

meeting to receive input on federal paleontology policies.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, June 21, 1999, beginning at 8:30 A.M. Persons wishing to make a presentation have up to five minutes to make a statement and will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis.

ADDRESSES: The U.S. Geological Survey is located at 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, and parking is generally available at the USGS visitor lot. Written comments will be accepted at the meeting or may be sent to Sara Pena, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C. St., N.W., LS-204, Washington, D.C., 20240, by July 15, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Pena, Bureau of Land Management at (202) 452-5040.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Senate (Senate Report 105-227) requested that the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with appropriate scientific, educational, and commercial entities, prepare a report assessing the need for a unified federal policy on the collection, storage, and preservation of fossils. The background document, "Collection, Storage, Preservation and Scientific Study of Fossils from Federal and Indian Lands," provides some information on current federal policies on paleontology. A copy of the background document is available on the Interior Department web site at <http://www.doi.gov>, or by contacting Sara Pena, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C. St., N.W., LS-204, Washington, D.C., 20240, telephone: (202) 452-5040.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Meeting of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Advisory Board

AGENCY: National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, Vale District, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is given that a meeting of the Advisory Board for the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center will be held on Thursday, June 3, 1999 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at

the Best Western Sunridge Inn, One Sunridge Lane, Baker City, Oregon 97814.

At an appropriate time, the Board will recess for approximately one hour for lunch. Public comments will be received from 12:00 p.m. to 12:15 p.m., June 3, 1999. Topics to be discussed are the prioritizing of market segments, refinement of mission and goals, and reports from Coordinators of Subcommittees.

DATES: The meeting will be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. June 3, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David B. Hunsaker, Bureau of Land Management, National Historic Oregon Trail, Interpretive Center, P.O. Box 987, Baker City, OR 97814 (Telephone 541-523-1845).

Penelope Dunn-Woods,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Recreation Use Restrictions and Regulations for Egin Lakes Access and Red Road Recreation Sites Adjacent and Within the Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area (WSA), Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of recreation use restrictions for Egin Lakes Access and Red Road recreation sites adjacent and within the Sand Mountain WSA, Idaho.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with Title 43 Group 8000-Recreation Programs, and in accordance with the principles established by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, that certain lands located in and adjacent to the Sand Mountain WSA which includes the area known as the St. Anthony Sand Dunes Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) in Fremont and Jefferson Counties, Idaho have recreation use restrictions placed upon them. Actions are implemented under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.

DATES: Effective date: May 26, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management, Upper Snake River District, Idaho Falls Field Office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401, telephone (208) 524-7500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The WSA is 21,000 acres of public land that has current vehicle and recreation use restrictions within it that were established through the **Federal Register** on August 13, 1992. Both the WSA and SRMA are within the Egin-Hamer Winter Seasonal Closure Area established through the Federal Register on December 16, 1997.

Recreation use in the SRMA has increased nearly 1000% from an estimated 14,000 visits in FY84 to over 136,000 visits in FY 98. The Egin Lakes Access Site alone recorded over 72,000 visits in which over 20,000 visitors were campers using the undeveloped camping area or the developed parking lot to camp. Use along the Red Road where there are numerous undeveloped recreation sites recorded over 24,000 visits in which over 2000 visitors were overnight campers.

Open campfire sites inside the Sand Mountain WSA but outside the Red Road Open Sand Campfire Area have increased tremendously in the last few years, especially around major access routes onto the open sand and around Dry Lake Bed (Hidden Lake) causing degradation of the natural values of the area. The last few years have also had non-traditional dispersed recreation uses occur on Hidden Lake which is a dry lake bed in the winter but has water throughout the spring, summer, and fall seasons. Snowmobile and Personal Water Craft users have been using the lake in the summer for water craft skinning. This activity has created safety problems to other recreation users along the lake shore and in the water. These uses were not present at the time the roadless inventory for wilderness values was conducted by the BLM during 1970s and are not considered a type of primitive and unconfined recreation use for a wilderness characteristic.

To reduce the litter and debris left in open campfires causing safety problems to recreation users, the degrading of natural values of the area and prohibiting non-primitive type of recreation activities inside the WSA, the following restrictions will be implemented and apply to the Sand Mountain WSA: 1) Open campfires are prohibited inside the Sand Mountain WSA except in the designated Red Road Open Sand Campfire Area; 2) Use of personal water craft or any other motorized vehicle or craft is prohibited on any body of water inside the WSA.

Use in the developed and undeveloped recreation sites and areas surrounding and within the WSA have increased over 20% the last three years. The use has created public safety and

natural environment concerns within these sites and areas.

To reduce these public safety and natural environment concerns in these sites and areas, the following restrictions are to be implemented: (1) Quiet hours within the Egin Lakes Access Site and Red Road Recreation Area is from 11pm until 7am; (2) The burning of any foreign material other than wood in all camp fires is prohibited throughout the St. Anthony Sand Dunes SRMA. Prohibited material includes but not limited to pallets, treated lumber, tires, glass, aluminum, etc.; (3) Engaging in fighting; (4) Addressing any offensive, derisive, or annoying communication that has a direct tendency to cause acts of violence by the person to whom, individually, the remark is addressed.

Maps of the areas where the restrictions and regulations apply will be available at the Idaho Falls Field Office. Signs with the rules and regulations will be posted at all entrances into the WSA as well as at the recreation sites and areas. The new rules and regulations will be incorporated into the existing St. Anthony Sand Dunes and Sand Mountain WSA information flyer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Boggs, Bureau of Land Management, Upper Snake River District, Idaho Falls Field Office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401, (208) 524-7527.

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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

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), we are notifying you that we have submitted an information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. We are also soliciting your comments on this ICR which describes the information collection, its expected costs and

burden, and how the data will be collected.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 21, 1999.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (OMB Control Number 1010-0073), 725 17th Street, N.W., 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 RMP.comments@mms.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis C. Jones, Rules and Publications Staff, telephone (303) 231-3046, FAX (303) 231-3385, e-Mail Dennis.C.Jones@mms.gov. You may also contact Dennis Jones to obtain a copy of the ICR at no cost.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Net Profit Share Leases.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0073.

Abstract: The Department of the Interior is responsible for matters relevant to mineral resource development in the OCS. The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) is responsible for managing the production of minerals from Federal and Indian lands and the OCS; for collecting royalties from lessees who produce minerals; and for distributing the funds collected in accordance with applicable laws. The Minerals Management Service (MMS) performs the royalty management functions for the Secretary.

To encourage exploration and development of oil and gas leases on submerged lands of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), regulations were promulgated at 30 CFR 260.110(4) implementing a net profit share bidding system. The Net Profit Share Lease (NPSL) bidding system was established to properly balance a fair market return to the Federal Government for the lease of its lands, with a fair profit to companies risking their investment capital. The system provides an incentive for early and expeditious exploration and development, and provides for a sharing of the risks by the lessee and the Government. The bidding system incorporates a fixed capital recovery system as the means through which the lessee recovers costs of exploration and development from production revenues, along with a

reasonable return on investment. This collection of information is necessary in order to determine when royalty payments are due, and to determine the proper amount of payment.

Under the NPSL bidding system, a notice of OCS lease sale is published in the **Federal Register** with a net profit share rate and a capital recovery factor (CRF) established for each tract within the sale. The CRF allows the lessee to inflate certain allowable costs by multiplying costs by the CRF. This additional allowance results in a type of risk-sharing arrangement with the Government. Tracts within the same sale may have different profit share rates and different CRF's. The last OCS lease sale involving NPSL's was in August 1983.

When companies enter into NPSL agreements, they agree to submit the reports required by 30 CFR 220.031. There are no reporting forms required, but the lessees must submit updates containing specific information. Before production begins, reports are required on an annual basis. These reports must document costs incurred, credits received, and the balance in the NPSL capital account. Once production begins, monthly reports are required that include the amount and disposition of oil and gas saved, removed, or sold; the amount of production revenue; the amount and description of costs and credits to the NPSL capital account; the balance in the capital account; the net profit share base and net profit share payment due the Government; and the lessee's monthly profit share. All information submitted is taken directly from the lessee's own records. No unique information is required by MMS.

Royalty payments are made based on the individual lease's net profit share rate, multiplied by the quantity (revenues and other credits, less costs). MMS uses the data submitted in the annual and monthly reports to verify costs claimed, revenues earned, and royalty payments due. No royalties are paid until the lessee recovers exploration and development expenses. Information provided in the reports is used by MMS auditors. Failure of the respondent to submit the information results in noncompliance with the requirements of 30 CFR Part 220 and could result in loss of royalty payments to the Government.

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 **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection