

wilderness EIS and wilderness report documents which are also on file in the Worland Field Office. The decisions regarding wilderness area designations are made by Congress. When Congress makes the wilderness decisions for the WSAs in the Grass Creek Planning Area, those decisions will be incorporated into the Grass Creek RMP.

The Grass Creek RMP includes the following Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) designations: areas open to off-road vehicle use, areas closed to off-road vehicle use, and areas with off-road vehicle use limited to designated roads and trails, limited seasonally, and limited to existing roads and trails. Maps of the ORV designations are on file in the Worland Field Office.

Specific designations are as follows: An open designation on approximately 900 acres west of Worland.

Closed designations on approximately 80 acres at the Duck Swamp-Bridger Trail Environmental Education Area and on approximately 900 acres at the Worland rifle range. In addition, public lands near the Sheep Mountain, Red Butte, Bobcat Draw Badlands, and Owl Creek wilderness study areas (about 52,460 acres) will be managed as closed to ORV use until activity planning specifically addresses ORV use in these areas.

Limited designations: Off-road vehicle use is limited to designated roads and trails and limited seasonally on about 68,000 acres of public land in the Absaroka Mountain foothills. Off-road vehicle use is limited to designated roads and trails on about 9,000 acres of public land in the Red Canyon Creek area south of Thermopolis. Off-road vehicle use in the Meeteetse Draw Rock Art area is limited to designated roads and trails on about 6,800 acres of public land. In the remainder of the planning area, ORV use on BLM-administered public land is limited to existing roads and trails.

Parties who are interested in and who wish to be involved in future activity planning and implementation of management actions that may involve or affect the resource values addressed in the Grass Creek RMP are requested to identify themselves. Please contact the Worland Field Office at the above address and request to be placed on a future contact list for activity planning and implementation activities concerning the Grass Creek RMP.

Dated: January 12, 1999.

Alan R. Pierson,
State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Availability of Draft Statewide Resource Management Plan Amendment/Draft Environmental Impact Statement, of Land Use Plans in New Mexico for Implementation of New Mexico Standards for Public Land Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Office.

ACTION: Notice of Availability, and Public Hearing Schedule.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management announces the availability for public review of the Draft Statewide Resource Management Plan Amendment/Draft Environmental Impact Statement, of Land Use Plans in New Mexico for Implementation of New Mexico Standards for Public Land Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management. The Draft Statewide Resource Management Plan Amendment/Draft Environmental Impact Statement addresses the effects of adopting statewide standards for public land health and guidelines for livestock grazing on BLM administered lands in New Mexico. When adopted the standards and guidelines would be incorporated into eight BLM land use plans that cover approximately 13.5 million acres of BLM-administered land. This action is proposed in accordance with revised regulations for livestock grazing on BLM-administered lands (43 CFR 4100). Notice also is given that public hearings will be held to seek public comment on the adequacy of the Draft Statewide Resource Management Plan Amendment/Draft Environmental Impact Statement, including alternatives and the impacts of those alternatives.

DATES: Twelve public hearings have been scheduled. All hearings will have an afternoon and an evening session. The afternoon hearing will begin at 2:00 p.m. and continue until those signed up to speak have done so or until 5:00 p.m., at which time there will be a dinner recess. After a break for dinner the hearing will reconvene at 7:00 p.m. for the evening hearing and run until those signed up to speak have had an opportunity to do so. Both oral and written testimony will be accepted at the hearings. A 5-minute time limit will be placed on oral comments, which should be accompanied by a written synopsis of the presentation. Written and oral comments will be equally evaluated in full and considered in the

preparation of the Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment/Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Hearings are scheduled for the following locations and dates:

March 08, 1999—Crownpoint Institute of Technology, Crownpoint, NM.

March 09, 1999—Civic Center located at 200 West Arrington, Farmington, NM.

March 10, 1999—Cuba High School, 50 County Road 13, Cuba, NM.

March 11, 1999—Lucero Center in the Espanola Plaza, Espanola, NM.

March 15, 1999—Holiday Inn at Paseo Del Pueblo Sur, Taos, NM.

March 16, 1999—BLM Office, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 1474 Rodeo Rd., Santa Fe, NM.

March 17, 1999—BLM Office, Conference Room, 1800 Marquess St., Las Cruces, NM.

March 18, 1999—110 South Diamond, Deming, NM.

March 22, 1999—BLM Office, Conference Room, 435 Montano NE, Albuquerque, NM.

March 23, 1999—Otero County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, Room 253, 1000 New York Ave., Alamogordo, NM.

March 24, 1999—Carlsbad Public Library Annex at 101 St. Halagueno, Carlsbad, NM.

March 25, 1999—NM Military Institute, Toles Learning Center, Maybee Room, 101 W College, Roswell, NM.

Oral and written testimony will be accepted at the hearings.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the document must be postmarked on or before May 17, 1999 (closing date for public comments) and should be addressed to: J.W. Whitney, BLM Project Team Leader, Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Office, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, NM 87502-7115, telephone: 505-438-7438. Copies of the Draft Statewide Resource Management Plan Amendment/Draft Environmental Impact Statement are available at BLM field offices in Farmington, Taos, Albuquerque, Socorro, Las Cruces, Roswell and Carlsbad. The BLM and State have also requested County Managers to make individual copies available for review at each County Manager's Office throughout the State of New Mexico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J.W. Whitney, BLM Project Leader, BLM, New Mexico State Office, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, NM 87502-7115.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours

(8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the Proposed Statewide Resource Management Plan Amendment/Final Environmental Impact Statement. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or business, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety. Four alternatives are considered in detail in the Draft Statewide Resource Management Plan Amendment/Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The no action alternative (continuation of current management) provides a baseline for comparison with other alternatives. The proposed action (RAC alternative) is to

incorporate statewide standards and guidelines into affected land use plans. The proposed action is also the BLM preferred alternative. The county alternative is to adopt and implement county developed standards and guidelines into affected land use plans. The fallback alternative is to adopt and implement standards and guidelines defined in BLM's grazing regulations into affected land use plans.

Dated: January 21, 1999.

Richard A. Whitley,

Associate State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Environmental Documents Prepared for Proposed Oil and Gas Operations on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of the Availability of Environmental Documents Prepared for OCS Mineral Proposals on the Gulf of Mexico OCS.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS), in accordance with Federal Regulations (40 CFR 1501.4 and § 1506.6) that implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), announces the availability of NEPA-related Site-Specific Environmental Assessments (SEA's) and Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI's), prepared by MMS for the following oil and gas activities proposed on the Gulf of Mexico OCS. This listing includes all proposals for which the FONSI's were prepared by the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region in the period subsequent to publication of the preceding notice.

Activity/operator	Location	Date
Conoco, Inc., Exploration Activity, SEA No. N-6213.	Atwater Valley Area, Blocks 155 and 156, Leases OCS-G 18504 and 18505, 82 miles south-southeast of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.	10/20/98
Coastal Oil & Gas Corporation, Development Activity, SEA No. N-6250A.	High Island Area, East Addition, South Extension, Blocks A-368 and A-373, Leases OCS-G 2433 and 18970, 119 miles south of the Texas coast.	12/17/98
BP Exploration Inc., Exploration Activity, SEA No. N-6263.	Green Canyon Area, Blocks 644 and 645, Leases OCS-G 11080 and 11081, 119 miles south of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.	10/15/98
Coastal Oil & Gas Corporation, Exploration Activity, SEA No. S-4793U.	High Island Area, East Addition, South Extension, Block A-368, Lease OCS-G 2433, 119 miles south of the Texas coast.	12/03/98
Vastar Resources, Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-013A.	South Marsh Island Area, Block 24, Lease OCS-G 14437, 46 miles south of Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.	12/27/98
Forest Oil Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-078A.	Eugene Island Area, Block 307, Lease OCS-G 1980, 67 miles southwest of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.	11/13/98
IP Petroleum Company, Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-082.	High Island Area, Block 68, Lease OCS-G 15771, 15 miles from the Texas coastline.	12/11/98
EEX Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99-01.	West Cameron Area, Block 406, Lease OCS-G 11789, 70 miles from the Texas Coast.	12/11/98
Chevron U.S.A., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99-02.	West Cameron Area, Block 48, Lease OCS-G 1351, 8 miles south of Cameron, Louisiana.	11/03/98
Seneca Resources Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99-03.	West Delta Area, Block 17, Lease OCS-G 5668, 10 miles south of Lafourche Parish, Louisiana.	12/03/98
Murphy E&P Company, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 99-04.	South Pelto Area, Block 20, Lease OCS 074, 12 miles from the coast of Louisiana.	12/17/98

Persons interested in reviewing environmental documents for the proposals listed above or obtaining information about EA's and FONSI's prepared for activities on the Gulf of Mexico OCS are encouraged to contact the MMS office in the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Public Information, Unit, Information Services Section, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Minerals Management Service, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New

Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, telephone (504) 736-2519.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MMS prepares EA's and FONSI's for proposals which relate to exploration for and the development/production of oil and gas resources on the Gulf of Mexico OCS. The EA's examine the potential environmental effects of activities described in the proposals and present MMS conclusions regarding the significance of those effects. Environmental Assessments are used as a basis for determining whether or not

approval of the proposals constitutes major Federal actions that significantly affect the quality of the human environment in the sense of NEPA Section 102(2)(C). A FONSI is prepared in those instances where the MMS finds that approval will not result in significant effects on the quality of the human environment. The FONSI briefly presents the basis for that finding and includes a summary or copy of the EA.

This notice constitutes the public notice of availability of environmental