

analyses that form the basis for the proposed decision. See 73 FR 30148.

The burden of providing sufficient evidence under the criteria in the regulations rests with the petitioner. See 25 CFR 83.5(c). Because Petitioner #146 has not met criterion 83.7(b), it is not necessary for the Department to make conclusions regarding the other six mandatory criteria at this time.

The PF is based on the evidence currently in the record. Additional evidence may be submitted during the comment period that follows publication of this finding. If new evidence provided during the comment period results in a reversal of this conclusion, the AS-IA will issue an amended PF evaluating all seven criteria. See 73 FR 30148.

### Public Comment Period

Publication of this notice of the PF in the **Federal Register** initiates a 180-day comment period during which the Petitioner and interested and informed parties may submit arguments and evidence to support or rebut the PF. Comments on the PF should be addressed to both the Petitioner and the Federal Government as required by 25 CFR 83.10(i) and as instructed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice by the date listed in the **DATES** section of this notice. Parties who make comments on the PF must also provide a copy of their comments to the Petitioner, please see the Petitioner's address in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. The regulations, 25 CFR 83.10(k), provide the Petitioner a minimum of 60 days to respond to any submissions on the PF received from interested and informed parties during the comment period. After expiration of the comment and response periods described above, the Department will consult with the Petitioner and interested parties to determine an equitable timeframe for consideration of written arguments and evidence. The Department will notify the Petitioner and interested parties of the date such consideration begins. After consideration of the written arguments and evidence rebutting or supporting the PF and the Petitioner's response to the comments of interested and informed parties, the AS-IA will either issue an amended PF or make a final determination regarding the Petitioner's status. The Department will publish a summary of this determination in the **Federal Register**.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may

be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

### Authority

The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs is recused from this matter, and the Principal Deputy AS-IA is issuing this Proposed Finding pursuant to the authority delegated. See 209 DM 8.4(A); 110 DM 8.2.

### Wizipan Garriott,

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Exercising by delegation the authority of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Public Meeting, Southern New Mexico Resource Advisory Council, New Mexico

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Southern New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The RAC is scheduled to host an in-person meeting, with a virtual participation option, on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time at the BLM Las Cruces District Office. All RAC meetings are open to the public.

**ADDRESSES:** BLM Las Cruces Office, 1800 Marquess Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005. A virtual participation option is available on the Zoom Webinar platform. To register, go to [https://blm.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_CEuTHKX4RW2rVYFmrcjIEg](https://blm.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_CEuTHKX4RW2rVYFmrcjIEg).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Wight, BLM Las Cruces District Office, 1800 Marquess Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005; (575) 525-4300; [wwight@blm.gov](mailto:wwight@blm.gov) Individuals in the United States who are deaf, blind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access

telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States can use relay services offered within their respective country to make international calls to the accessibility point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The chartered 12-member Southern New Mexico RAC advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM New Mexico State Director, about planning and management of public land resources located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the RAC.

Planned meeting agenda items include member training; nomination for a Chair and Vice-Chair; review of Federal Land Recreation Enhancement Act fee proposals for the U.S. Forest Service's Lincoln, Gila, and Cibola National Forest Grasslands; updates from the BLM Socorro Field Office along with the Pecos and Las Cruces District Offices; and a 30-minute public comment period. A final agenda will be posted two weeks in advance of the meeting on the RAC web page at [www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/new-mexico/southern-rac](http://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/new-mexico/southern-rac).

**Public Comment Procedures:** The BLM welcomes comments from all interested parties. There will be a half-hour public comment period during the March 29th meeting beginning at 3 p.m. for any interested members of the public who wish to address the Southern New Mexico RAC. Advanced written comments pertaining to this meeting may be submitted in advance to the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section of this notice. Please include "RAC Comment" in your submission. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, the time for individual comments may be limited. Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in any comment, please be aware that all comments—including personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While requests can be made to withhold personal identifying information from public review, BLM cannot guarantee it will be able to do so.

**Meeting Accessibility/Special Accommodations:** For sign language interpreter services, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodations, please contact William Wight, BLM Las Cruces District Office, at (575) 525-4300, or [wwight@blm.gov](mailto:wwight@blm.gov) at least seven business days before the meeting to ensure there is sufficient time to process the request. The Department of the Interior manages

accommodation requests on a case-by-case basis.

Detailed meeting minutes for the Southern New Mexico RAC are maintained in the Las Cruces District Office, located at 1800 Marquess Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005. Meeting minutes will be available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within 90 days following the meeting. Minutes will also be posted on the RAC web page at <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/new-mexico/southern-rac>.

Authority: 43 CFR 1784.4–1.

**James Stovall,**

*BLM Pecos District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Public Meeting of the Idaho Resource Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Idaho Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The Idaho RAC will host a meeting on Friday, March 17, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mountain Time. Public notice of any changes to this schedule will be posted on the Idaho RAC web page (see **ADDRESSES**) 15 days in advance of the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** The Idaho RAC meeting will be held virtually on the Zoom platform and registration information will be available on the RAC’s web page 15 days in advance of the meeting at <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/idaho>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Idaho RAC Coordinator MJ Byrne, telephone: (208) 373–4006, email: [mbyrne@blm.gov](mailto:mbyrne@blm.gov). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States

should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Idaho RAC serves in an advisory capacity to BLM officials concerning issues relating to land use planning and management of public land resources located within the State of Idaho. The Idaho RAC is chartered and the 15 members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. Their diverse perspectives are represented in commodity, non-commodity, and local interests.

Agenda items for the meeting will include recommendations for consideration to the Idaho RAC on the Lava Ridge Wind Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement and any Subcommittee findings. Final agendas will be posted on the RAC web page listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

The meeting is open to the public. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). A public comment period will be offered at 1 p.m. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak and the time available, the amount of time for oral comments may be limited. Written public comments may be sent to the BLM Idaho State Office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. All comments received at least 1 week prior to the meeting will be provided to the Idaho RAC. Please include “RAC comment” in your submission.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, please be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comments to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Detailed summary minutes for the Idaho RAC are maintained in the BLM Idaho State Office and will be available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within 30 days of the meetings. Previous minutes and agendas are also available on the Idaho RAC web page listed earlier.

(Authority: 43 CFR 1784.4–2.)

**Karen Kelleher,**

*Idaho State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

[Docket No. BOEM–2022–0064]

#### Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sale 259

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Final notice of sale.

**SUMMARY:** On Wednesday, March 29, 2023, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) will open and publicly announce bids received for blocks offered in the Gulf of Mexico (GOM) Regionwide Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 259 (GOM Lease Sale 259), in accordance with the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA), as amended, and its implementing regulations. The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 requires BOEM to hold GOM Lease Sale 259 by March 31, 2023. The GOM Lease Sale 259 Final Notice of Sale (NOS) package contains information essential to potential bidders and comprises this notice, Information to Lessees, and Lease Stipulations.

**DATES:** BOEM will hold GOM Lease Sale 259 at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 29, 2023. All times referred to in this document are Central time, unless otherwise specified.

**Bid submission deadline:** BOEM must receive all sealed bids prior to the Bid Submission Deadline of 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, the day before the lease sale. For more information on bid submission, see section VII of this document, “Bidding Instructions.”

**ADDRESSES:** Bids will be accepted by MAIL ONLY through any parcel delivery service (e.g., FedEx, UPS, U.S. Postal Service, DHL), prior to the bid submission deadline, at 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70123. Public bid reading for GOM Lease Sale 259 will be held at 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana. The venue will not be open to the general public, media, or industry during bid opening or reading. Bid opening will be available for public viewing on BOEM’s website at <http://www.boem.gov/Sale-259/> via live-streaming video beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the date of the sale. The results will be posted on BOEM’s website upon