

horses and burros shall be established through the Land Use Planning Process pursuant to 43 CFR 1600.

Issues to be addressed include: the presence of burros at impact areas from a munitions research and development firing range; management of animals outside of the herd area; management of the current horse and burro herd to reach and maintain an appropriate management level; provisions for refining forage utilization monitoring protocols; and the use of new technologies to monitor herd size.

Documents relevant to the planning process will be available for public review at the BLM Yuma Field Office, 2555 Gila Ridge Road, Yuma, Arizona.

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Dated: August 27, 1998.

**Gail Acheson,**  
*Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NM-952-08-1420-00]

#### Notice of Filing of Plat of Survey; New Mexico

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The plats of survey described below will be officially filed in the New Mexico State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Santa Fe, New Mexico, on September 25, 1998.

New Mexico Principal Meridian, New Mexico:

Tp. 16 N., R. 8 E., accepted June 16, 1998, for Group 827 NM; T. 21 N., Rs. 7 & 8 E., accepted July 23, 1998, for Group 948 NM; T. 20 N., R. 13 E., accepted June 12, 1998, for Group 909 NM; T. 31 N., R. 17 W., accepted June 9, 1998, for Group 922 NM; T. 17 N., R. 8 E., accepted June 25, 1998, for Group 953 NM; T. 13 N., Rs. 6 and 7 E., and T. 14 N., R. 6 E., accepted July 22, 1998, for Group 956 NM; T. 29 S., R. 4 E., Supplemental Plat, accepted June 12, 1998, NM; and the Tigua Indian Reservation, accepted June 12, 1998, for Group 4 Texas.

If a protest against a survey, as shown on any of the above plats is received prior to the date of official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest. A plat will not be officially filed until the day after

all protests have been dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

A person or party who wishes to protest against any of these surveys must file a written protest with the NM State Director, Bureau of Land Management, stating that they wish to protest.

A statement of reasons for a protest may be filed with the notice of protest to the State Director, or the statement of reasons must be filed with the State Director within thirty (30) days after the protest is filed.

The above-listed plats represent dependent resurveys, surveys, and subdivisions.

These plats will be in the New Mexico State Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115. Copies may be obtained from this office upon payment of \$1.10 per sheet.

Dated: August 25, 1998.

**John P. Bennett,**

*Chief Cadastral Surveyor for New Mexico.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Announcement of Minerals Management Service Meeting on Oil Royalty-In-Kind Pilot Program in Wyoming

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Minerals Management Service (MMS) will hold a half-day meeting with successful bidders under MMS's July 1, 1998, Invitation for Bids (IFB) on royalty-in-kind (RIK) oil produced from Federal leases in Wyoming and with the lessees and operators of properties successfully bid on. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues involved in implementing sales of Federal crude oil production to be taken as royalty-in-kind and sold under contracts resulting from the IFB.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on September 14, 1998, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., Mountain time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Wyoming Oil and Gas Commission Building, 777 West First Street, Casper, Wyoming.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Bonn J. Macy, Minerals Management Service, 1849 C Street, NW, MS 4230,

Washington, D.C. 20240; telephone number (202) 208-3827; fax (202) 208-3918; e-mail Bonn.Macy@mms.gov; or Mr. Robert Kronebusch of MMS (the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative), P.O. Box 25165, MS 9200, Denver, CO 80225-0165, telephone number (303) 275-7113; fax (303) 275-7124; e-mail

Robert.Kronebusch@mms.gov.

**COMMENTS:** Written comments on the meetings or the issues discussed below should be addressed to Mr. Bonn J. Macy at the address given in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject of this Notice is the continuation of MMS's planning process for the oil RIK pilot in Wyoming, one of three RIK pilot programs MMS is developing based on the recommendations in our 1997 RIK Feasibility Study. The objective of the Wyoming crude oil pilot program, as with all three pilots, is to test the effectiveness of the RIK concept for collecting Federal oil and gas royalties. MMS seeks to produce an RIK structure that reduces the administrative burden of royalty collection for both industry and government without creating a negative impact on Federal royalty revenues shared, in some cases, with States.

Operators of Federal leases in Wyoming that were successfully bid on have been directed to deliver royalty volumes in-kind for affected leases and associated communitization/unit agreements. For all other leases or agreements, payors will continue paying royalties based on current requirements.

Topics to be discussed at the meeting are:

1. Overall framework and phases of the Wyoming pilot.
2. Intent of the pilot.
3. Operator responsibilities:
  - ▶ Reporting.
  - ▶ Imbalance procedures.
  - ▶ Communication with purchasers.
  - ▶ Verification of royalty volumes.
  - ▶ Special considerations regarding trucked volumes.
  - ▶ Project termination and next phases of the pilot.
4. Purchaser responsibilities:
  - ▶ 100% takes of all royalty volumes delivered.
  - ▶ Communication with operator.
  - ▶ Reporting.
5. Question and Answer Period.

MMS has notified operators of affected properties and successful bidders of this meeting. If you are the operator or lessee of an affected property, or are a successful bidder under the July 1, 1998, IFB on crude oil produced from Federal leases in

Wyoming, you are urged to attend or send representative(s) to the September 14, 1998, meeting to address these issues at the location provided under ADDRESSES in this Notice.

Dated: August 31, 1998.

**Walter D. Cruickshank,**

*Associate Director for Policy and Management Improvement.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Electronic Commerce in the Minerals Management Service

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of an electronic commerce presentation.

**SUMMARY:** The Minerals Management Service (MMS) in conjunction with other Federal and State regulatory agencies is participating in an Electronic Commerce (EC) presentation in Austin, Texas, on October 2, 1998. This presentation will assist those reporters or individuals considering EC implementation or pilot testing with MMS.

**DATES:** The EC presentation is Friday, October 2, 1998.

**LOCATION:** Renaissance Austin Hotel, 9721 Arboretum Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78759, telephone number: (512) 343-2626.

The Renaissance Austin Hotel is located near the intersection of Loop 360 and Highway 183. From I-35, take the Highway 183/Research Boulevard North exit and proceed four miles to Great Hills Trail. The Renaissance Austin Hotel is fifteen minutes from downtown Austin.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Timothy Allard, Systems Management Division, Royalty Management Program, Minerals Management Service, P. O. Box 25165, MS 3140, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165, telephone numbers (800) 619-4593, and (303) 275-7007, fax number (303) 275-7099, e-mail [timothy.allard@mms.gov](mailto:timothy.allard@mms.gov) or Mr. Stephen Adams, Information Technology Division, Offshore Minerals Management, Minerals Management Service, 1201 Elmwood Park Blvd., MS 4520, Jefferson, Louisiana 70123, telephone number (504) 731-3033, fax number (504) 731-3004, e-mail [stephen.adams@mms.gov](mailto:stephen.adams@mms.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** MMS is participating in an EC presentation offered at no cost to companies and interested parties that are considering EC implementation or pilot testing of regulatory reports. The presentation will be held in conjunction with the American Petroleum Institute (API), Petroleum Industry Data Exchange (PIDX), Electronic Commerce Conference and Trade Show in Austin, Texas. If you plan to attend the API PIDX Electronic Commerce Conference and Trade Show scheduled for September 28, through October 1, 1998, a registration fee may apply. MMS instructors are employees of the Royalty Management Program, Systems Management Division and the Offshore Minerals Management, Information Technology Division.

#### Agenda

*Session Times:* 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

*Subject:* EC activities and capabilities of various regulatory agencies. Agencies will discuss EC reporting options, projects, future directions, and implementation handbooks. Agencies will solicit feedback from those companies that attend regarding preferred EC practices.

#### Agencies Participating Include

Minerals Management Service  
Bureau of Land Management  
Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas  
ONGARD Service Center of the State of New Mexico  
Railroad Commission of Texas

If you plan to attend the EC presentation, please leave a message for Tim Allard or Stephen Adams at the telephone, and FAX numbers, or e-mail address in the information contact section of this notice no later than September 25, 1998.

Dated: August 28, 1998.

**Lucy Querques Denett,**

*Associate Director for Royalty Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Notice of Consent Decree Under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that a consent decree in *United States v. BFX Hospitality Group, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 98-CV-1297 TJM GLS (N.D.N.Y.) was lodged with the United States District

Court for the Northern District of New York on August 11, 1998.

The proposed consent decree resolves claims asserted by the United States, on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), against BFX Hospitality Group, Inc. ("Settling Defendant") under Sections 106 and 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606, 9607. The claims sought to recover past and future response costs and to obtain an order requiring the Settling Defendant to implement the selected remedy for Operable Unit One at the Robintech Inc./National Pipe Co. Superfund Site ("Site") in the Town of Vestal, New York. The United States alleged that, under Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a), BFX Hospitality Group, Inc., is liable as the current owner of the Site and an owner and operator of the Site at the time of the disposal or release of hazardous substances.

The proposed Consent Decree requires the Settling Defendant to implement the selected remedy for the Site at an estimated cost of \$3 million. The United States will be reimbursed by the Settling Defendant for \$550,000 of past response costs. The Settling Defendants will also pay \$600,000 of EPA's oversight costs, and EPA's future response costs associated with the Site.

The Department of Justice will accept written comments relating to the proposed consent decree for thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Please address comments to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044 and refer to *United States v. BFX Hospitality Group, Inc.* (N.D.N.Y.), DJ #90-11-2-764.

Copies of the proposed consent decree may be examined at the office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, 45 Broadway, Room 231, Albany NY 12207; at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II, 290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007-1866; and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 624-0892. A copy of the consent decree may also be obtained in person or by mail at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. When requesting a copy of the consent decree by mail, please enclose a check in the amount of \$60.75 (twenty-five cents per page