

conducted during the summer of 1996. The public will be invited to one or more meetings to discuss:

- Problems, conflict, concerns, and planning issues in the review area.
- Potential management options.

If the planning review results in the need to amend the Great Divide RMP, other notices, mailings, or news releases will announce a 30-day comment/protest period on the amendment proposal.

Dated: July 15, 1996.

Alan R. Pierson,

State Director.

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[MT-922-1310-06-P; NDM 72399]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

Under the provisions of Pub. L. 97-451, a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease NDM 72399, McKenzie County, North Dakota, was timely filed and accompanied by the required rental accruing from the date of termination.

No valid lease has been issued affecting the lands. The lessee has agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$5 per acre and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent respectively. Payment of a \$500 administration fee has been made.

Having met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as contained in Sec. 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate the lease, effective as of the date of termination, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease, the increased rental and royalty rates cited above, and reimbursement for cost of publication of this Notice.

Dated: June 27, 1996.

Karen L. Carroll,

Chief, Fluids Adjudication Section.

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[CO-950-1430-01; COC-54878]

Public Land Order No. 5195; Withdrawal of National Forest System Land for the Hoosier Ridge Research Natural Area: Colorado; Correction

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Correction.

SUMMARY: This action corrects Public Land Order No. 7195; 61 FR 24806-24807, published May 16, 1996, as FR Doc. 96-12322.

On page 24806, third column, under T. 8 S., R. 77 W., halfway down the column, line which reads "Thence approximately S. 82° W., 2843 ft." is hereby corrected to read "Thence approximately S. 82° W., 2943 ft."

Jenny L. Saunders,

Realty Officer.

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[CO-930-1430-01; COC-39555]

Proposed Transfer of Jurisdiction; Opportunity for Public Meeting; Colorado

AGENCY: "Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: "Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Park Service requests the transfer of Administrative Jurisdiction of 442.25 acres of Federal mineral interest to the National Park Service for management as part of the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument. This notice closes these mineral interests to location and entry under the mining laws for up to two years. Since this mineral interest is in lands already located within the Monument, transfer to the Park Service would make the entire Monument subject to Park Service management.

DATES: Comments on this proposed withdrawal or requests for public meeting must be received on or before October 16, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments and requests for a meeting should be sent to the Colorado State Director, BLM, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215-7076.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris E. Chelius, 303-239-3706.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 24, 1996, the Secretary of Interior approved an application to close the Federal mineral interest and to permanently transfer this interest to the Park Service in the following described lands:

Sixth Principal Meridian

Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument

T. 13 S., 70 W.,

Sec. 18, Lot 2;

Sec. 19, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 30, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 13 S., R. 71 W.,

Sec. 23, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The areas described aggregate approximately 442.25 acres of reserved mineral interest in Teller County.

The purpose of this action is to transfer the Federal Mineral interest to

become a part of the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all parties who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with this proposed action, or to request a public meeting, may present their views in writing to the Colorado State Director. If the authorized officer determines that a meeting should be held, the meeting will be scheduled and conducted in accordance with 43 CFR 2310.3-1(c)(2).

This application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR Part 2310.

For a period of two years from the date of publication in the Federal Register, this land will be segregated from the mining laws as specified above unless the application is denied or cancelled or the transfer is approved prior to that date. During this period the Park Service will continue to manage these lands.

Jenny L. Saunders,

Realty Officer.

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[ID-957-1430-00]

Idaho: Filing of Plats of Survey; Idaho

The plat of the following described land was officially filed in the Idaho State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Boise, Idaho, effective 9:00 a.m. July 9, 1996.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the subdivisional lines and of the segregation survey of the Mammoth and Rubey lodes, and the subdivision of sections 10 and 15, T. 1 N., R. 15 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, Group No. 919, was accepted, July 9, 1996.

This survey was executed to meet certain administrative needs of the Bureau of Land Management. All inquiries concerning the survey of the above described land must be sent to the Chief, Cadastral Survey, Idaho State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 3380 Americana Terrace, Boise, Idaho, 83706-2500.

Dated: July 9, 1996.

Duane E. Olsen,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Idaho.

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[NM-952-06-1420-00]

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 August 10, 1996.

New Mexico Principal Meridian, New Mexico:

T. 18 N., R. 17 W., for Group 844 NM. T. 26 N., 14 W., T. 28 N., R. 14 W., T. 28 N., R. 15 W., T. 27 N., R. 17 W., T. 28 N., R. 17 W., T. 27 N., R. 16 W., and T. 28 N., R. 16 W., for Group 870 NM. T. 21 N., R. 19 W., T. 17 N., R. 20 W., and T. 21 N., R. 18 W., for Group 871 NM. T. 23 N., R. 10 E., for Group 925 NM, and supplemental plat for T. 23 N., R. 10 E.

A person or party who wishes to protest against any of these surveys must file a written protest with the 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: July 9, 1996.

Kelley Williamson, Jr.,

Acting Chief Cadastral Surveyor For New Mexico.

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Minerals Management Service**Safety and Environmental Management Program (SEMP) on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)****AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.**SUMMARY:** The MMS has postponed its decision regarding the mandatory or voluntary adoption of the SEMP by OCS lessees. The MMS does not have sufficient information to determine whether the voluntary adoption of SEMP currently achieves the regulatory

goals of the MMS. We will continue assessing the oil and gas industry's progress in implementing SEMP and will make a determination on this program in mid-1997.

DATES: Comments may be submitted at any time.**ADDRESSES:** We welcome your comments on MMS' SEMP concept, the American Petroleum Institute's Recommended Practice 75, OCS safety and environmental protection issues in general, implementation strategies, and related matters. Send comments to Henry Bartholomew; Deputy Associate Director for Operations and Safety Management; Minerals Management Service; Mail Stop 4600; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 22070-4817.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeff Wiese, SEMP Manager; Mail Stop 4800; Minerals Management Service; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 22070-4817, telephone (703) 787-1591.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****What Is SEMP?**

The SEMP is a safety systems management model designed around offshore oil and gas exploration and development activities. This concept is currently embodied in a publication of the American Petroleum Institute (API) known as Recommended Practice 75 (RP75). This document is available from the API: they can be reached by phone at (202) 682-8375.

How Did We Get to This Point?

The MMS introduced its SEMP concept in the Federal Register on July 2, 1991 (56 FR 30400). In response, OCS operators requested that they be given an opportunity to further develop SEMP and a chance to demonstrate that they could voluntarily adopt it. The MMS joined with a broad-based industry committee to refine the SEMP concept under the aegis of the API. In May 1993, the API published RP75 as its response to SEMP. On June 30, 1994, the MMS published a notice in the Federal Register (59 FR 33779) in which it said that RP75 generally captured the agency's perception of what a SEMP should contain. At that time, the MMS committed to a 2-year moratorium on regulatory activity related to SEMP during which time it would closely monitor the voluntary adoption of RP75 by OCS operators. The observation period officially expires this summer.

Why Is the MMS Promoting SEMP?

The MMS and its predecessors have developed a sound regulatory program to protect the public's interests in the exploration and development of OCS oil

and gas over the course of more than a quarter century. This program is based, in large measure, on standards and recommended practices developed in association with OCS stakeholders that delimit how a "safe and prudent" operator would conduct its business. This regulatory program has historically focused on hardware and engineering solutions. It has been, as well, fairly prescriptive.

The SEMP concept was created to address the role of human and organizational error to accidents. By some estimates, human and organizational factors lie at the root cause of up to eighty percent of all accidents.

Through SEMP, the MMS is seeking alternative ways to enhance current efforts to protect people and the environment during oil and gas exploration and production activities taking place on the U.S. OCS. The MMS undertook this initiative following two separate, but related, studies which indicated that OCS operators were led by the traditional, prescriptive regulatory approach of the MMS to focus more on compliance with existing rules than in systematically identifying and mitigating all risks posed by their operations. Implementation of SEMP squarely places the responsibility for protection of people, facilities, and the environment on the shoulders of OCS operators.

How Well Is SEMP Being Implemented?

To gauge how well OCS operators were implementing SEMP, as well as to identify areas in which the agency could assist them in this endeavor, the MMS joined with the API, the Independent Petroleum Association of America, the Offshore Operator's Committee, and the National Ocean Industries Association to conduct an annual series of surveys. The baseline implementation survey was conducted in January 1995 and a follow-up survey was performed in January 1996. About 95 percent of all OCS operators representing over 99 percent of total OCS oil and gas production (over 3.5 million barrels of oil equivalent per day) responded to this last survey.

Collectively, these surveys have shown that OCS operators—as a whole—are well on their way to implementing SEMP plans that they have been developing during the past 2 years. If progress similar to this is maintained, the MMS expects that many of these companies' SEMP plans will be fully implemented in the field within the next 1-2 years.