

for a permit (PRT-003421) to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted trophy taken from the Lancaster Sound polar bear population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on April 6, 1999, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Documents and other information submitted for these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Rm 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone (703) 358-2104 or Fax (703) 358-2281.

Dated: April 12, 1999.

**MaryEllen Amtower,**

*Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WO-350-1430-01]

#### Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Number 1004-0153

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces its intention to request renewal of existing approval to collection of information from those persons who seek to acquire the federally owned (reserved) mineral interests underlying their surface estate. BLM collects information to assure that the applicant is the owner of the surface that overlies the federally owned minerals and that statutory requirements for their conveyance have been met. The authorization for such collection is provided by the 43 CFR part 2720 regulations.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by June 15, 1999, to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to: Director (420), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 401 LS, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: WoComment@wo.blm.gov. Please

include "ATTN: 1004-0153" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

Comments may be hand-delivered to the Bureau of Land Management Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carl C. Gammon, (202) 452-7777.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8(d), BLM is required to provide 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a proposed collection of information to solicit comments on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), 43 U.S.C. 1719, states that the Secretary of the Interior may convey mineral interests owned by the United States where the surface is or will be in non-federal ownership if he finds that there are no known mineral values in the land or that the reservation of the mineral rights in the United States is interfering with or precluding appropriate non-mineral development is a more beneficial use of the land than mineral development. BLM adopted implementing regulations at 43 CFR Part 2720 in 1979 (44 FR 1342, January 4, 1979) and amended them in 1986 (51 FR 9657, March 20, 1986). The regulations establish a procedure whereby any individual seeking to acquire the federally owned (reserved) mineral interest underlying their surface must make application and provide information essential to compliance with the law, regulations, and procedures. The regulations at 43 CFR 2720.1-2 specify what information must be included in the application in narrative form:

*Name, address, and phone number.*  
The name, mailing address, and

telephone number of the existing or prospective record title owner of the land is necessary to identify and locate the individual for transacting business and communication. The phone number is necessary for direct communication with the applicant.

*Proof of ownership.* Proof of ownership of land included in the application is necessary to assure the applicant is the record title owner of the surface. In the case of a prospective owner, the application must include a copy of the contract or a statement describing the method by which ownership will be obtained.

*Supporting survey evidence.* The applicant must include a copy of any patent or other instrument conveying the land included in the application, with supporting survey information. This information is necessary to legally describe the land in the application.

*Statement.* The applicant must include a statement concerning: (1) The nature of the federally owned or reserved mineral values in the land, (2) the existing and proposed uses of the land, (3) why the mineral reservation is interfering with or precluding appropriate non-mineral development of the land, (4) how and why such development would be a more beneficial use than mineral development, and (5) a showing that the proposed use complies or will comply with state and local zoning or planning requirements. This information is necessary to assure that the application meets statutory requirements for receiving benefits.

BLM uses the information collected to analyze and approve applications for purchase of federally owned mineral interests. If the information required by 43 CFR 2720.1-2 was not collected, BLM would be unable to carry out the mandate of Section 209 of FLPMA, and beneficial development of the surface would be precluded.

Based on its experience administering the regulations at 43 CFR Part 2720, BLM estimates that the public reporting burden for the information collection is 8 hours per application. The respondents are non-federal owners of the surface of the land in which the mineral interests are reserved or otherwise owned by the United States who seek to acquire those mineral interests. The frequency of response is one per application. BLM estimates that 29 applications for conveyance of federally owned mineral interests will be filed annually. The estimated total annual burden on respondents is collectively 232 hours.

We will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the

request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 5, 1999.

**Carole J. Smith,**

*Bureau of Land Management Information Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

#### Meeting Notice; Lower Snake River District

**SUMMARY:** The Lower Snake River District Resource Advisory Council will conduct a field tour and office meeting to discuss sage grouse habitat needs and management issues, and to review the status of the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project.

**DATES:** The field tour leave from the District Office at 7:30 a.m. on May 4. The office meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on May 5. Public comment periods will be held on May 5 at 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The office meeting will be held at the Lower Snake River District Office, located at 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barry Rose, Lower Snake River District Office (208-384-3393).

**Katherine Kitchell,**

*District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[MT-924-1430-01; MTM 89002]

#### Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Montana

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management proposes to withdraw 86.85 acres of public land and 13.96 acres of non-federal land, when acquired, for protection and development of a public campground and day use recreation area. This notice closes the land for up to 2 years from surface entry and mining. The public land has been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

**DATES:** Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by July 15, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Montana State Director, BLM, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sandra Ward, BLM Montana State Office, 406-255-2949.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 22, 1999, a petition was approved allowing the Bureau of Land Management to file an application to withdraw the following described public land and non-federal land, when acquired, from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights. The land is described as follows:

#### *Public Land*

##### **Principal Meridian, Montana**

T. 11 N., R. 2 W.,

Sec. 23, that portion of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  lying east of the York Road (State Highway 280) as set out on the Certificate of Survey (COS) filed under Document No. 259800;

Sec. 24, tracts 4 and 5 as set out on the COS filed under Document 452285/T, and tract 6-A as set out on the COS filed under Document No. 464941/B.

The area described contains 86.85 acres in Lewis and Clark County.

#### *Non-Federal Land*

##### **Principal Meridian, Montana**

T. 11 N., R. 2 W.,

Sec. 23, Tracts 7 and 8 as described in COS 452285/T.

The area described contains 13.96 acres in Lewis and Clark County.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the Montana State Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the Montana State Director within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The use of the land for recreation purposes may be permitted during this segregative period until development of the area begins.

Dated: April 8, 1999.

**Thomas P. Lonnie,**

*Deputy State Director, Division of Resources.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NM-930-1430-01; NMNM-102308]

#### Notice of Proposed Withdrawal; New Mexico

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of the Interior proposes to withdraw approximately 8,470.59 acres of Federal surface and minerals and 480 acres of Federal minerals underlying private surface to protect possible cave system north and northeast of the existing "cave protection area" protected by the Lechuguilla Cave Protection Act (107 Stat. 1983 (1993)). An additional 8,198.72 acres of State land and mineral estate within the proposal withdrawal area, if acquired by the United States, would become subject to the withdrawal. This notice segregates the lands described below for up to 2 years from settlement, location, sale or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, and from mineral leasing.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Clarence Hougland, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115, 505-438-7593.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect the identified area from activities that might threaten possible cave resources in the area. The proposal, if finalized, would expand the existing "cave protection area" to better conform to geological information about the northern and eastern extent of cave resources, as identified by the so-called Guadalupe Geology Panel. If finalized,