

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management****[NM-030-1430-00; NMMN 35829]****Proposed Extension of Withdrawal;
McGregor Range, New Mexico****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army has filed an application to extend the withdrawal of 608,384.87 acres of public land for the McGregor Range, located in Otero County, New Mexico. The land was originally withdrawn by Public Law 99-606 of November 6, 1986. The withdrawal will expire on November 5, 2001, unless extended. This withdrawal extension requires legislative action by Congress pursuant to the Act of February 28, 1958, 43 U.S.C. 155-158, commonly known as the English Act. The land is currently withdrawn from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, the mining laws, the mineral leasing laws, and the geothermal leasing laws pursuant to Public Law 99-606.

DATES: Comments regarding the proposed extension must be received on or before May 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the BLM Las Cruces Field Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Theresa Hanley at the address above or at (505) 525-4342.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On October 13, 1998, the Department of the Army filed an application to extend the withdrawal for the McGregor Range. The Army has determined there is a continuing military need for the land and filed the application for extension in accordance with Section 8(a)(1) and (2) of Public Law 99-606.

The legal description for McGregor Range is published in the **Federal Register** Vol. 52, No. 133, July 13, 1987, pages 26188 and 26189 and Vol. 62, No. 209, October 29, 1997, page 56153. The area described contains 608,384.87 acres in Otero County. A copy of the legal description is available by contacting Theresa Hanley at the BLM Las Cruces Field Office.

McGregor Range is used by the Army for testing and training for aerial bombing, missile firing, tactical maneuvering and air support, and other defense related purposes. There is also a need to protect the public's health and welfare from the hazardous operations conducted by the Army. The land is

contaminated with unexploded ordnance.

Three public scoping meetings were afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal extension. The objective of the public meetings was to solicit public comments and meet the regulatory requirement for proposed extension of withdrawals that exceed 5,000 acres (43 CFR 2310.3-1(b)(2)(v)). A notice of the time and place was published in the **Federal Register** and a newspaper in the general vicinity of the lands to be withdrawn at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meetings.

The Draft Legislative Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was released on October 27, 1998. Three public hearings were held in January 1999, for the purpose of receiving oral public comments on the Draft Legislative EIS and to meet National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements for the proposed withdrawal extension.

From the date of publication of this notice to May 1, 1999, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal extension may present their views in writing to the BLM Las Cruces Field Office.

Dated: February 5, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Minerals Management Service****Agency Information Collection
Activities: Proposed Collections;
Comment Request****AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of extension of four currently approved information collections.

SUMMARY: As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on our proposal to extend four currently approved information collection forms discussed below. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

DATES: Submit written comments by April 12, 1999.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alexis London, Rules Processing Team, telephone (703) 787-1600. You may also contact Alexis London to obtain a copy of the information collection forms at no cost.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:*Titles (OMB Control Numbers):*

Form MMS-124, Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells (1010-0045)

Form MMS-125, Well Summary Report (1010-0046)

Form MMS-126, Well Potential Test Report and Request for Maximum Production Rate (MPR) (1010-0039)

Form MMS-128, Semiannual Well Test Report (1010-0017)

Abstract: The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*, as amended, requires the Secretary of the Interior to preserve, protect, and develop oil and gas resources in the OCS; make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; balance orderly energy resources development with protection of the human, marine, and coastal environment; ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources offshore; preserve and maintain free enterprise competition, and ensure that the extent of oil and natural gas resources of the OCS is assessed at the earliest practicable time. To carry out these responsibilities, we issue rules governing oil and gas and sulphur operations in the OCS. The regulations requiring the information collection forms that are the subject of this notice are 30 CFR Part 250, Subpart D, Drilling Operations; Subpart E, Well-Completion Operations; Subpart F, Well-Workover Operations; Subpart G, Abandonment of Wells; Subpart K, Production Rates; and Subpart P, Sulphur Operations.

Failure to collect this information would prevent the Director from carrying out the mandate of the OCS Lands Act. The following explains how we use the information collected and the consequences if we did not collect the information.

a. Form MMS-124. MMS District Supervisors use the information to evaluate the adequacy of the equipment, materials, and/or procedures that the lessee plans to use for drilling, production, well-completion, well-workover, and well-abandonment operations. If we did not collect this information, we could not review lessee