WEST VIRGINIA
Logan County
Blair Mountain Battlefield, Address
Restricted, Logan vicinity, 08000496, REMOVED/DETERMINED ELIGIBLE, 12/30/09

WISCONSIN
Jefferson County
North Washington Street Historic District, N. Church St. generally bounded by O’Connell and N. Green St., N. Washington St. bounded by O’Connell and Elm Sts., Watertown, 09000850, LISTED, 10/23/09

WISCONSIN
Milwaukee County
Pittsburgh Plate Glass Enamel Plant, 201 E. Pittsburgh Ave., Milwaukee, 09000851, LISTED, 10/21/09

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Minerals Management Service
Outer Continental Shelf Civil Penalties
AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.
ACTION: Notice summarizing review of the maximum daily civil penalty assessment.
SUMMARY: The Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act requires the MMS to review the maximum daily civil penalty assessment for violations of regulations governing oil and gas operations in the Outer Continental Shelf at least once every 3 years. This review ensures that the maximum penalty assessment reflects any increases in the Consumer Price Index as prepared by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. After conducting the required review in August 2009, the MMS determined that no adjustment is necessary at this time.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) (Pub. L. 101–380) expanded and strengthened MMS’s authority to impose penalties for violating regulations promulgated under the OCS Lands Act. Section 8201 of OPA 90, which amended section 24(b) of the OCS Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. 1350(b), directs the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the maximum civil penalty amount at least once every 3 years to reflect any increases in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The purpose of this adjustment is to ensure that punitive assessments keep up with inflation. If an adjustment is necessary, MMS informs the public through publication in the Federal Register of the new maximum amount. The MMS uses Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidelines for determining how penalty amounts should be rounded.

The MMS published regulations adjusting the civil penalty assessment to $25,000 per violation per day on August 8, 1997 (62 FR 42667); to $30,000 on October 29, 2003 (68 FR 61622); and to $35,000 on February 28, 2007 (72 FR 8897). In August 2009, MMS performed computations to determine if it should increase the current maximum civil penalty amount of $35,000 per violation per day. After running the computations, the MMS determined that the CPI did not increase enough to warrant raising the maximum civil penalty amount at this time. The MMS will monitor the CPI, and when the computations justify raising the maximum civil penalty amount, the MMS will publish a Notice in the Federal Register to notify the public of the increase.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
The purpose of the proposed extension is to continue the withdrawal created by PLO No. 6797 for an additional 20-year term to protect the Whiskey Mountain Bighorn Sheep Winter Range and capital investments on the land described in the PLO at 55 FR 37878 (1990). The area aggregates 9,609.74 acres in Fremont County, Wyoming.

The withdrawal was made to protect the bighorn sheep winter range and capital investments on the land described by reference. The BLM has filed a petition/application to extend PLO No. 6797 for an additional 20-year term. The use of a right-of-way, interagency, or cooperative agreement would not adequately constrain non-discretionary uses which could result in the permanent loss of significant values and irreplaceable resources of the range.

There are no suitable alternative sites since the lands described herein contain the area that has historically been used as bighorn sheep winter range, due to its physical characteristics, and because of the local weather conditions.

No water rights would be needed to fulfill the purpose of the requested withdrawal extension.

Records relating to the application may be examined by contacting Janelle Wrigley at the above address or by phone at 307–775–6257 or by contacting the BLM Field Manager, Lander Field Office, 1335 Main Street, Lander, Wyoming 82520 or by phone at 307–332–8400.