

Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; and for information on species proposals, contact the Division of Scientific Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 110, Arlington, VA 22203. Our regulations governing this public process are found in 50 CFR 23.87.

On October 4, 2012, the United States submitted to the CITES Secretariat, for consideration at CoP16, its species proposals, proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and other agenda items. These documents are available on our Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/international/cites/cop16/>.

Announcement of Provisional Agenda for CoP16

The provisional agenda for CoP16 is currently available on the CITES Secretariat's Web site at <http://www.cites.org/eng/cop/16/doc/index.php>. The working documents associated with the items on the provisional agenda, including proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and discussion documents, are also available on the Secretariat's Web site. To view the working document associated with a particular agenda item, access the provisional agenda at the above Web site, locate the particular agenda item, and click on the document link for that agenda item in the column entitled "Document." Finally, the species proposals that will be considered at CoP16 are available on the Secretariat's Web site. Proposals for amendment of Appendices I and II can be accessed at the web address given above. We look forward to receiving your comments on the items on the provisional agenda.

Announcement of Public Meeting

We will hold a public meeting to discuss with you the items on the provisional agenda for CoP16. The public meeting will be held on the date specified in the **DATES** section and at the address specified in the **ADDRESSES** section. You can obtain directions to the building by contacting the Division of Management Authority (see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above). Please note that the Sidney Yates Auditorium is accessible to the handicapped and all persons planning to attend the meeting will be required to present photo identification when entering the building. Persons who plan to attend the meeting and who require interpretation for the hearing impaired must notify the Division of Management Authority by November 21, 2012. For those who cannot attend the public meeting but are interested in watching via live stream please go to our Web site <http://www.fws.gov/international/cites/>

cop16/, and look for the link to the live feed.

Future Actions

Through an additional notice and Web site posting in advance of CoP16, we will inform you about tentative U.S. negotiating positions on species proposals, proposed resolutions, proposed decisions, and agenda items that were submitted by other Party countries, the permanent CITES committees, and the CITES Secretariat for consideration at CoP16.

Author: The primary author of this notice is Mark Bellis, Division of Management Authority; under the authority of the U.S. Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: October 24, 2012.

Rowan W. Gould,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Eastern States: Filing of Plats of Survey; Mississippi

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plats of survey of the lands described below in the BLM-Eastern States office in Springfield, Virginia, 30 calendar days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management-Eastern States, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153. Attn: Dominica Van Koten. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These surveys were requested by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Regions.

The lands surveyed are:

Choctaw Meridian, Mississippi

T. 11 N., R. 11 E.

The dependent resurvey of a portion of the West Boundary, a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of Sections 18 and 19, in Township 11 North, Range 11 East, of the Choctaw Meridian, in the State Mississippi, and was accepted September 20, 2012.

We will place copies of the plats we described in the open files. They will be available to the public as a matter of information.

If BLM receives a protest against a survey, as shown on the plat, prior to the date of the official filing, we will stay the filing pending our consideration of the protest.

We will not officially file the plats until the day after we have accepted or dismissed all protests and they have become final, including decisions on appeals.

Dated: November 2, 2012.

Dominica Van Koten,
Chief Cadastral Surveyor.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Proposed Supplementary Rules on Public Land in Water Canyon, Humboldt County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed supplementary rules.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing supplementary rules relating to camping, the discharge of firearms, and the use of motor vehicles, to protect public safety and resources on public land within the Water Canyon Recreation Area. These proposed supplementary rules would include limitations and restrictions included within the decisions of the Water Canyon Recreation Area Management Plan, Environmental Assessment (EA), Decision Record, and Cooperative Management Agreement approved August 15, 1997, and the Water Canyon Implementation Plan Amendment EA signed August 2005.

DATES: Comments on the proposed supplementary rules must be received or postmarked by January 8, 2013 to be assured consideration.

ADDRESSES: Please mail comments to Michael Truden, Winnemucca District, Humboldt River Field Office, 5100 E Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca,

Nevada 89445; or email comments to wfoweb@nv.blm.gov, Attn: "Water Canyon."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joey Carmosino, Winnemucca District, Humboldt River Field Office at 775-623-1771 or email: vcarmosi@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Public Comment Procedures
- II. Background
- III. Discussion of the Proposed Supplementary Rules
- IV. Procedural Matters
- V. Proposed Supplementary Rules

I. Public Comment Procedures

Written comments on the proposed supplementary rules should be specific, be confined to issues pertinent to the proposed supplementary rules, and explain the reason for any recommended change. Where possible, comments should reference the specific section or paragraph of the proposal which the comment is addressing. The BLM is not obligated to consider or include in the Administrative Record for the final supplementary rules comments either postmarked or electronically dated after the deadline or delivered to an address other than the address listed above (See **ADDRESSES**). Comments (including names, street addresses, and other contact information of respondents) will be available for public review at the Winnemucca District Office, 5100 E. Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, Nevada. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

II. Background

The Water Canyon Recreation Area is 4 miles southeast of Winnemucca, Nevada. Water Canyon is managed by the BLM Winnemucca District, Humboldt River Field Office with Recreation Management Zones. Zone 1,

which is approximately 131 acres, is managed under moderate development actions organized around the lowland and riparian areas of the Water Canyon Recreation Area, allowing for more developed recreation in the form of established campgrounds, facilities, and trails. The Zone 2 upland area of approximately 2,579 acres is managed under an emphasis for more dispersed and undeveloped recreational opportunities. The BLM has completed two site-specific land use plans for the Water Canyon Recreation Area:

- The Water Canyon Management Plan, Cooperative Management Agreement, Environmental Assessment, and Decision Record (August 15, 1997); and
- The Water Canyon Implementation Plan Amendment, Environmental Assessment, and Decision Record (November 16, 2005).

These supplementary rules would affect public lands identified as Zone 1 of the Water Canyon Recreational Area. Zone 1, which is identified in the Water Canyon Management Plan and EA, and the Cooperative Management Agreement, is the portion of the Canyon that receives the most recreational use. Zone 1 is a fenced corridor of public land within Township 35 North, Range 38 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, through portions of sections 2, 11, and 12, in Humboldt County, Nevada. The Zone 1 fenced corridor is of variable width perpendicular to the centerline of Water Canyon Road with an overall width average of approximately 600 feet and runs approximately 1.8 miles in length along Water Canyon Road, in Township 36 North Range 38 East, parts of sections 2, 11 and 12.

A map of the area is available at the Winnemucca District, Humboldt River Field Office at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section, above.

The proposed supplementary rules are necessary to help the BLM achieve management objectives and implement decisions in the Management Plan, associated EA, and Decision Record, Cooperative Management Agreement approved August 15, 1997, and the Implementation Plan signed August 2005 and to increase public safety.

The Cooperative Management Agreement for Water Canyon was a collaborative effort undertaken among the BLM, the Nevada Department of Wildlife, Humboldt County, the City of Winnemucca, and the public to elicit concerns, define issues, and develop a set of desired future conditions for the planning area. The outcome of this process was the development of a set of objectives intended to guide subsequent management actions within the canyon.

These objectives, which can be found in the 2005 Implementation Plan, include: Protecting surface and subsurface water quality within the watershed; providing recreational opportunities; preserving broad-leaved trees, high quality riparian areas, and grassy meadows; and providing for a diversity of wildlife habitats.

To achieve these objectives, the BLM evaluated a series of alternative proposals that prescribed different allowable uses of the planning area and defined other management actions to reach these desired outcomes. The evaluation process led to a series of management decisions that emphasized a combination of moderate and low development actions organized around the division of the planning area into lowland (Zone 1) and upland (Zone 2) areas.

III. Discussion of the Proposed Supplementary Rules

In the preparation of the two EAs, the BLM sought public review of three alternatives in the Management Plan and two alternatives in the Implementation Plan. These EAs discuss specific management actions that restrict certain activities and define allowable uses. The proposed supplementary rules would implement these management actions within Zone 1 of the Water Canyon Recreation Area.

The proposed supplementary rules would:

1. Limit camping within Zone 1 of the Water Canyon Recreation Area to no more than 3 consecutive nights in a 30-day period. Water Canyon is a popular recreational spot for the local community of Winnemucca. Limiting the length of camping would increase the opportunities for multiple community residents to enjoy the campground and enhance the experience of day users.

2. Prohibit the discharge of any firearm in Zone I. This rule is proposed as a safety measure. The City of Winnemucca, population 7,400, and Grass Valley, population 1,160, are in close proximity to Zone 1, which receives more than 50,000 visitors annually.

3. All motor vehicles must not exceed the posted speed limit of 20 miles per hour on the main access/canyon road in Zone I. This speed limit is proposed because there have been numerous accidents along the main access/canyon road in Zone 1. These accidents have primarily been a result of excess speed due to no posted or enforceable speed limit.

4. All motor vehicles are restricted to travel only on the main access/canyon

road in Zone 1. This restriction is proposed to further protect the wetland and riparian areas that are in close proximity to the main access/canyon road in Zone 1.

IV. Procedural Matters

Regulatory Planning and Review (Executive Orders 12866 and 13563)

The proposed supplementary rules would not constitute a significant regulatory action and are not subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866. The proposed supplementary rules would not have an annual effect of \$100 million or more on the economy. They would not adversely affect in a material way the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health, or safety, or State, local, or tribal governments or communities. The proposed supplementary rules would not create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action taken or planned by another agency. The proposed supplementary rules would not materially alter the budgetary effects of entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs or the rights or obligations of their recipients; nor would they raise novel legal or policy issues. The proposed supplementary rules merely would be rules of conduct for public use of a limited area of public lands.

Clarity of the Regulations

Executive Order 12866 requires each agency to write regulations that are simple and easy to understand. The BLM invites your comments on how to make the proposed supplementary rules easier to understand, including answers to questions such as the following:

1. Are the requirements in the proposed supplementary rules clearly stated?
2. Do the proposed supplementary rules contain technical language or jargon that interferes with their clarity?
3. Does the format of the proposed supplementary rules (grouping and order of sections, use of headings, paragraphing, etc.) aid or reduce clarity?
4. Is the description of the proposed supplementary rules in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this preamble helpful in understanding the supplementary rules? How could this description be more helpful in making the proposed supplementary rules easier to understand?

Please send any comments you have on the clarity of the rule to the address specified in the **ADDRESSES** section.

National Environmental Policy Act

These proposed supplementary rules provide for enforcement of decisions made in:

- The Water Canyon Management Plan, Cooperative Management Agreement, EA, and Decision Record; and
- The Water Canyon Implementation Plan Amendment, Environmental Assessment, and Decision Record (November 16, 2005).

During the National Environmental Policy Act process for each plan, many proposed actions were fully analyzed, including these proposed supplementary rules. The pertinent analysis and rationale can be found in the Management Plan, inclusive of the EA, Decision Record, and Cooperative Management Agreement approved August 15, 1997, and the Implementation Plan EA signed in 2005. The EAs mentioned above are available for review in the BLM administrative record at the address specified in the **ADDRESSES** section.

The BLM reviewed the EAs and found that the proposed supplementary rules would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Section 102(2)(C), 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C).

Regulatory Flexibility Act

Congress enacted the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) of 1980, as amended (5 U.S.C. 601–612) to ensure that government regulations do not unnecessarily or disproportionately burden small entities. The RFA requires a regulatory flexibility analysis if a rule would have a significant economic impact, either detrimental or beneficial, on a substantial number of small entities. The proposed supplementary rules would merely establish rules of conduct for public use of a limited area of public lands. Therefore, the BLM has determined under the RFA that the proposed supplementary rules would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

The proposed supplementary rules are not a “major rule” as defined under 5 U.S.C. 804(2). The proposed supplementary rules would merely establish rules of conduct for public use of a limited area of public lands and would not affect commercial or business activities of any kind.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

The proposed supplementary rules would not impose an unfunded mandate on State, local, or tribal governments in the aggregate, or on the private sector of more than \$100 million per year; nor would they have a significant or unique effect on small governments. The proposed supplementary rules would have no effect on governmental or tribal entities and would impose no requirements on any of these entities. The proposed supplementary rules would merely establish rules of conduct for public use of a limited area of public lands and would not affect tribal, commercial, or business activities of any kind. Therefore, the BLM is not required to prepare a statement containing the information required by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (2 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Executive Order 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference With Constitutionally Protected Property Rights (Takings)

The proposed supplementary rules would not have significant takings implications, nor would they be capable of interfering with Constitutionally protected property rights. The proposed supplementary rules would merely establish rules of conduct for public use of a limited area of public lands and would not affect anyone's property rights. Therefore, the BLM has determined that these rules would not cause a taking of private property or require preparation of a takings assessment under this Executive Order.

Executive Order 13132, Federalism

These proposed supplementary rules would not have a substantial direct effect on the states, the relationship between the national government and the states, nor the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. These proposed supplementary rules would not come into conflict with any State law or regulation. Therefore, under Executive Order 13132, the BLM has determined that these proposed supplementary rules would not have sufficient Federalism implications to warrant preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform

Under Executive Order 12988, the BLM has determined that these proposed supplementary rules would not unduly burden the judicial system and that they would meet the requirements of Sections 3(a) and 3(b) (2) of the Order.

Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments

In accordance with Executive Order 13175, the BLM has determined that these proposed supplementary rules would not include policies that have tribal implications. There are no tribal implications associated with the proposed rule. The proposed rule applies only to the narrow Zone 1 area, which is within the larger area of Water Canyon. There are no tribal lands in the vicinity.

Paperwork Reduction Act

These proposed supplementary rules would not directly provide for any information collection that the Office of Management and Budget must approve under the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* Any information collection that may result from Federal criminal investigations or prosecution conducted under these proposed supplementary rules is exempt from the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3518(c)(1).

Author

The principal author of these proposed supplementary rules is Joey Carmosino, Humboldt River Field Office Recreation Planner, Winnemucca District, 5100 E. Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445.

V. Proposed Supplementary Rules

For the reasons stated in the preamble and under the authorities for supplementary rules found at 43 U.S.C. 1740 and 43 CFR 8365.1–6, the BLM Nevada State Director proposes supplementary rules for public lands managed by the BLM in Nevada, to read as follows:

Proposed Supplementary Rules for Zone 1 of the Water Canyon Recreation Area

Definitions

Firearm means any weapon or any implement designed to or that may be converted to expel a projectile; including, but not limited to, by the action of an explosive, a compressed gas or spring powered pistol or rifle, bow and arrow, crossbow, blowgun, spear gun, spear, sling shot, or irritant gas device.

Motor vehicle includes, but is not limited to, automobiles, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, and off-highway vehicles.

Supplementary Rules

1. These supplementary rules apply, except as specifically exempted, to

activities within Zone 1 of the Water Canyon Recreation Area, which is comprised of public lands administered by the BLM near Winnemucca, Nevada.

2. These supplementary rules are in effect on a year-round basis.

3. Camping in Zone I is limited to no more than 3 consecutive nights in a 30-day period.

4. The discharge of any firearm in Zone I is prohibited.

5. All motor vehicles must not exceed the posted speed limit of 20 miles per hour on the main access/canyon road in Zone I.

6. All motor vehicles are restricted to travel only on the main access/canyon road in Zone I.

Exemptions

The following persons are exempt from these supplementary rules: Any Federal, State, local or military persons acting within the scope of their duties; and members of an organized rescue or firefighting force in performance of an official duty.

Penalties

Under Section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 U.S.C. 1733(a)) and 43 CFR 8360.0–7, any person who violates any of these supplementary rules may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571. In accordance with 43 CFR 8365.1–7, State or local officials may also impose penalties for violations of Nevada law.

Amy Lueders,

Bureau of Land Management, State Director, Nevada.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Gulf of Mexico (GOM), Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Western Planning Area (WPA) Lease Sale 233 and Central Planning Area (CPA) Lease Sale 231, Oil and Gas Lease Sales

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Public Meetings.

Authority: This NOA is published pursuant to the regulations (40 CFR 1503)

implementing the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*).

SUMMARY: BOEM has prepared a Draft Supplemental EIS for oil and gas lease sales tentatively scheduled in 2013 and 2014 in the WPA and CPA offshore the States of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. This Draft Supplemental EIS updates the environmental and socioeconomic analyses for proposed WPA Lease Sale 233 and proposed CPA Lease Sale 231, which was completed in July 2012, as part of the 2012–2017 Multisale EIS. The 2012–2017 Multisale EIS covers planning areas in the Gulf of Mexico OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sales: Western Planning Area Lease Sales 229, 233, 238, 246, and 248; and Central Planning Area Lease Sales 227, 231, 235, 241, and 247.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: BOEM developed this Draft Supplemental EIS for proposed WPA Lease Sale 233 and proposed CPA Lease Sale 231 to consider new information made available since completion of the 2012–2017 Multisale EIS and to consider, among other things, new information in light of the *Deepwater Horizon* event. This Draft Supplemental EIS provides updates on the baseline conditions and potential environmental effects of oil and natural gas leasing, exploration, development, and production in the WPA and CPA. BOEM conducted an extensive search for new information in consideration of the *Deepwater Horizon* event, reviewing scientific journals, available scientific data, and information from academic institutions and Federal, State, and local agencies. BOEM also interviewed personnel from academic institutions and Federal, State, and local agencies. BOEM has examined the potential impacts of routine activities and accidental events, and the proposed lease sales' incremental contribution to the cumulative impacts on environmental and socioeconomic resources.

Draft Supplemental EIS Availability: BOEM has printed and will distribute a limited number of paper copies of the Draft Supplemental EIS. In keeping with the Department of the Interior's mission of protecting natural resources, and to limit costs while ensuring availability of the document to the public, BOEM will primarily distribute digital copies of this Draft Supplemental EIS on compact discs. If you require a paper copy and copies are still available, BOEM will provide one upon request.

You may request a copy of the Draft Supplemental EIS from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Public Information