

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[AK-910-1410-00]

Alaska Resource Advisory Council; Meeting**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of Alaska Resource Advisory Council Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Alaska Resource Advisory Council will conduct an open meeting Thursday, February 18, 1999, from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Friday, February 19, 1999, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The council will review BLM land management issues and take public comment on those issues. The meeting will be held at the BLM Alaska State Office, located on the 4th floor of the Anchorage Federal Office Building at 7th Avenue and C Street.

Public comment will be taken from 1-2 p.m. Thursday, February 18. Written comments may be submitted at the meeting or mailed to the address below prior to the meeting.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries about the meeting should be sent to External Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, 222 W. 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513-7599.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Teresa McPherson, (907) 271-5555.

Dated: December 28, 1998.

George P. Oviatt,

Acting Associate State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[ID-930-1920-00-4373; IDI-31741]

Legal Description of Juniper Butte Range Withdrawal, Correction; Idaho**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice corrects the total acreage figure and the land description of the public lands withdrawn from the Juniper Butte Range Withdrawal published in 63 FR 251, of December 31, 1998, on page 72326. Two of the parcels listed in the original publication are owned by the State of Idaho and should not have been included in the land description for the Juniper Butte Range. The following two parcels of State land are hereby deleted from the Juniper Butte Range:

Boise Meridia

T. 12S., R. 9E.,

Section 36, S¹/₂, containing 320 acres.

T. 13S., R. 10E.,

Section 16, containing 640 acres.

The acreage figure of 32,380.60 in the original publication was also in error. The correct acreage figure for the Juniper Butte Range Withdrawal is approximately 11,796.64 acres in Owyhee County, Idaho.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 20, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jon Foster, BLM Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709, 208-373-3813.

Jimmie Buxton,*Branch Chief, Lands and Minerals.*

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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, DOI.**ACTION:** Notice of information collection solicitation.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) is soliciting comments on an information collection, Royalty-in-Kind (RIK) Determination of Need (OMB Control Number 1010-0119), which expires on May 31, 1999.

FORM: None.**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before March 22, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments sent via the U.S. Postal Service should be sent to Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, Rules and Publications Staff, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3021, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165; courier address is Building 85, Room A613, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225; e-mail address is RMP.comments@mms.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis C. Jones, Rules and Publications Staff, phone (303) 231-3046, FAX (303) 231-3385, e-mail Dennis.C.Jones@mms.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Section 3506 (c)(2)(A), we are notifying you, members of the public and affected agencies, of this collection of information which

expires May 31, 1999. We are requesting OMB approval for a three year extension of this existing collection authority. Is this information collection necessary for us to properly do our job? Have we accurately estimated the industry burden for responding to this collection? Can we enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information we collect? Can we lessen the burden of this information collection on the respondents by using automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

MMS on behalf of the Secretary performs Determinations of Need prior to issuing a Notice of Availability of Sale in the **Federal Register** advising industry of a forthcoming RIK sale. In past practice, the Determination of Need process has been an informal process reacting primarily to expressions of interest from small refiners not already participating in the program as well as indications from participating refiners of their continued interest in the program. We have also received formal expressions of interest from Congressmen on behalf of their refiner constituents, inquiries that we have also factored into our decision-making process.

As part of ongoing process reengineering, MMS has concluded that a proactive, structured, and documented methodology should be established for conducting all future RIK Determinations of Need. The first step in this process is to issue a **Federal Register** notice requesting specific information from eligible refiners: location of refinery; desirability of offshore versus onshore crude; type of crude desired (e.g., Wyoming Sweet); ability to obtain long-term supply of desired crude (with supporting documentation such as "denial" by major supplier); ability to obtain desired crude at fair market prices (with supporting documentation that desired oil was not available or equitably priced for the area or region in question); and percentage of total refining capacity attributable to Federal oil versus other sources; etc. Feedback from refiners (or other interested parties, like lease owners or operators) will be used by MMS to assess current marketplace conditions—i.e., whether small, independent refiners have access to ongoing supplies of crude oil at equitable prices.

We anticipate that 20 refiners (and other interested parties) will respond to this information collection request. Based on consultation with current program refiners, we estimate that each respondent will spend 4 hours per