

293,133 acres are being considered for ACEC designation. Resource use limitations vary among alternatives for each area and pertain to OHMV designations, rights-of-way, livestock management, juniper control, fire management and minerals activities.

Dated: June 14, 1999.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### **Notice of Availability of a Draft Rio Puerco Resource Management Plan Amendment/Environmental Impact Statement (RMP Amendment/EIS) for El Malpais National Conservation Area (NCA) and Chain of Craters Wilderness Study Area (WSA)**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Albuquerque Field Office has completed a Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). If approved, the RMP Amendment would alter some decisions in the Rio Puerco RMP for the NCA and add decisions for lands recently acquired. The document establishes planning to the activity level for many of the issues addressed.

The EIS provides environmental analysis of the impacts of four alternative ways of managing the NCA and adjoining lands. Alternative A is the Existing Management (No Action) Alternative. It would be a continuation of current management and establishes the baseline for impact analysis. Management under Alternative B, the Resource Use Alternative, would support direct human action. Under Alternative C (Natural Processes), management would minimize human activity. Alternative D (Balanced Management) is the BLM's Preferred Alternative, which proposes to balance use and conservation. The document also addresses a legislative requirement to recommend for or against the designation of the Chain of Craters Wilderness Study Area as wilderness.

**DATES:** Written comments must be postmarked no later than September 24, 1999.

Formal verbal comments will be received at the following public

hearings, which will begin at 7:00 p.m. and continue until those signed up to speak have had an opportunity to do so:

(1) Monday, July 26.

(2) Tuesday, July 27.

(3) Wednesday, July 28.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to: El Malpais Plan Team Leader, BLM Albuquerque Field Office, 435 Montañito Road NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107-4935. The public hearings will be held at the following locations:

(1) Grants High School, 500 Mountain Road, Grants, NM.

(2) Quemado High School, Highway 60, Quemado, NM.

(3) Del Norte High School, 5323 Montgomery Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM.

Copies are available for review at public libraries in Albuquerque and Grants, New Mexico and at the following address on the Internet: [www.nm.blm.gov](http://www.nm.blm.gov). Additional copies are available at the following BLM New Mexico offices: New Mexico State Office, 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe; Albuquerque Field Office, 435 Montañito Road NE, Albuquerque; Grants Field Station, 2001 Santa Fe Ave., Grants; and Socorro Field Office, 198 Neel Ave. NW, Socorro.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kent Hamilton, El Malpais Plan Team Leader, BLM Albuquerque Field Office, 435 Montañito Road NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107-4935; phone (505) 761-8746.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Draft RMP Amendment includes revised planning for the following four issues: (1) Recreation (including Visual Resource Management), (2) Access and Transportation, (3) Wilderness Suitability, and (4) Boundary and Land Ownership Adjustments. If approved, these amendments would only affect the NCA and adjoining areas as specified. Decisions for other issues and geographic areas addressed in the Rio Puerco RMP would not be changed.

The following issues have been addressed in the environmental analysis: (1) Recreation, (2) Facility Development, (3) Access and Transportation, (4) Wilderness Management, (5) Wilderness Suitability, (6) American Indian Uses and Traditional Cultural Practices, (7) Cultural Resources, (8) Wildlife Habitat, (9) Vegetation, and (10) Boundary and Land Ownership Adjustments.

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday (except holidays), and may be published as part of the

Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment/Final Environmental Impact Statement. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

**Mike O'Neill,**

*Acting Albuquerque Field Office Manager.*

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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 of information collection request.

**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 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 July 26, 1999.

**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 1010-0120), 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503; telephone (202) 395-7340. You should also send copies of these comments 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](mailto:RMP.comments@mms.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To obtain copies of the proposed information collection and related explanatory material, contact Dennis C. Jones, Rules and Publications Staff, telephone (303) 231-3046, FAX (303) 231-3385, e-Mail [Dennis.C.Jones@mms.gov](mailto:Dennis.C.Jones@mms.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Solid Minerals Reengineering Operational Model.

*OMB Control Number:* 1010-0120.

*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.

When a company or an individual enters into a contract or lease to develop, mine, and dispose of Federal or Indian minerals, that company or individual (the respondent) agrees to pay the appropriate royalty due based upon gross proceeds received from the sale of production from the leased lands. Royalty rates are specified in the lease agreement. Specific lease language varies; however, respondents agree by the lease terms to furnish statements providing the details of all operations conducted on a lease and the quantity and quality of all production from the lease at such times and in such form as the Secretary may prescribe. Rules require respondents to provide accurate, complete, and timely reports for all minerals produced, in the manner and form prescribed by MMS in 30 CFR Part 210, Subpart E, and Part 216, Subpart A.

We currently require respondents to submit eight separate forms to collect the above information. We also require respondents to resubmit each of these forms to correct any errors which may have occurred on previous submissions of required information. The Solid Minerals Operational Model will focus on collecting production, royalty, and valuation data, while streamlining reporting requirements. The participating companies will continue to submit the eight currently required forms and will also submit the required information using new reporting guidelines for this operational model.

We will collect the production, royalty, and valuation data using information technology. We will use the information collected to support:

- Distribution and Disbursement. We must match the royalty payment

submitted on the Report of Sales and Royalty Remittances (Form MMS-2014) to the Production and Royalty Report (Form MMS-4430), maintain lease accounts of payments, and ensure the distribution of data and disbursement of monies to our revenue recipients.

- Compliance and Asset Management Processes. We must determine areas not in compliance for a lease or mine sooner than the current processes allow. The Production and Royalty Report form is designed to give us the basic volume and valuation information necessary to begin these compliance activities so that we may compare it to the Remote Storage and Washing Plant and Market Profile data formats.

- Monitoring Allowances and Off-site Activity. We must monitor allowance deductions and off-site inventory and sales. Companies maintain electronic data files of this information as a normal course of business. We propose to download the data from these company-maintained files to our compliance data systems. Our intent is to minimize the information collection burden on industry respondents as well as ourselves.

- BLM Production Verification, Diligent Development, and Recoverable Reserves Calculations. We must make facility data available on-line to all BLM, BIA, Tribal, and State Audit offices. During the operational model, we will refine the Remote Storage and Washing Plant data to ensure BLM can perform these processes, including monitoring plant efficiencies, maximum recovery, and secondary product inventories.

- Compliance and Asset Management Processes. We will require the submission of supplemental information (Market Profile) for the compliance aspect of our reengineering efforts. The Market Profile data will be an integral part of the Compliance and Asset Management process being developed in the operational model. We will use this information to verify royalty value and augment monitoring and detection of compliance problems on those mines. This information will only be collected from those reporters whose royalties are based on gross proceeds or who sell products beyond the mine site.

*Respondents/Affected Entities:* Solid Minerals Mining Companies.

*Frequency of Response:* Monthly and quarterly.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 8.  
*Estimated Total Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden:* 463 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 July 26, 1999.

*MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer:* Jo Ann Lauterbach, (202) 208-7744.

Dated: June 18, 1999.

**R. Dale Fazio,**

*Acting Associate Director for Royalty Management.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** United States International Trade Commission.

**TIME AND DATE:** July 2, 1999 at 11:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Room 101, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, DC 20436, Telephone: (202) 205-2000.

**STATUS:** Open to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

1. Agenda for future meeting: None.
2. Minutes.
3. Ratification List.
4. Inv. No. TA-201-69 (Certain Steel Wire Rod) (Remedy Phase)—briefing and vote. (The Commission will transmit its recommendations to the President on July 12, 1999.)

5. Outstanding action jackets:
  - (1.) Document No. GC-99-057: Regarding Inv. No. 337-TA-412 (Certain Video Graphics Display Controllers and Products Containing Same).

In accordance with Commission policy, subject matter listed above, not disposed of at the scheduled meeting,