

whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs. Any objections to the classification will be evaluated by the State Director. In the absence of any objections, the classification will become effective July 22, 1996.

SEGREGATION: This land is hereby segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws. Pending a decision on plan amendment and action on the City of Fallon's Recreation and Public Purposes application, this segregation shall continue until an opening order is published in the Federal Register or until issuance of a conveyance document, whichever occurs first.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public land is located approximately 16 miles south of Fallon, Nevada, just west of State Highway 95. The following resources will be considered in preparation of the amendment: lands, recreation, wildlife, range, minerals, cultural resources, visual resources, soil, water, air, and threatened and endangered species. Staff members representing each resource will be consulted during preparation of the environmental document. The State of Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has reviewed a site suitability study and concurs that the site meets all Federal (Subtitle D) and Nevada State (NAC 444.678 through 444.6795) siting criteria for a landfill. The public is invited to participate in the identification of issues related to the proposed transfer of the subject land to the City of Fallon for development and operation of a landfill. Anticipated issues include:

- (1) Transfer of public land out of Federal ownership.
- (2) Change in character and use of land from undeveloped open space utilized mainly for recreation activities and livestock grazing to a restricted-access facility.
- (3) Potential impacts to recreationist and livestock grazing.
- (4) Potential visual impacts.
- (5) Potential impacts to adjacent landowner Planning documents and other pertinent materials may be examined at the Carson City District Office between 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Dated this 8th day of May, 1996.
James M. Phillips,
Acting District Manager.
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Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting, Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service proposes to withdraw 5.03 acres of National Forest System land for construction of the Salmon Canyon Copper Boating Site Recreation Area. Publication of this notice in the Federal Register will close the land for up to two years from location and entry under the United States mining laws. The land will remain open to mineral leasing and all other uses which may be made of National Forest System lands.

DATES: Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by August 19, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Idaho State Director, BLM, 3380 Americana Terrace, Boise, Idaho 83706.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cathie Foster, BLM, Idaho State Office, (208) 384-3163.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 16, 1996, the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, filed an application to withdraw the following-described National Forest System lands from location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

Boise Meridian
T. 23 N., R. 16 E.,

A tract of land being that part of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of unsurveyed sec. 26, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at Salmon River Road GPS control point No. 9, a 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch aluminum cap on a 1-inch aluminum drive-in rod with NAD 83 latitude 45°18'00.9169" North and longitude 114°33'33.7864" West; thence North 75°15'58" East, 2148.09 feet to the ordinary high water mark of the right bank of the Salmon River and AP-1, a 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch aluminum cap on a 1-inch aluminum drive-in rod, the *Point of Beginning*; thence North 5°50'23" West, 755.08 feet to AP-2, a 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch aluminum cap on a 1-inch aluminum drive-in rod; thence North 89°54'35" East, 640.79 feet to the ordinary high water mark of the right bank of the Salmon River and AP-3, a 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch aluminum cap on a 1-inch aluminum drive-in rod; thence southwesterly along the ordinary high water line of the right

bank of the Salmon River to AP-1 the *Point of Beginning*.

The area described contains 5.03 acres in Lemhi 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 proposed withdrawal may present their view in writing to the Idaho State Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

Notice is hereby given that opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the Idaho State Director 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 time and place will be published in the *newspaper* 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 2300. For a period of two years from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register, the lands will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date.

The temporary segregation of the lands in connection with this withdrawal application shall not affect administrative jurisdiction over the lands, and the segregation shall not have the effect of authorizing any use of the lands by the Department of Agriculture.

Dated: May 7, 1996.
Jimmie Buxton,
Branch Chief, Lands and Minerals.
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Minerals Management Service

Request for Federal Outer Continental Shelf Lease Sale for Sand and Gravel Resources

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Request for Information and Interest (RFIN).

SUMMARY: On February 12, 1996, the Minerals Management Service received a request for a nonenergy minerals (sand and gravel) lease sale. After reviewing the request, MMS decided to initiate steps which may lead to a lease sale, the first being the publication of this RFIN.

The planning area under consideration in this RFIN is depicted on the accompanying page-sized map.

Authority: This RFIN is published pursuant to the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331–1356, (1988) (OCSLA), and the regulations issued thereunder (30 CFR 281).

Purpose of the RFIN

The purpose of the RFIN is to (1) determine whether additional interest exists in obtaining leases for sand and gravel resources on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) and where that interest lies within the planning area and (2) obtain other information that would be relevant to the decision to hold a sand and gravel lease sale.

Information and nominations within the defined planning area are sought from all interested parties. State and local governments, industry, other Federal agencies and all other interested parties may respond to a Request for Information and Interest. Information provided may include but is not limited to geologic, archaeologic, environmental, socioeconomic, biologic, navigational, recreational, commercial and multiple-use considerations within the planning area. This early planning and consultation step is important for ensuring that all interests and concerns are communicated to the Department of the Interior (DOI) for future decisions in

the leasing process pursuant to the OCS Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331–1356 (1988)), and regulations at 30 CFR Part 281. This RFIN does not imply, nor should it be construed to indicate, that a preliminary decision to lease in the area described below has been made. However, should MMS later decide to offer any of the planning area for lease, parties to such action will be expected to comply with all applicable laws including the National Environmental Policy Act, the OCS Lands Act, and the Coastal Zone Management Act.

Description of the Area

The RFIN planning area is located off the northern coast of New Jersey beginning 3 nautical miles from shore and extending north to south from Sandy Hook to Surf City. The landward boundary is coincident with the 3-mile demarcation between the Federal OCS and State submerged lands jurisdiction. The seaward width of the RFIN planning area is narrowest in the north (approximately 12 miles) and broadens gradually to the south. The total area available for nominations and comments consists of 160 whole or partial blocks (each whole block is approximately 9 square miles). Respondents may nominate and comment on any acreage within the entire RFIN planning area. A large scale

map of the RFIN planning area (hereinafter referred to as the RFIN map) showing boundaries of the RFIN planning area with numbered blocks is available from MMS at the following address: Minerals Management Service, Office of International Activities and Marine Minerals (or INTERMAR), 381 Elden St., Mail Stop 4030, Herndon, VA 22070 [Phone: (703) 787–1292–FAX: (703) 787–1284].

The RFIN responses will help determine if lease tract size should differ from present block configurations. Tract sizes will be established if a proposed leasing notice is issued.

Instructions on the RFIN

Industry respondents are requested to nominate specific blocks or acreage within the RFIN planning area that they would like considered in a potential OCS lease sale. Nominations must be depicted on the large scale RFIN map by outlining the area(s) of interest. Respondents are also asked to submit a list of block numbers nominated (including both whole and partial blocks) to facilitate correct interpretation of their nominations on the RFIN map. Although the identities of those submitting nominations become a matter of public record, the individual acreage or block nominations are deemed to be proprietary information.

Respondents should rank areas nominated according to priority of interest based on priority 1 (high), 2 (medium), or 3 (low). Areas nominated that do not indicate priorities will be considered priority 3. Respondents are encouraged to be specific in indicating areas or blocks by priority. Blanket priorities on large areas are less useful in the analysis of industry interest. The name and telephone number of a person in the respondent's organization to contact for additional information or clarifications should be included in the response.

Comments are sought from all interested parties about particular geological, environmental, biological, archaeological, navigational, recreational, commercial, social, and economic conditions, multiple-use considerations, or other information that might bear upon potential leasing and development in the RFIN planning area. Comments are also sought on potential conflicts with federally approved State and local coastal zone management plans (CMPs) that may result from the proposed sale or future mineral development activities. If possible, these comments should identify specific CMP policies, the nature of the conflicts foreseen, and steps that MMS could take to avoid or mitigate the potential

conflicts. Comments may be in terms of broad areas or restricted to particular blocks. Those submitting comments are requested to list block numbers or clearly outline the subject area on the large-scale RFIN map.

Nominations, information, and/or comments must be received no later than 60 days following publication of this document in the Federal Register in envelopes labeled "Nominations (or Information) for Northern New Jersey RFIN". The RFIN map with indications of interest and/or comments should be submitted to: Minerals Management Service, Office of International Activities and Marine Minerals (or INTERMAR), 381 Elden Street, Mail Stop 4030, Herndon, VA 22070.

Use of Information From the RFIN

Information submitted in response to this RFIN serves several purposes. First, responses will be used to identify areas of potential mineral leasing and development. Second, comments on possible environmental impacts and multiple-use conflicts will aid in the analysis and handling of concerns in and near the RFIN planning area. Based on this information a preliminary determination will be made on the potential advantages and disadvantages of OCS sand and gravel exploration and development for the RFIN planning area

and whether the prelease process should be continued. Third, comments may be used to identify potential conflicts between offshore activities and State or local CMPs. Finally, comments may be used in developing lease terms and conditions to ensure safe offshore mineral development activities, if the lease sale is held.

Shallow Dredging and Prohibition on Disposal

To preserve ocean bottom topography and promote rapid recolonization of biota in dredged areas, MMS intends to restrict dredging to relatively shallow and uniform depths. The Agency does not intend to issue leases in areas designated as mud dump sites nor will it permit lessees to mine deep pits for use in the disposal of any material.

While the MMS is generally aware of the existence of navigation channels, mud dump sites, shipwrecks and other factors that could have a bearing on leasing in the planning area, more detailed information is solicited to insure that these factors receive full consideration.

Dated: May 12, 1996.
Cynthia Quarterman,
Director, Minerals Management Service.

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