

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****[MT-926-03-1420-BJ]****Montana: Filing of Plat of Amended Protraction Diagram****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of filing of plat of amended protraction diagram.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of the amended protraction diagram of the lands described below in the BLM Montana State Office, Billings, Montana, (30) days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Robert L. Brockie, Cadastral Surveyor, Branch of Cadastral Surveyor, Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800, telephone (406) 896-5125 or (406) 896-5009.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The amended protraction diagram was prepared at the request of the U.S. Forest Service and was necessary to accommodate Revision of Primary Base Quadrangle Maps for the Geometronics Service Center. The lands for the prepared amended protraction diagram are:

**Principal Meridian, Montana**

Tps. 8, 9, and 10 S., Rs. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 E.

The plat, representing the Amended Protraction Diagram 2 Index of unsurveyed Townships 8, 9, and 10 South, Ranges 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted March 11, 2003.

T. 8 S., R. 7 E.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 2 of unsurveyed Township 8 South, Range 7 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted August 2, 2002.

T. 9 S., R. 2 E.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 2 of unsurveyed Township 9 South, Range 2 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted August 2, 2002.

T. 9 S., R. 4 E.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 2 of unsurveyed Township 9 South, Range 4 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted March 11, 2003.

T. 9 S., R. 5 E.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 2 of unsurveyed Township 9 South, Range 5 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted August 2, 2002.

T. 9 S., R. 6 E.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 2 of unsurveyed

Township 9 South, Range 6 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted August 2, 2002.

T. 9 S., R. 7 E.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 2 of unsurveyed Township 9 South, Range 7 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted August 2, 2002.

T. 10 S., R. 2 E.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 2 of unsurveyed Township 10 South, Range 2 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted August 2, 2002.

T. 10 S., R. 3 E.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 2 of unsurveyed Township 10 South, Range 3 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted August 2, 2002.

T. 10 S., R. 4 E.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 2 of unsurveyed Township 10 South, Range 4 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted August 2, 2002.

T. 10 S., R. 5 E.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 2 of unsurveyed Township 10 South, Range 5 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted March 11, 2003.

We will place a copy of the plat of the amended protraction diagram we described in the open files. It will be available to the public as a matter of information.

If BLM receives a protest against this amended protraction diagram, as shown on this plat, prior to the date of the official filing, we will stay the filing pending our consideration of the protest.

We will not officially file the plat of the amended protraction diagram until the day after we have accepted or dismissed all protests and it becomes final, including decisions or appeals.

Dated: March 17, 2003.

**Thomas M. Deiling,**

*Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Division of 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 a revision of a currently approved information collection (1010-0049).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 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) concerns the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 CFR 250, subpart B, "Exploration and Development and Production Plans."

**DATES:** Submit written comments by May 27, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or hand carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Attention: Rules Processing Team; Mail Stop 4024; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817. If you wish to e-mail comments, the address is: [rules.comments@mms.gov](mailto:rules.comments@mms.gov). Reference "Information Collection 1010-0049" in your e-mail subject line and mark your message for return receipt. Include your name and return address in your message.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Arlene Bajusz, Rules Processing Team, (703) 787-1600. You may also contact Arlene Bajusz to obtain a copy, at no cost, of the regulations and forms that require the subject collection of information.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* 30 CFR 250, Subpart B, Exploration and Development and Production Plans.

*OMB Control Number:* 1010-0049.

*Abstract:* The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.* and 43 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to prescribe rules and regulations to administer leasing of the OCS. Such rules and regulations will apply to all operations conducted under a lease. Operations on the OCS must preserve, protect, and develop oil and natural gas resources in a manner that is consistent with the need to make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; to balance orderly energy resource development with protection of human, marine, and coastal environments; to ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources of the OCS; and to preserve and maintain free enterprise competition.

Sections 11 and 25 of the amended OCS Lands Act require the holders of OCS oil and gas and sulphur leases to submit exploration plans (EPs) and development and production plans (DPPs) for approval before starting these activities. The implementing regulations and associated information collection