

improved. Wellhead protection for city/town domestic water supplies could be protected, even enhanced. (5) Tax revenues: Service fee title lands would be removed from county tax rolls resulting in tax revenue losses—could be offset by payments through the Refuge Revenue Sharing Act, and tax shortfall and offset provisions. Prairie tax credit or exemption could place added burden upon local governments. (6) Recreation: Opportunity would exist to balance consumptive and non-consumptive recreational uses—increased recreation would occur. Historical and cultural sites and values would be important prairie values to protect. (7) Other: Approach to acquisition relative to use of condemnation, concern that landowners would not receive just-compensation, and widespread fee purchase and government ownership could be perceived as a loss of local control. Concern of project size and cost to the taxpayer in relation to other priorities. Impact upon other programs and uncertainty as to how the project is to be integrated with other program efforts and lands currently protected.

Other Information

The environmental review of this proposal will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1500–1508), other appropriate Federal regulations, and Service procedures for compliance with those regulations.

We estimate the Draft EIS will be available for public review by summer 1996.

Dated: January 23, 1996.

Marvin E. Moriarty,
Acting Regional Director.

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Bureau of Land Management

[NM–930–06–1020–00]

Notice of Intent To Develop Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Management in New Mexico, Modify Land Use Plans, and Prepare National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Analysis Pursuant to the Planning Regulations (43 CFR Part 1600)

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in New Mexico

intends to develop statewide Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Management as provided in the BLM's new grazing regulations (43 CFR Part 4100) and modify all existing Land Use Plans (LUP) in the State. The appropriate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis will be prepared in accordance with the Planning Regulations (43 CFR Part 1600) for the adoption of statewide Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Management. This notice invites public input on the development of Standards and Guidelines for New Mexico, on issues to be addressed and on alternatives to be considered in the NEPA analysis.

DATES: Comments will be accepted throughout the process or until further notice. Public comment periods specifically for the plan modification and NEPA process will be provided later.

ADDRESSES: Any comments or requests to be placed on the mailing list should be sent to Rangeland Health Project (93100), Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 27155, Santa Fe, NM, 87502.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J.W. Whitney at (505) 438–7438.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM's new grazing administration regulations (43 CFR Part 4100), which became effective August 21, 1995, provide for the development of state Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Management. These Standards and Guidelines are to be approved through BLM planning and NEPA processes. Incorporating Standards and Guidelines into existing plans will require some form of plan modification, ranging from plan maintenance to plan amendment. All LUPs for public lands in the State of New Mexico may be affected. At this point in time, it is undecided what level of plan modification (maintenance or amendment) and NEPA analysis (Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement) will be needed.

The NEPA analysis will be conducted using an interdisciplinary team of specialists.

Description of Possible Alternatives

At this time three preliminary alternatives have been identified: the continuation of current management as provided for in existing LUPs (no action alternative); the application of fall-back Standards and Guidelines contained in the Grazing Regulations (43 CFR Part 4100); and the adoption of Standards and Guidelines developed locally and in

consultation with New Mexico's Resource Advisory Council.

Anticipated Issues

Anticipated issues to be addressed during the NEPA analysis include, but may not be limited to, the following: the effect that adoption of Standards will have on resource conditions, uses, and users of public land, and the effect that adoption of Guidelines will have on livestock operations.

Dated: January 23, 1996.

Bill Calkins,

State Director.

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[UT–056–1430–01–24–1A]

Mountain Valley Management Framework Plan; Intent to Amend

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to amend plan.

SUMMARY: This Notice of Intent is to advise the public that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to consider a proposal which would require amending an existing planning document.

DATES: The comment period for this proposed plan amendment will commence with publication of this notice. Comments must be submitted within the thirty day period commencing with the publication of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Henderson, Sevier River Resource Area Manager, 150 East 900 North, Richfield, Utah 84701. Existing planning documents and information are available at the above address or telephone (801) 896–8221. Comments on the proposed plan amendment should be sent to the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM is proposing to amend the Mountain Valley Management Framework Plan which includes public lands in Sanpete County, Utah. The purpose of the amendment would be to identify certain lands as suitable for direct sale pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. The lands identified for direct sale comprise 10.2 acres described as follows: T. 19 S., R. 2 E., Sec. 19, Lot 8, and Section 30, Lots 5 and 8, Salt Lake Meridian, Utah. The existing plan does not identify these lands for disposal. However, because of the resource values, public values, and objectives involved, the public interest may well be served by sale of these

lands. An environmental assessment will be prepared by an interdisciplinary team to analyze the impacts of this proposal and alternatives.

Dated: January 23, 1996.

G. William Lamb,
State Director.

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Southwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council Meetings

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; Resource Advisory Council Meetings.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 USC), notice is hereby given that the Southwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council will meet on Thursday, February 22, 1996, at the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Montrose District Office in Montrose, Colorado, and on Wednesday, March 20, 1996, at the Federal Building in Durango, Colorado.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Thursday, February 22, 1996, and on Wednesday, March 20, 1996. Both meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: For further information, contact Roger Alexander, Bureau of Land Management, Montrose District

Office, 2465 South Townsend Avenue, Montrose, Colorado 81401; Telephone 970-249-7791; TDD 970-249-4639.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The February 22, 1996, meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. in BLM's Montrose District Office conference room, 2465 South Townsend, Montrose, Colorado. The agenda for the morning will focus on sage grouse management, while the afternoon agenda will focus on the development of standards for rangeland health and guidelines for livestock grazing. Time will be reserved to address other issues identified by advisory council members or the public.

The March 20, 1996, meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. in the first floor conference room in the Federal Building, 701 Camino Del Rio, Durango, Colorado. The agenda will focus on the use of prescribed fire and fire ecology. Time will be reserved to address additional issues identified by advisory council members or the public.

All Resource Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to the Council, or written statements may be submitted for the Council's consideration. Depending on the number of persons wishing to make oral statements, a per-person time limit may be established by the Montrose District Manager.

Summary minutes for the Council meeting will be maintained in the Montrose District Office and will be available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business

hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting.

Dated: January 25, 1996.

Mark W. Stiles,
District Manager.

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Minerals Management Service

Environmental Documents Prepared for Proposed Oil and Gas Operations on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of the availability of environmental documents prepared for OCS mineral proposals on the Gulf of Mexico OCS.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS), in accordance with Federal Regulations (40 CFR Section 1501.4 and Section 1506.6) that implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), announces the availability of NEPA-related Environmental Assessments (EA's) and Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI's), prepared by the MMS for the following oil and gas activities proposed on the Gulf of Mexico OCS. This listing includes all proposals for which the FONSI's were prepared by the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region in the period subsequent to publication of the preceding notice.

Activity/operator	Location	Date
Seagull Energy E&P, Inc., Exploration Activity, SEA Nos. R-2981 and R-2985A.	High Island Area, East Addition, South Extension, Block A-377, Lease OCS-G 11406, 110 miles southeast of the nearest coastline on Galveston Island, Texas.	11/04/94
Seagull Energy E&P, Inc., Exploration Activity, SEA No. S-3280B.	High Island Area, East Addition, South Extension, Block A-377, Lease OCS-G 11406, 110 miles southeast of the nearest coastline on Galveston Island, Texas.	08/26/94
Mesa Petroleum, NORM Disposal Operations, SEA No. NORM 94-136.	South Pelto Area, Block 13, Lease OCS-G 3171, 8 miles south of the Isles Dernieres of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.	10/28/94
Century Offshore Management Corporation, Structure-Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 94-073.	Eugene Island Area, Block 298, Lease OCS-G 5199, 92 miles south of Morgan City, Louisiana.	08/05/95
Samedan oil Corporation, Structure-Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 94-083 and 94-084.	South Timbalier Area, Block 186, Lease OCS-G 1570, 38 miles south of Lafourche Parish, Louisiana.	08/24/94
Taylor Energy Company, Structure-Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 96-004.	Vermilion Area, Block 190, Lease OCS-G 1133, 50 miles from the nearest shoreline off the State of Louisiana.	10/17/95
Cockrell Oil Corporation, Structure-Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 96-005.	East Cameron Area, Block 117, Lease OCS-G 6618, 51 miles southeast of Cameron Parish, Louisiana.	10/16/95
OXY USA, Inc., Structure-Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 95-106A.	High Island Area, East Addition, South Extension, Block A-355, Lease OCS-G 2745, 104 miles southeast of Galveston County, Texas.	09/29/95
Samedan Oil Corporation, Structure-Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 95-107.	West Cameron Area, West Addition, Block 433, Lease OCS-G 5324, 68 miles south of Cameron Parish, Louisiana.	10/16/95
Samedan Oil Corporation, Structure-Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 95-111 and 95-112.	West Cameron Area, South Addition, Blocks 457 and 459, Leases OCS-G 5331 and 3383, 82 miles south of Cameron Parish, Louisiana.	10/26/95
Kerr-McGee Corporation, Structure-Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 95-113.	West Cameron Area, Block 132, Lease OCS-G 4754, 23 miles south of Cameron Parish, Louisiana.	10/23/95
Chevron U.S.A., Structure-Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 95-121 through 95-125.	Bay Marchand Area, Block 2; Grand Isle Area, Block 37; and South Timbalier Area, Blocks 23 and 24; leases OCS 0369, 0392, 0166, 0386, and 0387; 8-10 miles south of Lafourche Parish, Louisiana.	10/31/95