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District Manager.

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Sierra Front/Northwest Great Basin Resource Advisory Council; Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting of the Sierra Front/Northwest Great Basin Resource Advisory Council Meeting Location and Time.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA, 5 U.S.C.), the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Council meetings will be held as indicated below. The agenda for each meeting includes approval of minutes of the previous meeting, discussion and development of Guidelines for management of the public lands within the jurisdiction of the Council and determination of the subject matter for future meetings.

There will be a public scoping meeting to comment on the proposal to modify the affected Resource Management Plans. Public comment is sought on the issues to be analyzed, the alternatives that may be considered, the standards and guidelines to be addressed, as well as the level of analysis which would be appropriate under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Implementation of Standards and Guidelines may require some form of planning modification, ranging from simple plan maintenance to plan amendment. It is uncertain what level of plan modification will be needed, if any.

The public may also present written comments to the Council. The Council meeting, public comment period and scoping meeting are listed below.

DATES: Sierra Front/Northwest Great Basin Resource Advisory Council, BLM Nevada State Office, 835 Harvard Way, Reno, NV 89520: April 22, beginning at 8:00 a.m.; public comment will be at 1:30 p.m. The scoping meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. The working meeting will continue on April 23 beginning at 8:00 a.m. At the discretion of the Chairman, additional public comments may be made at the conclusion of business April 23rd.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joan Sweetland, BLM Public Affairs Officer, 1535 Hot Springs Road, Carson City, NV 89706-0638. (Phone: 702-885-6000.)

(Dated this 13th day of March, 1996.

John O. Singlaub,
District Manager, Carson City District.

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[AZ-020-06-5440-A136; AZA-29530]

Notice of Realty Action, Sale of Public Land in Maricopa County, AZ

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Sale of public land in Maricopa County.

SUMMARY: The following described public land has been examined and through the land use planning process have been determined to be suitable for disposal by direct sale pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 at no less than the appraised fair market value. The land will not be offered for sale until at least 60 days after the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register.

Gila and Salt River Meridian

T. 3 S., R. 4 W.,
Sec. 2, S¹/₂NW¹/₄, SW¹/₄.

The area described contains 240 acres in Maricopa County.

The patent, when issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions and reservations:

1. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

2. Those rights for transmission line purposes granted to U.S. West Communications by Right-of-Way Numbers AZA-011068 and AZAR-0032095.

3. Those rights for the use of highways purposes granted to Arizona State Highways Department by Right-of-Way Number AZA-0005251.

4. Those rights the grazing permittee, John F. and Cecilia Siebert, may have to continue his current grazing use for two years from receipt of a cancellation notice. (Grazing Record No.022346).

DATES: Upon publication of this Notice in the Federal Register, the land described above will be segregated from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, except the sale provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. The segregative effect will end upon issuance of patent or 270 days from the

date of publication, whichever occurs first.

ADDRESS: Phoenix District Office, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85027.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Hale, Realty Specialist, at the address shown above or (602) 780-8090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The land is being offered by direct sale to State of Arizona; Arizona Department of Administration, Phoenix, Arizona. Failure or refusal of the State of Arizona to submit the required amount, will result in cancellation of the sale.

A mineral value determination will be made and if there are known mineral values the mineral interest will be conveyed simultaneously under Section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. A separate nonrefundable filing fee of \$50 is required from the purchasers for conveyance of the mineral interests.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register, interested parties may submit comments to the District Manager, who may vacate or modify this realty action to accommodate the protest. If the protest is not accommodated, the comments are subject to review of the State Director who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. This realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Dated: March 22, 1996.

David J. Miller,
Associate District Manager.

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Notice of Realty Action; Non-Competitive Sale of Lands; Colorado

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.

Amendment

In notice document 96-6813 appearing on pages 11864-11865 in the issue of Friday, March 22, 1996, the legal description is amended to read:

New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado,
T. 32 N., R. 1 E.

Sec. 2, lot 7.

Dated: March 22, 1996.

Jenny L. Saunders,
Realty Officer, Division of Resource Services,
Colorado State Office.

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Minerals Management Service

Modification to the Bid Adequacy Procedures

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notification of procedural changes.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has modified its existing bid adequacy procedures for ensuring receipt of fair market value on Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas leases. This procedure eliminates in Phase 1 the number of bids rule, which effectively allowed for immediate acceptance of high bids on confirmed or wildcat tracts receiving three or more bids.

DATES: This modification is effective March 29, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Marshall Rose, Chief, Economic Evaluation Branch; Minerals Management Service; Mail Stop 4220, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia 22070-4817; telephone: (703) 787-1536.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Previous changes in the February 1983 bid adequacy procedures were made in February, March, and July 1984, May 1985, and May 24, 1991 (56 FR 23978). The following complete set of bid adequacy procedures incorporates those earlier changes and this most recent change.

The MMS uses a two-phase process to determine bid adequacy. In Phase 1, we classify tracts into two groups: drainage and development or wildcat and confirmed. The MMS also identifies nonprospective tracts, i.e., those tracts judged not to be located on a viable prospect. All legal high bids¹ on such nonprospective tracts are accepted. The MMS passes the high bids on all other tracts directly to Phase 2 for further evaluation. Phase 1 is conducted tract-by-tract and is generally completed within 2 weeks of the bid opening.

Phase 2 applies criteria designed to further determine bid adequacy on a tract-specific basis. Prospective wildcat and confirmed tracts that are not accepted in Phase 1 may receive further mapping and/or analysis in Phase 2. Subsequently, MMS reviews the viability determinations of these tracts. Those wildcat and confirmed tracts later determined to be nonviable can be eliminated from the set of tracts undergoing a full-scale MONTCAR evaluation and the high bids on them

¹ "Legal high bids" means those high bids which comply with MMS regulations and the Notice of Sale.

accepted. The remaining tracts, including all drainage and development tracts, receive further evaluation by comparing the high bids with the Mean Range of Values (MROV) and the Adjusted Delay Value (ADV). In addition, if in the judgment of the Regional Director a tract is or may be subject to drainage, the relevant costs due to delays associated with bid rejection are considered in computing the ADV.

All drainage and development tracts which received three or more adjusted bids² and prospective wildcat and confirmed tracts which received two or more adjusted bids will be compared with the Geometric Average Evaluation of Tract (GAEOT). For drainage and development tracts, the GAEOT will not be used when the high bid is equal to or less than one-sixth of the MROV.

The MMS conducts most evaluations based upon data and analysis available at the time of the sale. However, we may gather additional data and perform further analyses after the sale at the discretion of the Regional Director to ensure a fair return to the Government.

The MMS normally completes the bid adequacy recommendations for acceptance/rejection developed in Phase 2 sequentially over a period ranging between 14 and 90 days after the sale. Upon acceptance, the high bidders must pay the balance of the bonus bid (80 percent) along with the first year's annual rental within 15 days. The MMS returns the deposits, with interest, on all rejected high bids.

Dated: March 22, 1996.

Thomas Gernhofer,

Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.

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National Park Service

Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve; Meeting

ACTION: Public meeting for Draft Barataria Boundary Study and the availability for public review of the study.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Draft Barataria Boundary Study has been completed by the National Park Service and will be available for public

² Anomalous bids are not included in the bid number in Phase 2. Anomalous bids include all but the highest bid submitted for a tract by the same company, bidding alone or jointly, and the lowest bid on a tract when it is less than one-eighth of the next lowest bid. The "one-eighth rule" can exclude no more than one bid for a given tract.

review from April 1, 1996 through May 1, 1996. Copies of the draft study can be obtained from the National Park Service at the following address: National Park Service, Denver Service Center, Attn. Ann Van Huizen, 12795 West Alameda Parkway, Denver, Colorado 80227-0287. Telephone: (303) 969-2451. All written comments on the draft study should be addressed to the National Park Service, attention Ann Van Huizen, at the above address and must be postmarked no later than May 1, 1996. Additional notice is hereby given that three public meetings will be held in Louisiana, on the dates and at the locations and times provided in this Notice, to receive public comment on the draft study. The draft study will also be available for public review at the Preserve headquarters between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central Standard time.

DATES:

April 9, 1996, From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the University Center, Room 211B, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana

April 10, 1996, From 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., West Bank Regional Library, 2751 Manhattan Blvd., Harvey, Louisiana

April 10, 1996, From 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Environmental Education Center, Barataria Preserve Unit, Jean Lafitte National Historical Park, and Preserve, Highway 45, Marrero, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Roberts Belous, Superintendent, Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, 365 Canal Street, Suite 3080, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130-1142, (504) 589-3882, extension 128).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The boundary for the Barataria Preserve Unit of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve was established through congressional legislative action in 1978. During the intervening years there have been significant changes in land uses along this area not currently part of the park that could merit inclusion. The analysis in the Draft Barataria Boundary Study will provide objective information for consideration in any future action by the Department of Interior or the U.S. Congress to revise the park's original legislative boundary.

Dated: March 21, 1996.

Frank Catroppa,

Superintendent, Gulf Coast System Support Office.

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