

Dated: March 18, 1997.

Jo Simpson,

Assistant District Manager, External Affairs.

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[CO-934-97-5700-00; COC56821]

Colorado; Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

Under the provisions of Public Law 97-451, a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease COC56821, Huerfano County, Colorado, was timely filed and was accompanied by all required rentals and royalties accruing from September 1, 1996, the date of termination.

No valid lease has been issued affecting the lands. The lessee has agreed to new lease terms or rental and royalties at rates of \$10 per acre and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee for the lease and has reimbursed the Bureau of Land Management for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice.

Having met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Section 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, (30 U.S.C. 188 (d) and (e)), the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate the lease effective September 1, 1996, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to Patti Gillard of the Colorado State Office (303) 239-3777.

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Patti Gillard,

Land Law Examiner, Oil and Gas Management Team.

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[MT-923-07-1020-04-WEED]

Notice of Proposed Supplementary Rules To Require the Use of Certified Noxious Weed Seed Free Forage or Pelletized Feed on U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management-administered Lands in Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Montana State Director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing a requirement that BLM visitors in Montana use certified noxious weed seed free hay, grain, straw, mulch, cubes and pelletized feed

when visiting BLM-administered lands in Montana. This requirement will affect visitors who use hay, grain, cubes, straw or pelletized feed on the BLM-administered lands in Montana such as: recreationists using pack and saddle stock, ranchers with grazing permits, outfitters, and contractors who use straw or other mulch for reseeding or erosion control purposes. These individuals or groups would be required to purchase certified noxious weed seed free forage products, for use while on BLM-administered lands in Montana.

DATES: The comment period ends on April 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: Director (923), USDI Bureau of Land Management, 222 North 32nd Street, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Noxious weeds are a serious problem in the western United States. Species like leafy spurge, spotted knapweed, Russian knapweed, musk thistle, Dalmatian toadflax, purple loosestrife, and many others are alien to the United States and have no natural enemies to keep their populations in balance. Consequently, these undesirable weeds invade healthy ecosystems, displace native vegetation, reduce species diversity, and destroy wildlife habitat. Widespread infestations lead to soil erosion and stream sedimentation. Furthermore, noxious weed invasions weaken reforestation efforts, reduce forage for domestic and wild ungulates occasionally irritate public land users by aggravating allergies and other ailments, and threaten federally protected plants and animals.

To curb the spread of noxious weeds, a growing number of western states have jointly developed noxious weed-free forage certification standards and, in cooperation with various federal, state, and county agencies, passed weed management laws. Because hay and other forage products containing noxious weed seed are part of the infestation problem, Montana has developed a state forage inspection-certification-identification process; participates in a regional inspection-certification-identification process; and encourages forage producers to grow noxious weed seed free products.

In cooperation with the State of Montana, and the Forest Service as published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**, the BLM is proposing—for all BLM-administered lands within Montana—a ban on hay, straw, mulch, cubes or pellets that have not been certified. This proposal includes a public information plan to

ensure that: (1) this ban (a.d.a. closure order) is well publicized and understood; and (2) BLM visitors will know where they can purchase state-certified hay or other products.

These supplementary rules will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations.

The principal author of these proposed supplementary rules is Hank McNeel, Weed Management Specialist, BLM Montana State Office.

For the reasons stated above, under the authority of 43 CFR 8365.1-6, the BLM Montana State Office, proposes supplementary rules to read as follows: Supplementary Rules to Require the Use of Certified Noxious Weed Seed Free Forage on BLM-Administered Lands in Montana:

(a)(1) To prevent the spread of weeds on BLM-administered lands in Montana, effective May 20, 1997, all BLM lands within the State of Montana, at all times of the year, shall be closed to possessing or storing hay, straw, or mulch that has not been certified as free of noxious weed seed.

(2) Certification must be by an authorized State Department of Agriculture official or designated county official.

(3) The following persons are exempt from this order: anyone with a permit signed by BLM's authorized officer at the BLM Resource Area Office specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission within that area.

(b) Any person who knowingly and willfully violates the provisions of these supplemental rules regarding the use of noncertified noxious weed seed free hay, straw, mulch, cubes or pellets when visiting BLM-administered lands in Montana without authorization required, may be commanded to appear before a designated United States magistrate and may be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment of not more than 12 months, or both, as defined in 43 U.S.C. 1733(a).

Dated: March 14, 1997.

Thomas P. Lonnie,

Deputy State Director, Division of Resources.

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Minerals Management Service

Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Policy Committee of the Minerals Management Advisory Board; Notice and Agenda for Meeting

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

SUMMARY: The OCS Policy Committee of the Minerals Management Advisory Board will meet at the Westfields Conference Center in Chantilly, Virginia on April 30–May 1, 1997.

The agenda will cover the following principal subjects:

- Report from the Subcommittee on Environmental Information for Select OCS Areas Under Moratoria
- Report from the Hard Minerals Subcommittee
- Gulf of Mexico Update: A Broad Brush Look at Current Activities
- Sharing of Benefits with the States
- Update on the Reauthorization of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act
- Alaska Update
- New Offshore Development Projects in Eastern Canada
- Law of the Sea Update
- DOE Update on the U.S. Energy Policy Given Current Supply/Demand Picture and Other Policy Issues
- Emerging Issues

The meeting is open to the public. Upon request, interested parties may make oral or written presentations to the OCS Policy Committee. Such requests should be made no later than April 18, 1997, to the Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, MS-4001, Herndon, Virginia 20170, Attention: Jeryne Bryant.

Requests to make oral statements should be accompanied by a summary of the statement to be made. For more information, call Jeryne Bryant at (703) 787-1211.

Minutes of the OCS Policy Committee meeting will be available for public inspection and copying at the Minerals Management Service in Herndon, Virginia.

DATES: Wednesday, April 30 and Thursday, May 1, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The Westfields Conference Center, 14750 Conference Center Drive, Chantilly, Virginia 20121—(703) 818-0300.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeryne Bryant at the address and phone number listed above.

Authority: Federal Advisory Committee Act, P.L. No. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 1, and the Office of Management and Budget's Circular No. A-63, Revised.

Dated: March 21, 1997.

Carolita U. Kallaur,

Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.

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Notice on Outer Continental Shelf Gas and Oil Lease Sales

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: List of Restricted Joint Bidders.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Minerals Management Service by the joint bidding provisions of 30 CFR 256.41, each entity within one of the following groups shall be restricted from bidding with any entity in any other of the following groups at Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas lease sales to be held during the bidding period from May 1, 1997, through October 31, 1997. The List of Restricted Joint Bidders published October 17, 1996, in the **Federal Register** at 61 FR 54213 covered the period of November 1, 1996, through April 30, 1997.

Group I. Exxon Corporation; Exxon San Joaquin Production Co.

Group II. Shell Oil Co.; Shell Offshore Inc.; Shell Western E&P Inc.; Shell Frontier Oil & Gas Inc.; Shell Consolidated Energy Resources Inc.; Shell Land & Energy Company; Shell Onshore Ventures Inc.; CalResources LLC; Shell Deepwater Development Inc.; Shell Deepwater Production Inc.; Shell Offshore Properties and Capital Inc.

Group III. Mobil Oil Corp.; Mobil Oil Exploration and Producing Southeast Inc.; Mobil Producing Texas and New Mexico Inc.; Mobil Exploration and Producing North America Inc.

Group IV. BP America Inc.; The Standard Oil Co.; BP Exploration & Oil Inc.; BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc.

Dated: March 21, 1997.

Robert E. Brown,

Acting Director, Minerals Management Service.

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National Park Service

AGENCY: National Park Service.

ACTION: Extension of comment period, publication of certain concession policies and procedures.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service gave notice in the **Federal Register** of February 20, 1997 (Vol. 62, No. 34, Page 7798), that it was publishing for comment those portions of its staff manual (NPS-48) which had not been published for comment previously. Comments in response to that notice were due on March 24, 1997. NPS is hereby extending the public comment period for an additional 15 days through April 8, 1997.

COMMENT DUE DATE: April 8, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Robert Yearout, Program Manager, Concession Program, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, D.C. 20013-7127.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of those sections of NPS-48 which have not been published for comment previously may be obtained by contacting Wendelin Mann, Concession Program, National Park Service (202) 565-1219.

Dated: March 20, 1997.

Robert K. Yearout,

Concession Program Manager.

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Subsistence Resource Commission Meeting

SUMMARY: The Superintendent of Denali National Park and the Chairperson of the Subsistence Resource Commission for Denali National Park announce a forthcoming meeting of the Denali National Park Subsistence Resource Commission.

The following agenda items will be discussed:

- (1) Call to order by Chair.
- (2) Roll call and confirmation of quorum.
- (3) Superintendent's welcome and introductions.
- (4) Approval of minutes of last meeting.
- (5) Additions and corrections to agenda.
- (6) Old business:
 - a. Wildlife studies.
 - b. NPS Subsistence Issue Paper report.
 - c. Park planning and North Access updates.
- (7) New business:
 - a. Federal subsistence proposals.
 - b. Regional Advisory Councils' actions.
 - c. Draft Resources Management Plan.
- (8) Public and other agency comments.
- (9) Set time and place of next SRC meeting.
- (10) Adjournment.

DATES: The meeting will be held Friday, March 28, 1997. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude around 6 p.m.

LOCATION: The meeting will be held at the North Star Inn's Conference Room in Healy, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steve Martin, Superintendent, Denali National Park and Preserve, PO Box 9, Denali Park, Alaska 99755. Phone (907) 683-2294.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Subsistence Resource Commissions are