

unduly burden the judicial system and therefore meets the requirements of sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of the Order. BLM consulted with the Department of the Interior's Office of the Solicitor throughout the drafting process.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The Office of Management and Budget has approved the information collection requirements in the proposed rule under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, and has assigned clearance number 1004-0114.

This rule does not require a new information collection under the Paperwork Reduction Act. This rule makes no changes to the approved information collection required to implement the Act other than conforming section numbers where necessary.

The existing approval pertains to the current edition of these regulations at 43 CFR parts 3730, 3820, 3830, and 3850. This final rule consolidates these parts into 43 CFR part 3830. The information to be collected remains the same. There are no changes in the form or types of information to be collected, or in the amounts of fees required to be paid by the mining claimants. The BLM will continue to use form 3830-2 "Maintenance Fee Payment Waiver Certification" and form 3830-3 "Notice of Intent to Locate a Lode or Placer Mining Claim and/or a Tunnel Site(s) on Lands Patented Under the Stockraising Homestead Act of 1916, as amended by the Act of April 16, 1993."

National Environmental Policy Act

We have analyzed this rule in accordance with the criteria of the National Environmental Policy Act and 318 DM 2.2(g) and 6.3(D). We have conducted an environmental assessment and have concluded that this rule would not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment under Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c), and therefore an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

Because this rule would have no significant impacts on the environment, it will not significantly impact any of the following critical elements of the human environment as defined in Appendix 5 of the BLM National Environmental Policy Act Handbook (H-1790-1): air quality, areas of critical environmental concern, cultural resources, Native American religious concerns, threatened or endangered species, hazardous or solid waste, water quality, prime and unique farmlands, wetlands, riparian zones, wild and

scenic rivers, environmental justice, and wilderness.

Executive Order 13211, Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use

This rule is not a significant energy action. It will not have an adverse effect on energy supplies. The rule pertains primarily to non-energy minerals (exceptions being uranium and other locatable fissionable minerals), and does not impose requirements that are not statutory and imposes no new requirements. It relaxes some paperwork requirements that have long been in the regulations, removing minor burdens like required notarizations and multiple copies of filings. To this extent, the rule may have some insignificant positive effect on energy production.

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List of Subjects

43 CFR Part 3710

Administrative practice and procedure; Mines; Public lands—mineral resources.

43 CFR Part 3730

Administrative practice and procedure; Mines; Public lands—mineral resources; Reporting and recordkeeping requirements; Surety bonds.

43 CFR Part 3810

Mines; Public lands—mineral resources; Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

43 CFR Part 3820

Mines; Monuments and memorials; National forests; National parks; Public lands—mineral resources; Reporting and recordkeeping requirements; Surety bonds; Wilderness areas.

43 CFR Part 3830

Maintenance fees; Mines; Public lands—mineral resources; Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

43 CFR Part 3831

Mines; Public lands—mineral resources; Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

43 CFR Part 3832

Mines; Public lands—mineral resources; Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

43 CFR Part 3833

Mines; Public lands—mineral resources; Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

43 CFR Part 3834

Maintenance fees; Mines; Public lands—mineral resources; Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

43 CFR Part 3835

Mines; Public lands—mineral resources; Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

43 CFR Part 3836

Assessment work; Mines; Public lands—mineral resources; Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

43 CFR Part 3837

Assessment work; Mines; Public lands—mineral resources; Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

43 CFR Part 3838

Homesteads; Mines; Public lands—mineral resources; Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

43 CFR Part 3839

Mines; Public lands—mineral resources; Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

43 CFR Part 3840

Mines; Public lands—mineral resources.

43 CFR Part 3850

Mines; Public lands—mineral resources.

■ For the reasons stated in the preamble, and under the authority of section (e) of the Act of October 21, 1998 (Pub. L. 105-277; 112 Stat. 2681-232, 2681-235); sections 441 and 2478 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1201 and 1457); section 2319 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (30 U.S.C. 22); sections 310 and 314 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1740 and 1744); and the Act of April 16, 1993 (43 U.S.C. 299(b)); parts 3730, 3810, 3820, 3830 through 3840, and 3850, Groups 3700 and 3800, Subchapter C, Chapter II of Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations are amended as follows: