

These surveys were executed at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to meet certain administrative needs of the Bureau of Land Management. The lands we surveyed are:

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the west boundary and subdivision of sections 19, 30, and 31, the corrective dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines and subdivision of sections 19 and 31, and the further subdivision of section 30, in T. 3 S., R. 35 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, was accepted January 29, 2003.

The plats representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, 1892 meanders of the right bank of the Blackfoot River in section 18, the subdivision of sections 8, 9, 17, 18, and 19, and the survey of the 2000–2002 meanders and informative traverse of the Blackfoot River, the north boundary of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, portions of the 2000–2002 median line of the Blackfoot River, all in sections 8, 9, 17, 18, and 19, partition lines in section 18, and a metes-and-bounds survey of fee land in section 9, in T. 3 S., R. 35 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, was accepted February 10, 2003.

Dated: April 1, 2003.

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Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Idaho.

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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 1010–0088).

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 227, Delegation to States.”

DATES: Submit written comments on or before June 9, 2003.

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 email 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 email, contact Ms. Gebhardt at (303) 231–3211.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sharron L. Gebhardt, telephone (303) 231–3211, FAX (303) 231–3385 or email sharron.gebhardt@mms.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR Part 227, Delegation to States.

OMB Control Number: 1010–0088.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Abstract: The Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) is responsible for collecting royalties from lessees who produce minerals from leased Federal and Indian lands. The Secretary is required by various laws to manage mineral resources production on Federal and Indian lands, collect the royalties due, and distribute the funds in accordance with those laws. The Secretary also has an Indian trust responsibility to manage Indian lands and seek advice and information from Indian beneficiaries. MMS performs the royalty management functions and assists the Secretary in carrying out DOI’s Indian trust responsibility.

The Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996 (RSFA), Public Law 104–185, as corrected by Public Law 104–200, amends the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (FOGRMA), 30 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.* Prior to enactment of RSFA, section 205 of FOGRMA, 30 U.S.C. 1735, provided for the delegation of audits, inspections, and investigations to the States. RSFA amends to section 205 of FOGRMA provided that other Federal royalty

management functions may also be delegated to requesting States. RSFA authorized the following Federal royalty management functions to States:

- a. Conducting audits and investigations;
- b. Receiving and processing production and royalty reports;
- c. Correcting erroneous report data;
- d. Performing automated verification; and
- e. Issuing demands, subpoenas (except for solid mineral and geothermal leases), orders to perform restructured accounting, and related tolling agreements and notices to lessees or their designees.

Currently, 10 States have delegation agreements to perform audits and investigations, which is the same function previously authorized under FOGRMA in 1982. Since the passage of RSFA and publication of the final rule on August 12, 1997, no States have proposed a delegation agreement to assume the four additional functions authorized by RSFA. When a State performs any of the delegated functions under the 30 CFR part 227 regulations, the State also assumes the burden of providing various types of information to MMS. This information, provided to MMS in the course of performing the work of the delegated functions, is the focus of this information collection.

The requirement to respond is mandatory. If a State were to perform the function of processing royalty and production reports, that State would submit proprietary data to MMS, and both the State and MMS are required to safeguard and protect proprietary data. No items of a sensitive nature are collected.

Frequency of Response: Depending on the function being performed, information can be daily, monthly, quarterly, or annually.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: 10 States currently have delegation agreements to do audits and investigations. We estimated that one State per year may request to perform the four additional functions authorized by RSFA.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping “Hour” Burden: 4,179 hours.

The following chart shows the breakdown of the estimated burden hours by CFR section and paragraph: