BLM will seek information, comments, and assistance from Federal, State, and local agencies and other individuals or organizations interested in or affected by the proposed plan.

In August 2000, BLM mailed preliminary information to known persons or groups of interest in the local area. Since that time, BLM has also solicited public participation through a series of public meetings and field trips and plans to hold more meetings and field trips. BLM has also mailed a periodic newsletter about this LSR Restoration Project to known persons or groups of interest in the local area. In response to these efforts, BLM has received comments on the scope of the environmental analysis, possible alternatives, and issues for consideration. BLM will use those comments received prior to this notice together with comments received in response to this notice in determining the scope of the analysis.

The responsible official for this proposal is: Steven Calish, Field Manager, South Valley and Coast Range Resource Areas, Eugene District, BLM.

Julia Dougan,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV–930–1430–EU; N–66188]

Notice of Realty Action: Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Direct sale of Public Lands in Eureka County, Nevada.

SUMMARY: The following described lands near the town of Eureka, Eureka County, Nevada, have been examined and found suitable for disposal by direct sale, at the appraised fair market value, to Homestake Mining Company of Eureka, Nevada. Authority for the sale is in Sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21,1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701,1713, 1719).

Mount Diablo Principal Meridian, Nevada

T. 19 N., R. 53 E.,
Sec. 03, Lots 1–4, S½S½
Sec. 04, SE¼SE¼
Sec. 09, E½E½, W½NE¼, E½NW¼, NE¼SW¼, NW¼SE¼
Sec. 10, Lots 1–4, N½, W½SW¼, E½SE¼, NW¼SE¼
Sec. 11, W½SW¼
Sec. 14, NW¼NW¼
Sec. 15, Lots 1–6
Sec. 16, NE¼NE¼
Totaling 1644.94 acres.

The above-described lands are hereby classified for disposal in accordance with section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act, 43 U.S.C. 315f, Act of June 28, 1934, as amended and Executive Order 6910.

DATES: Comments must be submitted within 45 days of the date this Notice is published in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management, Battle Mountain Field Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chuck Lahr, Realty Specialist, at the above address or at (775) 635–4000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This parcel of land near Eureka, Nevada, is being offered by direct sale to Homestake Mining Company. The land is not required for Federal purposes. The proposed action is consistent with the objectives, goals, and decisions of the Shoshone/Eureka Resource Management Plan.

The United States will retain the subsurface mineral estate associated with the subject parcel. The parcel is currently utilized by Homestake for surface operations, including mining and ore processing, at their Ruby Hill Mine. The parcel is covered in its entirety by federal mining claims controlled by Homestake. The Ruby Hill Mine is an active gold mine. Surface ownership of the subject parcel will allow Homestake to optimize mining operations and better manage closure and reclamation issues associated with mine operations. The potential exists for the discovery of additional locatable minerals, primarily gold, on the subject parcel.

The proponent will have 30 days from the date of receiving the sale offer to accept the offer and to submit a deposit of 30 percent of the purchase price and money for publication costs. The purchaser must submit the rest of the purchase price, within 90 days from the date the sale offer is received. Payments may be by certified check, postal money order, bank draft, or cashier's check made payable to the U.S. Department of the Interior—BLM. Failure to meet conditions established for this sale will void the sale and any money received for the sale will be forfeited.

The patent, when issued, will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890, (43 U.S.C. 945);

2. All mineral deposits shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove such deposits under applicable laws and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

And will be subject to:

1. Right-of-way N–48618 for a buried water pipeline held by the County of Eureka.

2. All other valid existing rights.

Publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register** segregates the subject lands from all appropriations under the public land laws, except sale under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. The segregation will terminate upon issuance of the patent or 270 days from date of publication, whichever occurs first.

For a period of 45 days from the date this Notice is published in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments to the Battle Mountain Field Manager at the above address. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action and issue a final determination. In the absence of timely filed objections this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior. The land will not be offered for sale until at least sixty days after the date this notice was published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 28, 2002.

Joshua Alpert,

Acting Assistant Field Manager, Nonrenewable Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection, Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of an extension of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010–0136).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, we are inviting comments on a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request (ICR) is titled ''30 CFR part 206, Subpart C, Federal Oil Valuation'.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before December 9, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to Sharron L. Gebhardt, Regulatory Specialist, Minerals Management Service, Minerals Revenue Management, P.O. Box 25165, MS 320B2, Denver, Colorado 80225. If you use an overnight courier service, our courier address is Building 85, Room A–614, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225. You may also e-mail your comments to us at *mrm.comments@mms.gov.* Include the title of the information collection and the OMB control number in the ''Attention'' line of your comment. Also include your name and return address. Submit electronic comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. If you do not receive a confirmation we have received your e-mail, contact Ms. Gebhardt at (303) 231–3211.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharron L. Gebhardt, telephone (303) 231–3211, FAX (303) 231–3385 or e-mail sharron.gebhardt@mms.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR Part 206, Subpart C, Federal Oil Valuation.

OMB Control Number: 1010–0136.

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, collecting royalties from lessees who produce minerals, and distributing the funds collected in accordance with applicable laws. MMS assists the Secretary in performing the royalty management functions.

Section 101(a) of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (FOGRMA), as amended, requires that the Secretary ''establish a comprehensive inspection, collection, and fiscal and production accounting and auditing system to provide the capability to accurately determine oil and gas royalties, interest, fines, penalties, fees, deposits, and other payments owed, and collect and account for such amounts in a timely manner.'' In order to accomplish these tasks, MMS developed valuation regulations for Federal leases at 30 CFR part 206, subpart C. Market value is a basic principle underlying royalty valuation. Consequently, these regulations include methods to capture the true market value of crude oil produced from Federal leases, both onshore and offshore.

When a company or an individual enters into a lease to explore, develop, produce, and dispose of minerals from Federal or Indian lands, that company or individual agrees to pay the lessor a share (royalty) of the value received from production from the leased lands. The lease creates a business relationship between the lessor and the lessee. The lessee is required to report various kinds of information to the lessor relative to the disposition of the leased minerals. Such information is similar to data reported to private and public mineral interest owners and is generally available within the records of the lessee or others involved in developing, transporting, processing, purchasing, or selling of such minerals. The information collected includes data necessary to assure that the royalties are paid appropriately. The valuation regulations at 30 CFR part 206, subpart C, require companies to collect and/or submit information used to value their Federal oil.

Frequency: Annually.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: 61 Federal lessees.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping ''Hour'' Burden: The annual reporting burden for this information collection is 12,431 hours. At an hourly rate of $50, we estimate the total annual cost to industry is $621,550. See the table below for a breakdown of the burden by CFR section and paragraph.

30 CFR 206 section	Reporting requirements	Burden hours per response	Annual number of responses	Annual burden hours
206.103(a), (b), (c) & (e)	Calculate value of oil not solid at arm's-length	Category 1 = 222.50 [1]	13	2,892
		Category 2 = 116.00 [2]	4	464
		Category 3 = 31.25 [3]	28	875
	Obtain MMS approval for tendering program	400	2	800
	Obtain MMS approval for alternative valuation methodology.	400	2	800
	Obtain MMS approval to use value determined at refinery.	330	1	330
206.107(a)	Request a value determination from MMS	330	8	2,640
206.110(b), (c) and (e)	Propose transportation cost allocation method to MMS when transporting more than one liquid product under an arm's-length contract.	330	1	330
	Propose transportation cost allocation method to MMS when transporting gaseous and liquid products under an arm's-length contract.	330	1	330
	You must obtain MMS approval before claiming a transportation factor in excess of 50 percent of the base price of the product.	330	1	330
206.111(g), (k) and (l)	Propose change of depreciation method for non-arm's-length transportation allowances to MMS.	330	1	330
	Propose transportation cost allocation method to MMS when transporting more than one liquid product under a non-arm's-length contract.	330	1	330
	Propose transportation cost allocation method to MMS when transporting gaeous and liquid product under a non-arm's-length contract.	330	1	330
206.112(b) and (f)	Request MMS approval for location/quality adjustment under non-arm's-length exchange agreements.	330	1	330
	Request MMS for location/quality adjustment when information is not available.	330	4	1,320

30 CFR 206 section	Reporting requirements	Burden hours per response	Annual number of responses	Annual burden hours
Total			61	12,431

[1] Category 1 lessees are companies with over 30 million barrels of domestice production.
[2] Category 2 lessees are companies with between 10 and 30 million barrels of annual domestic production.
[3] Category 3 lessees are companies with less than 10 million barrels of annual domestic production.

MMS is requesting OMB's approval to continue to collect this information. Not collecting the information would limit the Secretary's ability to discharge his/her duties and may also result in loss of royalty payments. Proprietary information submitted is protected, and there are no questions of a sensitive nature included in this information collection.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping ''Non-hour Cost'' Burden: We have identified no ''non-hour'' cost burdens.

Comments: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides 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. Before submitting an ICR to OMB, PRA Section 3506(c)(2)(A) 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.

The PRA also requires agencies to estimate the total annual reporting ''non-hour cost'' burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. We have not identified non-hour cost burdens for this information collection. If you have costs to generate, maintain, and disclose this information, you should comment and provide your total capital and startup cost components or annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of service components. You should describe the methods you use to estimate major cost factors, including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, discount rate(s), and the period over which you incur costs. Capital and startup costs include, among other items, computers and software you purchase to prepare for collecting information; monitoring, sampling, testing equipment; and record storage facilities. Generally, your estimates should not include equipment or services purchased: (i) Before October 1, 1995; (ii) to comply with requirements not associated with the information collection; (iii) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the Government; or (iv) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

We will summarize written responses to this notice and address them in our ICR submission for OMB approval, including appropriate adjustments to the estimated burden. We will provide a copy of the ICR to you without charge upon request and the ICR will also be posted on our Web site at *http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws_R_D/FRNotices/FRInfColl.htm*.

Public Comment Policy: We will post all comments in response to this notice on our Web site at *http://www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws_R_D/FRNotices/FRInfColl.htm*. We will also make copies of the comments available for public review, including names and addresses of respondents, during regular business hours at our offices in Lakewood, Colorado. Individual respondents may request we withhold their home address from the public 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 request that we withhold your name and/or address, 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.

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

Dated: October 2, 2002.

Lucy Querques Denett,

Associate Director for Minerals Revenue Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Request for Nominations for Public Members to the Royalty Policy Committee of the Minerals Management Advisory Board

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Request for nomination.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Department of the Interior has established a Royalty Policy Committee (RPC), on the Minerals Management Advisory Board, to provide advice on the Department's management of Federal and Indian minerals leases, revenues, and other minerals related policies. RPC membership includes representatives from States, Indian Tribes and allottee organizations, minerals industry associations, other governmental agencies, and the interested public. Members serve 2-year terms without pay but will be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred when attending official RPC meetings. Reimbursements will be calculated in accordance with the Federal travel regulations as implemented by the Department. The RPC currently has one vacant public position and another due to expire at the beginning of next year. The Director, MMS, is requesting nominations to complete the RPC's public membership that allows up to four representatives. These nominations may originate from State and local governments, universities, other public organizations or individuals, and may include self-nominations. Nominees should have knowledge of the mineral and energy industry to assure sound representation of the public interest. The nomination package must include a nomination letter from an interested organization, or a self-nomination letter from an individual, outlining the candidate's qualifications including an