

**Uinta National Forest***Bryant's Fork Administrative Site*

Uinta Special Meridian

T. 3 S., R. 12 W.,

Sec. 36, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .*Strawberry Administrative Site*

Uinta Special Meridian

T. 2 S., R. 12 W.,

Sec. 27, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .**Ashley National Forest***Uinta River Administrative Site*

Uinta Special Meridian

T. 2 N., R. 2 W.,

Sec. 4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The areas described aggregate approximately 400 acres.

2. At 10 a.m. on August 27, 2003, the lands shall be opened to such forms of disposition as may by law be made of National Forest System lands, including location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. Appropriation of lands described in this order under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38 (1994), shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts.

Dated: July 11, 2003.

**Rebecca W. Watson,***Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Minerals Management Service****Agency Information Collection Activities: Submitted for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request****AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of an extension of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0138).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are notifying the public that we have submitted to OMB an information collection request (ICR) to renew approval of the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 CFR part 206, subpart B. This notice also provides the public a second opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of these regulatory requirements. The ICR is titled "30 CFR Part 206, Subpart B, Establishing Oil Value on Royalty Due on Indian Leases."

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before August 27, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments either by fax (202) 395-5806 or e-mail (*Ruth\_Solomon@omb.eop.gov*) directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (OMB Control Number 1010-0138). Mail or hand-carry a copy of your 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharron L. Gebhardt, telephone (303) 231-3211, FAX (303) 231-3781. You may also contact Sharron Gebhardt to obtain a copy at no cost of the regulations that require the subject collection of information.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title:** "30 CFR Part 206, Subpart B, Establishing Oil Value on Royalty Due on Indian Leases."

**OMB Control Number:** 1010-0138.

**Bureau Form Number:** None.

**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 (Secretary) under the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 1923 and the OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1353) 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. 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.

On December 20, 1995, MMS published an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (60 FR 65610) regarding valuation of oil from Federal and Indian leases. In the notice, we asked all interested parties to submit and/or comment on alternate methodologies for valuing oil production. Additionally, we asked for comments related to "significant quantities" in valuation determinations.

Although industry generally had no comments due to pending litigation on this issue, many States and Indian organizations generally believed the current system is outdated and a new system based on either the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) or spot prices would be more appropriate. In response to these concerns, we published a proposed rule on February 12, 1998 (63 FR 7089), revising the current Indian oil valuation regulations. This proposed rule "Establishing Oil Value for Royalty Due on Indian Leases," added more certainty to valuation of oil produced from Indian lands and eliminated any direct reliance on posted prices.

Then, MMS proposed further changes to its proposed rule regarding the valuation, for royalty purposes, of crude oil produced from Indian leases by publishing a supplementary proposed rule on January 5, 2000 (65 FR 403).

This supplementary proposed rule established a new form—*Form MMS-4416*, Indian Crude Oil Valuation Report, for collecting value and value differential data. OMB approved the use of this proposed Form MMS-4416 and assigned OMB Control Number 1010-0113.

MMS is now requesting OMB to renew its approval for the reporting requirements under the proposed and supplementary proposed rules until a final rule is published. We are also seeking OMB's approval for the current requirements in 30 CFR part 206, subpart B, that were inadvertently overlooked. This notice gives the public another opportunity to comment on the reporting requirements in the proposed and supplementary proposed rules and to also comment on the current requirements.

MMS announced in the **Federal Register** on February 12, 2003 (68 FR 7086), the dates, places, and times for workshops on issues related to the existing rules adopted in March 2000 governing the valuation for royalty purposes of crude oil produced from Federal leases. The workshops, held on March 4-6, 2003, addressed, among other things, issues related to