

Regulatory information collection (43 CFR)	Description	Total burden hours	Total respondents
3164.1 (Order No. 3) ...	Prepare Run Tickets .....	15,000	90,000
3162.7-5(b) .....	Records on Seals .....	7,500	90,000
3165.1(a) .....	Application for Suspension .....	800	100
3165.3(b) .....	State Director Review .....	800	100
3162.7-5(c) .....	Site Security .....	7,454	2,415
Total .....	.....	96,190	193,855

The respondents already maintain the types of information collected for their own recordkeeping purposes and need only submit the required information. All information collections in the regulations at 43 CFR Part 3160 that do not require a form are covered by this notice. BLM intends to submit these information collections collectively for approval by the Office of Management and Budget, as they were originally submitted and approved.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become part of the public record.

Dated: March 25, 1996.

Annetta L. Cheek,

Chief, Regulatory Management Team.

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#### Extension of Currently Approved Information Collection; OMB Approval Number 1004-0135

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is announcing its intention to request extension of approval for the collection of information from operators and operating rights owners of Federal and Indian (except Osage) oil and gas leases who submit a Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells (Form 3160-5). BLM uses the information collected to approve proposed operations and ensure compliance with granted approvals.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by May 28, 1996 to be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to: Regulatory Management Team (420), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 401 LS, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Comments may be sent via Internet to: !WO140@attmail.com. Please include "Attn: 1004-0135" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

Comments may be hand delivered to the Bureau of Land Management Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

Comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 A.M. to 4:15 P.M., Monday through Friday).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara Gamble, Compliance Team, Fluids Group, (202) 452-0340.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), BLM is required to provide 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning a collection of information contained in published current rules to solicit comments on (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

In accordance with the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (30 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*); the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*); the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of 1947, as amended (30 U.S.C. 351-359); the various Indian leasing acts; and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), BLM's regulations at 43 CFR 3162.3-2 require oil and gas operators on Federal and restricted Indian lands to submit Form 3160-5, Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells, in order to obtain authority to perform specific additional operations on a well

and to report the completion of such work. In addition, 43 CFR 3162.5-1 provides authority to require the operator to exercise diligence when disposing of produced waters. The specific data required on these forms concerns modifications to existing wells or construction requirements of produced water disposal pits. The regulation at 43 CFR 3162.3-2 divides the proposed action into three categories based on the nature of the impact. Some actions require submitting the form for approval prior to beginning work and again after completion of operations; other actions require submission only after completion; and still others do not require reporting.

All data is delivered to BLM by the operator or its agent. The data pertains to modifying operations conducted under the terms and provisions of an oil and gas lease (a contractual agreement between a lessee and the United States) for Federal or restricted Indian lands. The compilation of this data enables oversight and approval prior to any modifications to existing wells. In the case of a produced water disposal pit approval, this data provides the technical aspects of pit design to allow for sufficient water containment, thereby preventing unnecessary releases of produced water into the environment.

BLM estimates that approximately 34,000 notices will be filed annually with an estimated completion time of 25 minutes each, for a total annual burden of 14,166 hours. Respondents are operators and operating rights owners of Federal and Indian (except Osage) oil and gas leases. The frequency of response is variable depending on the type of activities conducted at oil and gas wells and on operational circumstances.

Any interested member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of Form 3160-5 by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become part of the public record.

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 Annetta L. Cheek,  
*Chief, Regulatory Management Team.*  
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### **Environmental Statements; California Desert Conservation Area, CA**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for an open pit, heap leach gold mine on portions of public lands in the California Desert Conservation Area, Kern County, CA; and notice of scoping period and public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be preparing a joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for addressing impacts of the proposed gold mine development in Kern County, CA. The BLM invites comments and suggestions on the scope of the analysis. **DATES:** Public scoping meetings will be held on:

Date: April 16, 1996—Tuesday  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.—10:00 p.m.  
 Place: Rosamond High School,  
 2925 Rosamond Blvd,  
 Rosamond, CA 93560,  
 Glennan Gymnasium

Date: April 17, 1996—Wednesday  
 Time: 6:30 p.m.—10:00 p.m.  
 Place: Mojave High School,  
 15732 "O" St.,  
 Mojave, CA 93501,  
 Mustang Gymnasium

**ADDRESSES:** Scoping comments may be sent to: BLM Ridgecrest Resource Area Manager, 300 S. Richmond, Ridgecrest, CA 93555, Attn: Ahmed Mohsen, EIS Coordinator.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Golden Queen is proposing to construct and operate the Soledad Mountain Project, an open pit precious metals (gold and silver) mining and cyanide leaching processing operation at the Soledad Mountain project area located approximately five miles southwest of the town of Mojave in Kern County, California.

The proposed action includes: construction of facilities; mining and processing of precious metals ores at the rate of three to four million tons per year for a period of ten to sixteen years; stockpiling of overburden materials; sales of overburden materials as aggregate and construction materials; and reclamation of the project site.

The project area is approximately 1,228 acres, of which 959 acres are private land and 269 acres are unpatented mining claims on public lands administered by BLM. The proposed surface disturbance is approximately 782 acres on private lands and 153 acres on public lands. The proposed mining operation includes twelve interconnected open pit mining areas within the ultimate pit boundary of the proposed open pit. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ahmed Mohsen, BLM EIS Coordinator at (619) 384-5421.

Dated: March 21, 1996.  
 Lee Delaney,  
*Area Manager.*  
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### **Management Framework Plans; Oregon**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** High Desert Management Framework Proposed Plan Amendment and Final Environmental Impact Statement for Lake Abert Area of Critical Environmental Concern, Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act, section 202(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, and 43 CFR Part 1610, the Lakeview District has completed a proposed plan amendment and final environmental impact statement (PA/FEIS) covering a proposal to designate the Lake Abert and the surrounding vicinity as an area of critical environmental concern (ACEC).

The proposed PA/FEIS addresses the management of resources within approximately 123,000 acres of public land and 101,700 acres of reserved mineral estate administered by the BLM located approximately 30 miles north of the town of Lakeview in central Lake County, Oregon. The proposed ACEC includes approximately 49,900 acres of public lands administered by the BLM.

**DATES:** The public review/protest period for the proposed PA/FEIS will officially begin when the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability of the proposed PA/FEIS in the Federal Register, which is expected on or about March 29, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Whitman, BLM, Lakeview District Office, P.O. Box 151, Lakeview, Oregon

97630 (Telephone: 541-947-6110). Those wishing to provide comments should submit them in writing to Scott Florence at the above address.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The document presents management goals, objectives, and seven management alternatives for BLM-administered lands within the planning area. The alternatives range from no action (no change in present management), to designating portions of the planning area as an ACEC with somewhat restrictive management, to designating the entire planning area as an ACEC with very restrictive management. Alternative 7 is the agency preferred plan and involves designating about 49,900 acres of public lands as an ACEC. The area was evaluated and found to meet the ACEC designation criteria and require special management for four resource values: wildlife, visual, cultural, and ecological processes. Off-highway vehicle (OHV) use, mining location, and rights-of-way location would be restricted within the ACEC. Livestock grazing would be restricted within that portion of Abert Rim wilderness study area (WSA) falling within the ACEC, as well as within most riparian zones, and ecologically sensitive areas. Mineral leasing would be closed within approximately 18,000 acres of the ACEC with the remainder of the area being restricted.

A draft plan amendment and environmental impact statement was issued for a 90-day review period in May 1995. The review period ended on August 16, 1995. A total of 37 comment letters were received during the review period. An interdisciplinary planning team assessed these comments and utilized them in making changes in the proposed PA/FEIS. The final document has been prepared in an abbreviated format. Major sections of the draft are not repeated in the final. Copies of the draft are available for reference by contacting the point of contact listed above.

Those individuals, organizations, native American tribes, and agencies with a known interest in the plan have been sent a copy of the proposed PA/FEIS. Persons desiring a copy of the document should contact the point of contact listed above. Reading copies of the document are available at the Lake, Klamath, and Harney County, Oregon, libraries and at the following BLM locations: Office of External Affairs, Main Interior Building, Room 5600, 18th and C Streets, NW, Washington DC 20240, and Public Room, Oregon State Office, 1515 SW 5th, Portland, Oregon 97201.