

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****[OR-958-1820-01; GP0-0107; OR-06519]****Public land order No. 7438; Revocation of Public Land Order No. 2407; Oregon****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Public land order.

**SUMMARY:** This order revokes in its entirety the remaining 2,230 acres withdrawn by Public Land Order No. 2407. The original order withdrew National Forest System lands as a roadside zone. The lands are no longer needed for the purpose for which they were withdrawn. Of the lands being revoked, 225 acres are within an overlapping Forest Service withdrawal and will remain closed to surface entry, mining, and mineral leasing. The revocation is needed to make lands available for several land tenure adjustments in accordance with the provisions of Section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. This action will open the lands to such forms of disposition as may by law be made of National Forest System lands and to mining, subject to valid existing rights. The lands have been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 28, 2000.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michael Barnes, BLM Oregon/ Washington State Office, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208-2965, 503-952-6155.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Public Land Order No. 2407 dated June 21, 1961, which withdrew National Forest System lands for road side zone purposes, is hereby revoked in its entirety as to the remaining withdrawn lands described in the order published in **Federal Register** Volume 26 page 5756, dated June 28, 1961.

2. At 8:30 a.m. on April 28, 2000, the lands shall be opened to such forms of disposition as may by law be made of National Forest System lands, including location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable laws. Appropriation of lands under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted

adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38 (1994), shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by the State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts.

Dated: March 10, 2000.

**Kevin Gover,***Assistant Secretary of the Interior.*

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**BILLING CODE 4310-33-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 extension of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0135).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (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 April 28, 2000.

**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 1010-0135), 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. Copies of these comments should also be sent to David S. Guzy, Chief, Rules and Publications Staff, Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3021, Denver, Colorado 80225. Courier address is Building 85, Room A-613, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225. Email address is RMP.comments@mms.gov.

**Public Comment Procedure:** Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

Please also include Attn: Royalty-In-Kind Small Refiner Sale Program, OMB Control Number 1010-0135, 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:** Royalty-In-Kind Small Refiner Sale Program.

**OMB Control Number:** 1010-0135.

**Abstract:** The Department of the Interior (DOI) is responsible for matters relevant to mineral resource development on Federal and Indian Lands and the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The Secretary of the Interior 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. MMS performs the royalty management functions for the Secretary.

When the Secretary determines that sufficient need exists among small refining companies to justify taking royalty oil in kind and offering this oil

for sale to eligible refiners, small refiners may apply to participate in this sale of Federal royalty oil and follow procedures under which contracts for the purchase of royalty oil will be awarded. Completed applications to participate in the sale bid proposals, signed contracts, and surety instruments must be submitted to MMS.

The application must be complete and timely filed, and applicants for royalty oil will be required to provide a surety instrument with their bid package. This

surety instrument must be a Letter of Credit, Form MMS-4071, or a Royalty-In-Kind Contract Surety Bond, Form MMS-4072. We estimate the annual reporting burden for refiners submitting either surety document is 1 hour.

The PRA provides that 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. A 60-day **Federal Register** Notice soliciting comments on this collection

of information was published on December 8, 1999 (64 FR 68699). No comments were received.

*Respondents/Affected Entities:* Royalty payors.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 25 payors.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:* 25 burden hours. Refer to the following chart:

Reporting and recordkeeping requirements	Frequency	Number of respondents	Burden	Annual burden hours
Complete and submit Forms MMS-4071 and MMS-4072 .....	Yearly .....	25	25 × 1 hours .....	25 hours.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost"*

*Burden:* We have identified no cost burdens for this collection.

*Comments:* Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA 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 April 28, 2000.

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

Dated: March 7, 2000.

**Lucy Querques Denett,**

*Associate Director for Royalty Management.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0048).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*), we are notifying you that we have submitted the information collection request (ICR) discussed below to the OMB for review and approval. We are also inviting your comments on this ICR.

**DATES:** Submit written comments by April 28, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1010-0048), 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. Mail or handcarry a copy of your comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Attention: Rules Processing Team; Mail Stop 4024; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. 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 may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the 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:

Alexis London, Rules Processing Team, telephone (703) 787-1600. You may also contact Alexis London to obtain a copy of the collection of information at no cost.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* 30 CFR part 251, Geological and Geophysical (G&G) Exploration of the OCS

*OMB Control Number:* 1010-0048.

*Abstract:* The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*, gives the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) the responsibility to preserve, protect, and develop oil and gas resources in the OCS, consistent with the need to make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; balance orderly energy resource development with protection of the human, marine, and coastal environments; ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources of the OCS; and preserve and maintain free enterprise competition.

The OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1340) also states that "any person authorized by the Secretary may conduct geological and geophysical explorations in the [O]uter Continental Shelf, which do not interfere with or endanger actual operations under any lease maintained or granted pursuant to this OCS Lands Act, and which are not unduly harmful to aquatic life in such area." The section further requires that, permits to conduct