

Name	Permit number	Date issued
R. French-Constant	PRT 842392	07/24/98

* Indicates permit renewal and amendment.
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Additional information on these permit actions may be requested by contacting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056, telephone 612/713-5332, during normal business hours (7:30am-4:00pm) weekdays.

Dated: August 11, 1998.

John A. Blankenship,

Assistant Regional Director, IL, IN, MO (Ecological Services), Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment and Land Protection Plan for the Louisiana Black Bear Habitat Protection Project, Tensas, Concordia, and St. Mary Parishes, Louisiana

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment and Land Protection Plan for the Louisiana Black Bear Habitat Protection Project.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southeast Region, proposes to establish two new national wildlife refuges and expand an existing national wildlife refuge in the State of Louisiana for the benefit of the Louisiana black bear, a federally listed threatened species. The purpose of the proposal is to facilitate the recovery of the Louisiana black bear by protecting currently occupied bear habitat, enhancing potential immigration areas, and establishing core areas to serve as key links in bear movement corridors. These actions are recommended by the Black Bear Conservation Committee, a group whose membership includes over 50 wildlife management agencies and conservation organizations. If implemented, the project would help meet the goals of the Louisiana Black Bear Recovery Plan.

A Draft Environmental Assessment and Land Protection Plan for the Louisiana Black Bear Habitat Protection Proposal has been developed by Service biologists in coordination with the

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Black Bear Conservation Committee, parish officials, and other local entities. The assessment considers the biological, environmental, and socioeconomic effects of implementing the project and evaluates two alternative actions and their potential impacts on the environment. Written comments or recommendations concerning the proposal are welcomed and should be sent to the address given below.

DATES: Land acquisition planning for the project is currently underway. The draft environmental assessment and land protection plan will be available to the public for review and comment on August 17, 1998. Written comments must be received no later than September 18, 1998, in order to be considered for the preparation of the final environmental assessment.

ADDRESSES: Comments and requests for copies of the draft environmental assessment and for further information on the project should be addressed to Mr. Charles R. Danner, Team Leader, Planning and Support Team, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Atlanta, Georgia 30345, or by telephone at 800/419-9582.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposal would establish the Glade Woods National Wildlife Refuge on 13,000 acres in Tensas Parish and the Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge on 28,000 acres in St. Mary Parish, Louisiana. It would also add 5,000 acres to the existing Bayou Cocodrie National Wildlife Refuge in Concordia Parish, Louisiana. The project lands are being proposed for protection and management by the Service through fee title purchases from willing sellers. The management objectives of the two new refuges and the refuge expansion would be to (1) contribute to the Recovery Plan goals for the Louisiana black bear; (2) provide habitat for a diversity of other wildlife, including white-tailed deer, turkey, woodcock, wading birds, wood ducks, wintering waterfowl, and neotropical migratory birds; and (3) provide opportunities for compatible public use, such as hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation.

Dated: August 7, 1998.

Sam D. Hamilton,

Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-037-5700-00; WYN-26292]

Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification; Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The following public lands in Carbon County, Wyoming have been examined and found suitable for classification and conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended, (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*).

6th Principal Meridian

T. 17 N., R. 83 W.,
 Section 8, SW¼

The above land contains 160 acres.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marilyn Nickerson-Roth, Realty Specialist, Great Divide Resource Area, 1300 North 3rd St., Rawlins, Wyoming, 82301, (307) 328-4259.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lands are not needed for Federal purposes. Conveyance of this land to the Upper Platte River Solid Waste Disposal District for sanitary landfill purposes is consistent with the Great Divide Resource Management Plan and would be in the public interest.

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

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.
 2. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.
 3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.
 4. Those rights for WYW-120214, WYW-142462.
- Conveyance of these land to Upper Platte River Solid Waste Disposal

District is consistent with applicable Federal and county land use plans and will help meet the needs of Carbon County residents for solid waste disposal. Persons wishing to obtain detailed information on this action may contact or write the Area Manager, Great Divide Resource Area, 1300 N. 3rd St., Rawlins, Wyoming, 82301, (307) 328-4200.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the above described lands will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws.

For a period of 45 days from the date of this publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed conveyance or classification of the land to the District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 1300 N. 3rd St., Rawlins, Wyoming, 82301.

Classification Comments

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a sanitary landfill. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for a sanitary landfill, whether the use will maximize the future uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

Application Comments

Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application for conveyance and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for a sanitary landfill. An adverse comment will be viewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication of the notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 5, 1998.

Kurt Kotter,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Notice and Agenda for Meeting of the Royalty Policy Committee of the Minerals Management Advisory Board

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Department of the Interior (Department) has established a Royalty Policy Committee (Committee), on the Minerals Management Advisory Board, to provide advice on the Department's management of Federal and Indian minerals leases, revenues, and other minerals related policies.

Committee membership includes representatives from States, Indian Tribes and allottee organizations, minerals industry associations, the general public, and Federal Departments.

At this seventh meeting, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) will be prepared to respond to questions concerning plans to implement previously approved reports.

The Committee will consider recommendations by the Net Receipts Sharing Subcommittee and progress reports by the other active subcommittees. Additionally, the Committee will hear status reports from some of the current efforts being undertaken by MMS's Royalty Management Program.

DATES: The meeting will be held on: Tuesday, September 22, 1998, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Mountain time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Denver West, 360 Union Boulevard, Lakewood, Colorado 80228, telephone number (303) 987-2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael A. Miller, Chief, Program Services Office, Royalty Management Program, Minerals Management Service, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3060, Denver, CO 80225-0165, telephone number (303) 231-3413, fax number (303) 231-3362.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The location and dates of future meetings will be published in the **Federal Register**.

The meetings will be open to the public without advanced registration. Public attendance may be limited to the space available.

Members of the public may make statements during the meetings, to the extent time permits, and file written statements with the Committee for its consideration.

Written statements should be submitted to Mr. Michael A. Miller, at the address listed **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Minutes of Committee meetings will be available 10 days following each meeting for public inspection and copying at the Royalty Management Program, Building No. 85, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado.

These meetings are being held by the authority of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. No. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 1, and Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-63, revised.

Dated: August 8, 1998.

Lucy Querques Denett,

Associate Director for Royalty Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Michigan; Concession Contract Negotiations

SUMMARY: Public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award a concession contract authorizing continued scheduled passenger ferry boat transportation services to the Manitou Islands, within Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore for a period of ten (10) years from January 1, 1999, through December 31, 2008.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should contact the Superintendent, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, 9922 Front Street, Highway M-72, Empire, Michigan 49630, or call 616-326-5134 to obtain a copy of the prospectus describing the requirements of the proposed contract.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This contract has been determined to be categorically excluded from the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and no environmental document will be prepared.

The existing concessioner has performed its obligations to the satisfaction of the Secretary under an existing contract which expired by limitation of time on April 30, 1996, and therefore pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of October 9, 1965 (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. et seq.), is entitled to be given preference in the renewal of the contract and in the