

considered three alternatives to the proposed Project: (1) No permits issued (the "No Project" alternative), (2) revising the project by decreasing the size of the developable area, and (3) revising the project by increasing the size of the conservation area.

Under the "No Project" alternative the permits would not be issued to each individual landowner. The landowners would be independently responsible for their respective projects and would pursue local approvals and individual incidental take permits where necessary. It is likely that some of the projects would receive local approvals to proceed and some of the projects would be denied approvals by their local jurisdictions until they either conducted focused Delhi Sands flower-loving fly surveys to determine presence or absence or received individual incidental take permits. Although this alternative would likely result in no impact by development of some of the Project sites immediately, the Applicants would not collectively secure, enhance, or restore the conservation area for recovery or conservation of the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly currently being proposed under the Proposed Action. If individual project sites are determined to be occupied by the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly, then an incidental take permit will be necessary for those project proponents who wish to proceed with development.

Under the second alternative, some of the parcels would be eliminated from the developable area while maintaining the conservation measures that are part of the Proposed Action. This would result in fewer Delhi soils being developed and the size of the proposed conservation area for the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly would remain the same as under the Proposed Action.

Under the third alternative, there would be a 1-acre (12 acres total) increase in the size of land being conserved while maintaining the same area proposed for development that is part of the Proposed Action. Compared to the Proposed Action, this alternative would result in an additional acre being conserved for the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act and Service regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (40 CFR 1506.6). We will evaluate the permit applications, the Habitat Conservation Plan, Environmental Assessment, the associated documents and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the applications

meet the requirements of section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act. If we determine that the requirements are met, we will issue permits for the incidental take of the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly to the Applicants. We will make a final decision on these permit actions no sooner than 60 days from the date of this notice.

Dated: October 26, 2000.

John Engring,

Acting Deputy Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-952-1420-BJ]

Filing of Plats of Survey; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform the public and interested State and local government officials of the filing of Plats of Survey in Nevada.

EFFECTIVE DATES: Filing is effective at 10:00 a.m. on the dates indicated below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary J.M. Hartel, Acting Chief, Branch of Geographic Services, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520, 775-861-6541.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. The Supplemental Plats of the following described lands were officially filed at the Nevada State Office, Reno, Nevada on May 11, 2000:

The supplemental plat, showing amended lottings in sections 13, 23 and 24, Township 19 South, Range 61 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, was accepted May 9, 2000. The supplemental plat, showing amended lottings in sections 15, 16 and 21, Township 19 South, Range 61 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, was accepted May 9, 2000.

The supplemental plat, showing amended lottings in sections 17, 18, 19 and 20, Township 19 South, Range 61 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, was accepted May 9, 2000.

These plats were prepared to meet certain administrative needs of the Bureau of Land Management.

2. The Plat of Survey of the following described lands was officially filed at the Nevada State Office, Reno, Nevada on May 11, 2000:

The plat, representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the west boundary and a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of section 18, Township 19 South, Range 62 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, under Group 780, was accepted May 9, 2000.

This survey was executed to meet certain administrative needs of the Bureau of Land Management.

3. The Supplemental Plat of the following described lands was officially filed at the Nevada State Office, Reno, Nevada on July 24, 2000: The supplemental plat, showing a subdivision of original lot 1, section 5, Township 20 South, Range 60 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, was accepted July 21, 2000.

This plat was prepared to meet certain administrative needs of the Bureau of Land Management and Clark County.

4. The Plat of Survey of the following described lands was officially filed at the Nevada State Office, Reno, Nevada on July 24, 2000:

The plat, representing the entire survey record of the dependent resurvey of a portion of the northerly right-of-way line of Lake Mead Drive and a metes-and-bounds survey in section 34, Township 21 South, Range 63 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, under Group 787, was accepted July 21, 2000.

This survey was executed to meet certain administrative needs of the Bureau of Land Management.

5. The Plat of Survey of the following described lands was officially filed at the Nevada State Office, Reno, Nevada on September 25, 2000:

The plat, in 9 sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, and portions of certain mineral surveys, and the subdivision of section 9, and the metes-and-bounds surveys of a portion of Nevada State Highway No. 374 and Tract 37, Township 12 South, Range 46 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, under Group 774, was accepted September 22, 2000.

This survey was executed to meet certain administrative needs of the Bureau of Land Management and Barrick Bullfrog Inc.

6. The above-listed surveys are now the basic record for describing the lands for all authorized purposes. These surveys have been placed in the open files in the BLM Nevada State Office and are available to the public as a matter of information. Copies of the surveys and related field notes may be furnished to the public upon payment of the appropriate fees.

Dated: October 17, 2000.

Mary J.M. Hartel,

Acting Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Nevada.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to request renewed approval for the collection of information under 30 CFR Part 850 which provides authority for State regulatory authorities to develop a blaster certification program.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by January 2, 2001, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave, NW., Room 210—SIB, Washington, DC 20240. Comments may also be submitted electronically to jtreleas@osmre.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related forms, contact John A. Trelease, at (202) 208-2783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities [see 5 1320.8(d)]. This notice identifies information collections that OSM will be submitting to OMB for extension. These collections are contained in 30 CFR 850, Permanent regulatory program requirements—standards for certification of blasters.

OSM has revised burden estimates, where appropriate, to reflect current reporting levels or adjustments based on reestimates of burden or respondents. OSM will request a 3-year term of

approval for each information collection activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will accompany OSM's submission of the information collection request to OMB.

The following information is provided for the information collection: (1) Title of the information collection; (2) OMB control number; (3) summary of the information collection activity; and (4) frequency of collection, description of the respondents, estimated total annual responses, and the total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden for the collection of information.

Title: Permanent regulatory program requirements—standards for certification of blasters, 30 CFR 850.

OMB Control Number: 1029-0080.

Summary: This part establishes the requirements and procedures applicable to the development of regulatory programs for the training, examination, and certification of persons engaging in or directly responsible for the use of explosives in surface coal mining operations.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency of Collection: Once.

Description of Respondents: State regulatory authorities.

Total Annual Responses: 1.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 173.

Dated: October 30, 2000.

Richard G. Bryson,

Chief, Division of Regulatory Support.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Partial Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that on October 19, 2000, a proposed Partial Consent Decree in *United States v. American Scrap Company, et al.*, Civil Action No. 1:99-CV-2047, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

In this action the United States seeks the reimbursement of response costs in connection with the Jack's Creek/Sitkin

Smelting Superfund Site in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania ("the Site"), pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.* The Partial Consent Decree resolves the United States' claims against Industrial Steel & Pipe Supply Company, J. Sepenuk & Sons, Inc., and Kingsport Iron & Metal Co., Inc. for response costs incurred as a result of the release or threatened release of hazardous substances at the Site. These parties will pay the United States \$140,000.00. The Partial Consent Decree will not resolve the United States' claims against the remaining defendants in the litigation.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the Partial Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044, and should refer to *United States v. American Scrap Company, et al.*, D.J. Ref. 90-11-2-911/1.

The Partial Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, Middle District of Pennsylvania, Federal Building, 228 Walnut Street, Suite 220, Harrisburg, PA 17108, or at the Region III Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. A copy of the Partial Consent Decree may also be obtained by mail by requesting a copy from the Department of Justice Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, Washington, DC 20044-7611. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check in the amount of \$9.00 (36 pages at 25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the Consent Decree Library.

Bruce Gelber,

Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environmental and Natural Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water Act

Under 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on October 24, 2000, a proposed Consent Decree ("the Decree") in *United States v. Blue River Exploration, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 4:99 CV-10-M, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky