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Bruce Babbitt,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Cancellation of Proposed Withdrawal; Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, has canceled its application to withdraw approximately 960 acres of National Forest System lands, lying within the Syskiyou National Forest, for protection of the North Fork Smith River. This action will cancel the proposed withdrawal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Charles R. Roy, BLM Oregon/
Washington State Office, 503-952-6189.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 23, 1997, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, filed an application to withdraw lands for the protection of the North Fork Smith River. A Notice of Proposed Withdrawal was published in the **Federal Register**, 63FR29427, May 29, 1998, which segregated the lands described therein from location and entry under the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1994), but not the mineral leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights. The applicant agency has canceled the application in its entirety. This action is subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, and other segregations of record.

Dated: June 6, 2000.

Robert D. DeViney Jr.,

Chief, Branch of Realty and Records Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of a currently approved information

collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0078).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*), we are notifying you that we have submitted the information collection request (ICR) discussed below to the OMB for review and approval. We are also inviting your comments on this ICR.

DATES: Submit written comments by July 17, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1010-0078), 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. Mail or handcarry a copy of your comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Attention: Rules Processing Team; Mail Stop 4024; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the rulemaking record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

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 collection of information at no cost.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR part 250, Subpart O, Training.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0078.

Abstract: The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 1334(e), gives the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) the responsibility to preserve, protect, and develop oil and gas resources in the OCS in a manner which is consistent with the need to make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; balance orderly energy resources development with protection

of human, marine, and coastal environments; ensure the public a fair and equitable return on resources of the OCS; and preserve and maintain free enterprise competition. Section 1332(6) of the OCS Lands Act requires that "operations in the [O]uter Continental Shelf should be conducted in a safe manner by well trained personnel using technology, precautions, and other techniques sufficient to prevent or minimize the likelihood of blowouts, loss of well control, fires, spillages, physical obstructions to other users of the waters or subsoil and seabed, or other occurrences which may cause damage to the environment or to property or endanger life or health." This authority and responsibility are among those delegated to MMS. To carry out these responsibilities, MMS issues regulations governing oil and gas or sulphur operations in the OCS.

The MMS uses the information collected under subpart O to ensure that certain workers in the OCS are properly trained in the use of equipment and procedures in drilling, well-completion, well-workover, and well-servicing well control operations and production safety system operations in order to avoid hazards inherent in those operations. This information is necessary to verify personnel training compliance with the requirements. Specifically, MMS uses the information to:

- Evaluate new programs and curriculum changes for technical accuracy and ensure that the programs incorporate appropriate instruction, simulation, and hands-on training activities.
- Review attendance records to verify that a student has attended the entire course before issuance of a certificate.
- Schedule MMS onsite evaluations and audits of training organizations.
- Ensure that personnel are trained in order to maintain a state of preparedness essential for safe operations.

We will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2) and under regulations at 30 CFR 250.196. We will protect personal information such as social security numbers according to the Privacy Act. No items of a sensitive nature are collected. Responses are mandatory.

The 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 OMB control number. We published a **Federal Register** notice