resource management priorities; and assisting the BLM in identifying State or regional standards for ecological health and guidelines for grazing.

Council members will be representative of various industries and interests concerned with the management, protection, and utilization of the public lands. These include: (a) Holders of Federal grazing permits in the Council's jurisdiction, representatives of energy and mining development, the timber industry, transportation interests, rights-of-way interests, off-road vehicle use, commercial recreation, and developed recreation; (b) representatives of environmental and resource conservation organizations, archaeological and historic interests, dispersed recreation activities, and wild horse and burro interest groups; and (c) elected officials of State, county, or local government, representatives from a State agency responsible for natural resources, land, or water, Indian tribes in the Council's jurisdiction, academia involved in the natural sciences, and the public-at-large.

Council membership will include individuals who have expertise, education, training, or practical experience in the planning and management of the public lands and their resources and who have a knowledge of the geographical jurisdiction(s) of the respective Councils.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melanie Wilson, Intergovernmental Affairs Group (640), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street, N.W. (Room 406 LS), Washington, D.C. 20240, telephone (202) 452–0377.

Certification Statement

I hereby certify that the renewal and reestablishment of the Arizona Resource Advisory Council, the Miles City Resource Advisory Council, and the New Mexico Resource Advisory Council is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the Secretary of the Interior's responsibilities to manage the lands, resources, and facilities administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

Date Signed: June 8, 1998.

Bruce Babbitt,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK–020–5101–00–L012; FF091732]

Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Golden Valley Electric Association Northern Intertie Project (EIS #97–47); Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management; Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Golden Valley Electric Association has applied to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for a Right-of-Way to construct, operate, and maintain a 230 kV transmission line from Healy, Alaska, to Fairbanks, Alaska. Pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, as amended, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and 40 CFR Parts 1500–1508, the BLM has prepared an EIS. The public comment period on the Draft EIS ended on March 5, 1998. Notice is hereby given on the availability of the Final EIS for public review and comment. Copies of the Final EIS are available by mail by contacting the BLM Northern Field Office, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska, 99709, or by calling (907) 474–2339.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted or postmarked no later than July 13, 1998, or 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register** of the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability, whichever is later.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Bureau of Land Management, Northern Field Office, Attn: Gary Foreman, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709–3899. Comments can also be entered via the internet at http://aurora.ak.blm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Foreman, Project Manager, at 1–800–437–7021 or (907) 474–2339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The preferred alternative identified in the Draft EIS was the Rex/South Route, Option B. Based on public input received during the comment period the preferred alternative was changed. the new preferred alternative identified in the Final EIS is the Rex/South Route, without option B.

Tom Allen,

State Director, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ–025–06–1150–04; AZA 29318]

Public Land Order No. 7341; Withdrawal of Public Land for the Clay Hills Area of Critical Environmental Concern; Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws 1,119.24 acres of public land from surface entry and mining for a period of 50 years for the Bureau of Land Management to protect the federally endangered Arizona cliffrose within the Clay Hills Area of Critical Environmental Concern. The land has been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 16, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Hall, BLM Kingman Field Office, 2475 Beverly Avenue, Kingman, Arizona 86401, 520–692–4412.

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. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public land is hereby withdrawn from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1994)), but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, to protect the Bureau of Land Management's Clay Hills Area of Critical Environmental Concern:

Gila and Salt River Meridian

T. 14 N., R. 11 W.,
Sec. 1, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S½N½, and S½;
Sec 2, SE¼;
Sec 11, NE¼;
Sec 12, N½N½.
The area described contains 1,119.24 acres in Mohave County.

2. The withdrawal made by this order does not alter the applicability of those public land laws governing the use of the land under lease, license, or permit, or governing the disposal of their mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

3. This withdrawal will expire 50 years from the effective date of this order unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (1994), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

Dated: June 4, 1998.

Bob Armstrong,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO–930–1430–01; COC–61890]

Proposed Withdrawal; Opportunity for Public Meeting; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management proposes to withdraw approximately 2,594 acres of public land and 220 acres of public minerals for 50 years to protect the Lake Fork of the Gunnison River. This notice closes this land to operation of the public land laws including location and entry under the mining laws for up to two years. The lands have been and remain open to mineral leasing.

DATES: Comments on this proposed withdrawal or requests for public meeting must be received on or before September 14, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments and requests for a meeting should be sent to the Colorado State Director, BLM, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215–7076.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris E. Chelius, 303–239–3706.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 4, 1998, a petition was approved allowing the Bureau of Land Management to file an application to withdraw the following described public lands from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 46 N., R. 3 W.,
Sec. 7, lots 8 and 9;
Sec. 18, lots 1 and 2, parcels A, B, C, D, F, and G;
Sec. 19, lot 8.
T. 47 N., R. 3 W.,
Sec. 5, NW¼, N½SW¼, and W½SE¼;
Sec. 8, E½;
Sec. 16, W½W½;
Sec. 17, E½E½;
Sec. 20, NE¼NE¼, and parcel A of the SE¼SE¼;
Sec. 21, W½W½;
Sec. 28, parcel A of the W½NW¼;
Sec. 29, parcel A of the NE¼NE¼.
T. 48 N., R. 3 W.,
Sec. 32, W½.
T. 45 N., R. 4 W.,
Sec. 1, SW¼NW¼;
Sec. 23, E½E½ (only the Federally owned land);
Sec. 24, S½SW¼SW¼;
Sec. 25, N½NW¼NW¼;
Sec. 26, lots 1 thru 3, and NE¼NE¼ (only the Federally owned land).
T. 46 N., R. 4 W.,
Sec. 13, E½E½;
Sec. 24, NE¼NE¼;
Sec. 25, SW¼NE¼, and W½SE¼NE¼;
Sec. 36, NE¼NW¼, and N½SE¼NW¼.

The areas described aggregate approximately 2,594 acres of public lands in Gunnison County.

The minerals in the following lands would be withdrawn from entry under the U.S. mining laws. The surface of these lands have been patented:

New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 45 N., R. 4 W.,
Sec. 2, NW¼SE¼;
Sec. 14, W½E½, and W½SE¼SE¼.

The areas described aggregate 220 acres of public domain minerals in Gunnison and Hinsdale Counties.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all parties who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with this proposed action, or to request a public meeting, may present their views in writing to the Colorado State Director. If the authorized officer determines that a meeting should be held, the meeting will be scheduled and conducted in accordance with 43 CFR 2310.3–1(c)(2).

This application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR Part 2310.

For a period of two years from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**, these lands will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or cancelled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. During this period the Bureau of Land Management will continue to manage this land.

Jenny L. Saunders,

Realty Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Approved Collection

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of approval of information collection (1010–0071).

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, this notice informs the public and other Federal agencies of the approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of a collection of information. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alexis London, Rules Processing Team, telephone (703) 787–1600. You may also contact Alexis London to obtain a copy of this collection of information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR Part 203, Relief or Reduction in Royalty Rates.

Abstract: On January 16, 1998, MMS published a final rule on the titled collection (RIN 1010–AC13, 63 FR 2605) with an effective date of February 16, 1998. The preamble to the final rule stated that the information collection requirement in § 203.61 would not take effect until approved by OMB. The preamble to the final rule provided the required 60-day comment period. On April 1, 1998, MMS published a notice (63 FR 15859) that we had submitted the information collection request to OMB for approval. On May 30, 1998, OMB approved all of the collection of information required in 30 CFR part 203 with an expiration date of May 31, 2001.

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

Dated: June 8, 1998.

E.P. Danenberger,

Chief, Engineering and Operations Division.

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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, Interior.

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 its intention to request approval for the collection of information for a series of customer surveys to evaluate OSM's performance in meeting the performance goals outlined in its annual plans developed pursuant to the