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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Meeting for the Five Western Oregon BLM Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Meeting notice for the five western Oregon Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Advisory Committees under Section 205 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393).

SUMMARY: This notice is published in accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Meeting notice is hereby given for the five western Oregon BLM Resource Advisory Committees including the Coos Bay, Eugene, Medford, Roseburg and Salem Districts pursuant to Section 205 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000, Public Law 106-393 (the Act). Topics to be discussed by the BLM Resource Advisory Committees include operating procedures, establishing roles and responsibilities, selection of a chairperson, Federal travel regulations, facilitation needs, as well as future meeting dates. Follow-up meetings will address projects to proposed for funding under Title II of the Act.

DATES: The BLM Resource Advisory Committees will meet on the following dates: The Coos Bay Resource Advisory Committee will meet at the BLM Coos Bay District Office, 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, Oregon 97459, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on February 22, 2002 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on March 7, 2002.

The Eugene Resource Advisory Committee will meet at the BLM Eugene District Office, 2890 Chad Drive, Eugene, Oregon 97440, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on February 28, 2002 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on March 14, 2002.

The Medford Resource Advisory Committee will meet at the BLM Medford District Office, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon 97504, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on February 14, 2002 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 27, 2002.

The Salem Resource Advisory Committee will meet at the BLM Salem District Office, 1717 Fabry Road, Salem, Oregon 97306, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on

February 1, 2002 and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on March 1, 2002

The Roseburg Resource Advisory Committee will meet at the BLM Roseburg District Office, 777 N.W. Garden Valley Boulevard, Roseburg, Oregon 97470, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., on February 11, 2002 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., on February 25, 2002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Act, five Resource Advisory Committees have been formed for western Oregon BLM districts that contain Oregon & California (O&C) Grant Lands and Coos Bay Wagon Road lands. The Act establishes a six-year payment schedule to local counties in lieu of funds derived from the harvest of timber on federal lands, which have dropped dramatically over the past 10 years.

The Act creates a new mechanism for local community collaboration with federal land management activities in the selection of projects to be conducted on federal lands or that will benefit resources on federal lands using funds under Title II of the Act. The BLM Resource Advisory Committees consist of 15 local citizens (plus 6 alternates) representing a wide array of interests.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional information concerning the BLM Resource Advisory Committees may be obtained from Maya Fuller, Public Affairs, Oregon State Office, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208, (503) 952-6437, or maya_fuller@or.blm.gov, or on the Web at www.or.blm.gov.

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Associate State Director.

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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 a revision of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0107).

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 "Designation of Royalty Payment Responsibility."

DATES: Submit written comments on or before March 18, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to Carol P. Shelby, 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: Carol P. Shelby, telephone (303) 231-3151, FAX (303) 231-3385, email Carol.Shelby@mms.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Designation of Royalty Payment Responsibility.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0107.

Bureau Form Number: MMS-4425.

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) 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.

The Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996 (RSFA), Public Law 104-185, as corrected by Public Law 104-200, established that owners of operating rights or lease record title (referred to as "lessees") are responsible for making royalty and related payments on Federal oil and gas leases. It is common, however, for a payor rather than a lessee to make these payments. When a payor makes payments on behalf of a lessee, RSFA requires that the lessee designate the payor as its designee and notify MMS of this arrangement in writing. These RSFA requirements are codified in 30 CFR 218.52.

MMS designed Form MMS-4425, Designation Form, to contain all the information necessary for lessees to comply with these RSFA requirements. We are proposing a minor revision to Form MMS-4425 to remove the field for revenue source code. This revision is necessary to make Form MMS-4425 compatible with other recently revised