

land is no longer needed for this purpose, and the revocation is needed to permit disposal of the land to the State of Idaho through exchange. This action will open the land to surface entry and mining. The land has been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 24, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Larry R. Lievsay, BLM Idaho State Office, 3380 Americana Terrace, Boise, Idaho 83706-2500, 208-384-3166.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1988), it is ordered as follows:

1. Public Land Order No. 6010, which withdrew the following described public land for the Bureau of Land Management's Idaho Falls Administrative Site, is hereby revoked in its entirety:

Boise Meridian

T. 2 N., R. 38 E.,

Sec. 8, that part of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  described as follows:

Beginning at a point from which the South Quarter Corner of said Section 8 bears South, 41.5 ft. and West, 897 ft.;

Thence E. 224 ft. along the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company right-of-way;

N. 28° 17' E., 617 ft. along the Idaho Irrigation District West right-of-way canal;

S. 69° 08' W., 566.7 ft.;

S. 2° 12' E., 341.7 ft. to the point of beginning.

The area described contains 3.50 acres in Bonneville County.

2. At 9 a.m. on April 24, 1996, the land described above will be opened to the operation of the public land laws generally, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. All valid applications received at or prior to 9 a.m. on April 24, 1996, shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be considered in order of filing.

3. At 9 a.m. on April 24, 1996, the land will be opened to location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. Appropriation of any of the land described in this order under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38 (1988), shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and

initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts.

Dated: March 13, 1996.

Bob Armstrong,

*Assistant Secretary of the Interior.*

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**Lease of Public Land; Tonsina Lake, AK**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of realty action.

**SUMMARY:** This notice of realty action involves a proposal for a 20 year renewable commercial lease to Jeff Chadd, Majestic Mountain Alaskan Adventures. The lease is intended to authorize the construction, maintenance, and operation of commercial recreational facilities related to guiding and outfitting activities on public.

**DATES:** Comments and an application must be received on or before May 9, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and an application must be submitted to the Glennallen District Management Team, P.O. Box 147, Glennallen, Alaska 99588-0147.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

David Mushovic, (907) 822-3217.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The site examined and found suitable for leasing under the provisions of Sec. 302 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, and 43 CFR 2920, is described as within:

Sec. 23, T. 4S., R. 2 W., Copper River Meridian.

An application will only be accepted from Jeff Chadd, who owns Majestic Mountain Alaskan Adventures. The comments and application must include a reference to this notice. Fair market rental as determined by appraisal will be collected for the use of these lands, and reasonable administrative and monitoring costs for processing the lease. A final determination will be made after completion of an environmental assessment.

Dated: March 18, 1996.

David Mushovic,

*Realty Specialist.*

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**Minerals Management Service**

**Outer Continental Shelf, Central Gulf of Mexico; Notice of Leasing Systems, Sale 157**

Section 8(a)(8) (43 U.S.C. 1337(a)(8)) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA) requires that, at least 30 days before any lease sale, a Notice be submitted to the Congress and published in the Federal Register:

1. identifying the bidding systems to be used and the reasons for such use; and

2. designating the tracts to be offered under each bidding system and the reasons for such designation.

This Notice is published pursuant to these requirements.

1. *Bidding systems to be used.* In the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Sale 157, blocks will be offered under the following four bidding systems as authorized by section 8(a)(1) (43 U.S.C. 1337(a)(1)), as amended: (a) Bonus bidding with a fixed 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ -percent royalty on all unleased blocks in less than 200 meters of water; (b) bonus bidding with a fixed 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ -percent royalty on all unleased blocks in 200 and 400 meters of water with a royalty suspension volume of up to 17.5 million barrels of oil equivalent; (c) bonus bidding with a fixed 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ -percent royalty on all unleased blocks in 400 to 800 meters of water with a royalty suspension volume of up to 52.5 million barrels of oil equivalent; and (d) bonus bidding with a fixed 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ -percent royalty on all unleased blocks in water depths of 800 meters or more with a royalty suspension volume of up to 87.5 million barrels of oil equivalent.

For bidding systems (b), (c), and (d), the royalty suspension volumes apply on a one per field basis. The royalty suspension allocation rules are described in the Interim Rule (30 CFR Part 260) addressing royalty relief for new leases that will be published in the Federal Register in late March 1996.

a. *Bonus Bidding with a 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ -percent Royalty.* This system is authorized by section (8)(a)(1)(A) of the OCSLA. This system has been used extensively since the passage of the OCSLA in 1953 and imposes greater risks on the lessee than systems with higher contingency payments but may yield more rewards if a commercial field is discovered. The relatively high front-end bonus

payments may encourage rapid exploration.

b. *Bonus Bidding with a 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ -Percent Royalty and a Royalty Suspension Volume (17.5 million barrels of oil equivalent).* This system is authorized by section (8)(a)(1)(H) of the OCSLA, as amended. This system complies with Sec. 304 of the Outer Continental Shelf Deep Water Royalty Relief Act (DWRRA). An incentive for development and production in water depths of 200 to 400 meters is provided through allocating royalty suspension volumes of 17.5 million barrels of oil equivalent to eligible fields.

c. *Bonus Bidding with a 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ -Percent Royalty and a Royalty Suspension Volume (52.5 million barrels of oil equivalent).* This system is authorized by section (8)(a)(1)(H) of the OCSLA, as amended. It has been chosen for blocks in water depths of 400 to 800 meters proposed for the Central Gulf of Mexico (Sale 157) to comply with Sec. 304 of the DWRRA. The 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ -percent royalty rate is used in deeper water because these blocks are expected to require substantially higher exploration, development, and production costs, as well as longer times before initial production, in comparison to shallow-water blocks. The use of a royalty suspension volume of 52.5 million barrels of oil equivalent for eligible fields provides an incentive for development and production appropriate for this water depth category.

d. *Bonus Bidding with a 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ -percent Royalty and a Royalty Suspension Volume (87.5 million barrels of oil equivalent).* This system is authorized by section (8)(a)(1)(H) of the OCSLA, as amended. It has been chosen for blocks in water depths of 800 meters or more proposed for the Central Gulf of Mexico (Sale 157) to comply with Sec. 304 of the DWRRA. The use of a royalty suspension volume of 87.5 million barrels of oil equivalent for eligible fields provides an incentive for development and production appropriate for these deep water depths.

2. *Designation of Blocks.* The selection of blocks to be offered under the four systems was based on the following factors:

a. Royalty rates on adjacent, previously leased tracts were considered to enhance orderly development of each field.

b. Blocks in deep water were selected for the 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ -percent royalty system based on the favorable performance of this system in these high-cost areas in past sales.

c. The royalty suspension volumes were based on the water depth specific volumes mandated by the DWRRA.

The specific blocks to be offered under each system are shown on the "Stipulations, Lease Terms, and Bidding Systems" and "Royalty Suspension Areas for the Central Gulf of Mexico" maps for Central Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 157. These maps are available from the Public Information Unit, Minerals Managements Service, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394.

Dated: March 18, 1996.

Cynthia Quarterman,

Director, Minerals Management Service.

Approved:

Bob Armstrong,

Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management.

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### **Outer Continental Shelf, Central Gulf of Mexico, Oil and Gas Lease Sale 157—Final**

#### **1. Authority**

This Notice is published pursuant to the Outer Continental Shelf (OSC) Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331-1356, (1988)), and the regulations issued thereunder (30 CFR Part 256).

#### **2. Filing of Bids**

(a) Sealed bids will be received by the Regional Director (RD), Gulf of Mexico Region, Minerals Management Service (MMS), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394. Bids may be delivered in person to that address during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Central Standard Time (c.s.t.)) until the Bid Submission Deadline at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 23, 1996. Hereinafter, all times cited in this Notice refer to c.s.t. unless otherwise stated. Bids received by the RD later than the submission deadlines specified above will be returned unopened to the bidders. Bids may not be modified or withdrawn unless written modification or written withdrawal request is received by the RD prior to the Bid Submission Deadline specified above. Bid Opening Time will be 9 a.m., Wednesday, April 24, 1996, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 500 Poydras Plaza, New Orleans, Louisiana. All bids must be submitted and will be considered in accordance with applicable regulations, including 30 CFR Part 256. The list of restricted joint bidders which applies to this sale appeared in the Federal Register on October 16, 1995, at 60 FR 53642.

(b) In the event a natural disaster (such as widespread flooding) or other occurrence causes the MMS Gulf of Mexico Regional Office to be closed on Tuesday, April 23, 1996, bids will be accepted until 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 24, 1996, at the site of bid opening specified above. Under these conditions, bids may be modified or withdrawn upon written notification up until 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 24, 1996. Closure of the office may be determined by calling (504) 736-0557 and hearing a recorded message to that effect.

#### **3. Method of Bidding**

(a) *Submission of Bids.* A separate signed bid in a sealed envelope labeled "Sealed Bid for Oil and Gas Lease Sale 157, not to be opened until 9 a.m., c.s.t., Wednesday, April 24, 1996" must be submitted for each tract bid upon. The sealed envelope and the bid should contain the following information: the company name, Gulf of Mexico Company Name (GOM Company Number), area number and/or name (abbreviations acceptable), and the block number of the tract bid upon. In addition, the total amount bid to be considered by MMS must be in whole dollar amount. Any cent amount above the whole dollar will be ignored by MMS.

Bidders must submit with each bid  $\frac{1}{5}$ th of the cash bonus, in cash or by cashier's check, bank draft, or certified check, payable to the order of the U.S. Department of the Interior—Minerals Management Service. For identification purposes, the following information must appear on the check or draft: company name, GOM Company Number, and the area and block bid on (abbreviation acceptable). No bid for less than all of the unleased portion(s) of a block will be considered.

All documents must be executed in conformance with signatory authorizations on file in the Gulf of Mexico regional office. Partnerships also need to submit or have on file a list of signatories authorized to bind the partnership. Bidders submitting joint bids must state on the bid form the proportionate interest of each participating bidder, in percent to a maximum of five decimal places, e.g., 33.33333 percent. Other documents may be required of bidders under 30 CFR 256.46. Bidders are warned against violation of 18 U.S.C. 1860 prohibiting unlawful combination or intimidation of bidders.

(b) *Submission of Statement(s) Regarding Certain Geophysical Data.* Each company submitting a bid, or participating as a joint bidder in such a bid, shall submit, prior to the Bid