, the IFR impose no new information requirements on permit applicant's rather, the IFR actually pose less of a burden to applicants, as they require submission of slightly less, though largely the same, information as the prior permit information rule. Indeed, *all* of the information called for in Part