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Dated: September 15, 1997.

Gilbert J. Lucero,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-015-07-1060-04]

Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management—Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management, Lower Snake River District proposes to gather approximately 150 wild horses from the Hardtrigger, Black Mountain and Sands Basin Herd Area located within the Owyhee Herd Management Area. A public meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Bureau of Land Management, Lower Snake River District Office located at 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho to discuss the proposed gathering. The proposed wild horse gathering is planned to begin on or about November 12, 1997. A helicopter will be used to gather the horses.

DATES: October 22, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Schultsmeier or Jay K. Carlson, Bureau of Land Management, Boise District Officer, 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83705. Telephone (208) 384-3430.

Dated: September 17, 1997.

Jerry L. Kidd,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-958-1430-01; GP7-0282; OR-51831-WA]

Amendment of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management has amended its

application in part to withdraw certain lands in the San Juan Archipelago. This action will amend the legal description and acreage but will not change the effects or duration of segregation which temporarily closed the lands from surface entry and mining until June 4, 1998. The public lands have been and will remain open to mineral leasing. Upon acquisition, the non-Federal land will be opened to the mineral leasing laws.

DATES: Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by December 26, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments and meetings requests should be sent to the Oregon/Washington State Director, BLM, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208-2965.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Betty McCarthy, BLM Oregon/Washington State Office, 503-952-6155.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Notice of Proposed Withdrawal was published in the **Federal Register**, 61 FR 28594, June 5, 1996, which segregated the lands from settlement, sale, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. ch. 2(1994)) but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights. The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect the natural and recreational values on seven waterfront tracts, one inland tract, and two islands in the San Juan Archipelago. On August 22, 1997, an amendment was filed which added 36.26 acres of public lands to the proposed withdrawal and deleted 4.39 acres of non-Federal land, and which affected Tracts H and K. The proposed withdrawal, is amended to read as follows:

Willamette Meridian

Public Lands

T. 34 N., R. 1 W., (Tract H),

Sec. 17, those portions of the south 530 (formerly 200) feet of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ as more particularly identified and described in the official records of the Bureau of Land Management, Oregon/Washington State Office and the Wenatchee Area Office, Wenatchee, Washington.

T. 34 N., R. 1 W., (Tract K),

Sec. 21, that portion of lot 2 and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ as more particularly identified and described in the official records of the Bureau of Land Management, Oregon/Washington State Office and the Wenatchee Area Office, Wenatchee, Washington.

T. 34 N., R. 1 W., (Tract J),

Sec. 21, those portions of lot 2 and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, TOGETHER with tidelands of the second class abutting thereon as more particularly identified and

described in the official records of the Bureau of Land Management, Oregon/Washington State Office and the Wenatchee Area Office, Wenatchee, Washington.

T. 34 N., R. 1 W., (Cape St. Mary, Tract L) Sec. 15, lot 1.

T. 35 N., R. 1 W., (Lopez Pass, Tract M) Sec. 33, lot 1.

T. 36 N., R. 2 E., (Eliza Island, Tract N)

Sec. 5, unsurveyed portion of Eliza Island.

T. 36 N., R. 2 E., (Carter Point, Tract O) Sec. 6, unsurveyed portion of Lummi Island.

T. 37 N., R. 1 E., (Lummi Rocks, Tract P) Sec. 27, unsurveyed Lummi Rocks in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 37 N., R. 2 E., (Chuckanut Rock, Tract Q) Sec. 24, unsurveyed Chuckanut Rock.

The areas described aggregate approximately 196.26 (formerly 160) acres of public lands in San Juan and Whatcom Counties.

Non-Federal Land

T. 34 N., R. 1 W., (Tract I)

Sec. 21, lot 1 and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 75.61 (formerly 80) acres of non-Federal land in San Juan County.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the amended proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the State Director at the address indicated above.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the amended proposed withdrawal. All interested parties who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the amended proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the State Director at the address indicated above within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

The lands will remain segregated as specified above until June 4, 1998, unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The temporary land uses which may be permitted during this segregative period include leases, licenses, permits, rights-of-way, and disposal of mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

Dated: September 11, 1997.

Robert D. DeViney, Jr.,

Chief, Branch of Realty and Records Services.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Policy Committee of the 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 San Luis Resort and Conference Center in Galveston, Texas on October 29-30, 1997.

The agenda will cover the following principal subjects:

- Report from the Coastal Impact Assistance Working Group
- Report from the Hard Minerals Subcommittee
- Central and Western Gulf of Mexico: Update and Challenges
- Update on Leasing and Activity
- Changing Geological Potential—Recent Discoveries and Drilling
- Technology Advances, Issues and Research
- Tight Demand for Rigs and Vessels
- Supply of Labor and Training
- Environmental Studies and Issues
- Eastern Gulf of Mexico Issues
- Geological Plays and Ecological Perspective
- Future Developments
- “The Promise and the Reward: 50 Years Offshore”
- U.N. Year of the Ocean
- Congressional Update
- OCS Scientific Committee Update
- Alaska and Pacific Regional Updates

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 October 17, 1997, to the Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, MS-4001, Herndon, Virginia 20170, Attention: Jeryne Bryant.

Request 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, October 29 and Thursday, October 30, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The San Luis Resort and Conference Center, 5222 Seawall Boulevard, Galveston, Texas 77551—(800) 445-0090 or (409) 744-1500.

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: September 23, 1997.

Thomas A. Readinger,

Acting Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent to Repatriate Cultural Items in the Possession of the Palm Springs Desert Museum, Palm Springs, CA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is hereby given under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3005 (a)(2), of the intent to repatriate cultural items in the possession of the Palm Springs Desert Museum which meet the definition of “sacred object” and “unassociated funerary object” under Section 2 of the Act.

The 22 cultural items consist of a ceremonial bundle, a clay pipe with red pigment, a bone whistle, two dance sticks, four feather wands, a set of twelve wooden counting sticks for peon; a set of eight pieces used in peon, a clay pipe; a set of flicker feather straps; an olla with red pigment; a tortoise shell rattle; a small mortar and pestle set; a gray fox headband; a coyote skin headband; a bear fur piece; two bone and asphaltum whistles; and a strand of shell, ceramic and stone beads.

In 1954, the set of twelve wooden counting sticks for peon were donated to the Palm Springs Desert Museum by Cornelia B. White and A.E. Dickinson.

In 1958, a clay pipe was donated to the Palm Springs Desert Museum by Randall Henderson who indicated it was found in Indio Heights.

In 1961 and 1965, Dr. Lowell Bean, Anthropologist of the Palm Springs Desert Museum, purchased the ceremonial bundle, bone whistle, and two wooden dance sticks from unknown sources, and the tortoise shell rattle from Seraglio Welmas, a member of the Agua Caliente Band.

In 1965, the set of flicker feather straps, a clay pipe, two bone and asphaltum whistles, four ceremonial feather wands, the coyote headband, the gray fox headband, the bear fur piece, and the peon game were donated to the Palm Springs Desert Museum from unknown sources.

In 1985, a ceramic olla with red pigment was donated to the Palm Springs Desert Museum by Edward B. And Josefa Kaminski. This olla was removed from Tahquitz Canyon within the Agua Caliente reservation.

In 1990, a small granite mortar and pestle were donated to the Palm Springs Desert Museum by Ms. Mary Elizabeth Redeker. During the 1970s, Ms. Redeker was given the mortar and pestle by Nina Paul Shumway, who found these items in the Coachella Valley, site unknown, around 1920.

Consultation with representatives of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians indicates that the 21 items listed above are specific ceremonial objects used and worn in sacred ceremonies and needed by traditional Native American religious leaders for the practice of traditional Native American religion by their present-day adherents.

In 1975, a strand of bone, shell, and stone beads exhibiting blackening was donated to the Palm Springs Desert Museum by Nina Paul Shumway. Consultation with representatives of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians indicate that such blackening is consistent with cremation, the traditional funerary practice of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians.

Based on the above-mentioned information, officials of the Palm Springs Desert Museum have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(3)(B), the one strand of bone, shell, and stone beads is reasonably believed to have been placed with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony and are believed, by a preponderance of the evidence, to have been removed from a burial site of an Native American individual. Officials of the Palm Springs Desert Museum have also determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(3)(C), the remaining 21 cultural items are specific ceremonial objects needed by traditional Native American religious leaders for the practice of traditional Native American religions by their present-day adherents. Officials of the Palm Springs Desert Museum have also determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(2), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between these 22 items and the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians.