

Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 432, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, *subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act*, by any part who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 420(c), Arlington, Virginia 22203, Phone: (703-358-2104); Fax (703-358-2281).

Dated: July 26, 1996.
Caroline Anderson,
Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.
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Notice of Receipt of Application for Approval

The following applicant has applied for approval to conduct certain activities with birds that are protected in accordance with the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 112(4) of the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992, 50 CFR 15.26(c).

Applicant: Mark Schriver, Orwigsburg, PA. The applicant wishes to amend his approved cooperative breeding program to include the Red-naped shaheen (*Falco peregrinus babylonicus*) and the Steppe eagle (*Aquila rapax nipalensis*). The Virginia Falconers' Association maintains responsibility for the oversight of the program.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

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Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

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Susan Lieberman,
Chief, Branch of Operations, Office of Management Authority.
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Bureau of Indian Affairs

Operation and Maintenance Rate Adjustment: Walker River Irrigation Project, Nevada

ACTION: Notice of proposed operation and maintenance rate increase.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs proposes to change the assessment rates for operating and maintaining the Walker River Irrigation Project for 1997 and subsequent years. The assessment rates are based on a prepared estimate of the cost of normal operation and maintenance of the irrigation project. Normal operation and maintenance means the expenses we incur to provide direct support or benefit to the project's activities for administration, operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation. We must include at least:

- (a) Personnel salary and benefits for the project engineer/manager and our employees under his management control,
- (b) Materials and supplies,
- (c) Major and minor vehicle and equipment repairs,
- (d) Equipment, including transportation, fuel, oil, grease, lease and replacement,
- (e) Capitalization expenses,
- (f) Acquisition expenses, and
- (g) Other expenses we determine necessary to properly perform the activities and functions characteristic of an irrigation project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Phoenix Area Office, 1 North First Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85001-0010, telephone (602) 379-6600.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 3, 1996.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The authority to issue this document is vested in the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs by 5 U.S.C. 301 and the Act of August 15, 1914 (38 Stat. 583, 25 U.S.C. 385). The Secretary has delegated this authority to the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs pursuant to part 209 Departmental Manual, Chapter 8. 1A and Memorandum dated January 25, 1994, from Chief of Staff, Department of the Interior, to Assistant Secretaries, and Heads of Bureaus and Offices.

This notice is given in accordance with Section 171.1(e) of part 171, Subchapter H, Chapter 1, of Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations, which provides for the Area Director to fix and announce the rates for annual operation and maintenance assessments and related information of the Walker River Irrigation Project for Calendar Year 1997 and subsequent years.

The purpose of this notice is to announce a proposed increase in the Walker River Project assessment rates proportionate with actual operation and maintenance costs.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs proposes to increase the Walker River Indian Irrigation Project's operation and maintenance (O&M) assessment rate from the current \$7.32 per assessable acre for trust lands and \$15.29 per assessable acre non-trust lands to \$15.29 per acre for all project lands.

Interest and Penalty Fees

Interest and penalty fees will be assessed, where required by law, on all delinquent operation and maintenance assessment charges as prescribed in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 4, Part 102, Federal Claims Collection Standards; and 42 BIAM Supplement 3, part 3.8 Debt Collection Procedures.

Dated: July 24, 1996.
Ada E. Deer,
Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.
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Bureau of Land Management

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Nominations for the Bureau of Land Management's California Desert District Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Call for nominations for the Bureau of Land Management's California Desert District Advisory Council.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management's California Desert District is soliciting nominations from the public for its District Advisory Council to serve on the 1997-1999 three-year term. Council members provide advice and recommendations to BLM on the management of public lands in southern California. Public notice begins with the publication date of this notice. Nomination will be accepted through August 31, 1996.

The California Desert District Advisory Council is compressed of 15

private individuals who represent different interests and advise BLM officials on policies and programs concerning the management of 10 million acres of public land in southern California. The Council meets in formal session three to four times each year in various locations throughout the California Desert District.

Section 309 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of BLM administered lands. The Secretary also selects council nominees consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), which requires nominees appointed to the council be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands.

The five positions to be filled include:

- one transportation/right-of-way representative;
- one recreation representative;
- the elected official (county government) representative;
- two public-at-large representatives.

Council members serve three-year terms and may be nominated for reappointment for an additional three-year term. Council members serve without compensation except for reimbursement of travel expenditures incurred in the course of their duties. Any group or individual may nominate a qualified person for any position, based upon their education, training, knowledge, or experience. This term would begin January 1, 1997.

The Council also is balanced geographically, and BLM will try to find qualified representatives from each area. The California Desert District covers portions of eight counties, and includes 10 million acres of public land in the California Desert Conservation Area and 300,000 acres of scattered parcels in San Diego, western Riverside, western San Bernardino, Orange, and Los Angeles Counties (known as the South Coast).

Nominations must be submitted to the District Manager by August 31, 1996, and must include the name of the nominee; work and home addresses and telephone numbers; a biographical sketch that includes the nominee's work, public service record, and applicable outside interests that qualify him or her for the position; and the specific category of interest in which the nominee is best qualified to offer advice and council.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees will be evaluated based on their education, training, experience of the issues, and knowledge

of the geographical area of the Council. All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from represented interests or organizations.

The nomination period will end August 31, 1996. Nominations for the District Advisory Council should be sent to the District Manager, California Desert District, 6221 Box Springs Boulevard, Riverside, California 92507.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doran Sanchez, Bureau of Land Management, Public Affairs, (909) 697-5215.

Dated: July 26, 1996.

Alan Stein,

Acting District Manager.

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Minerals Management Service

Outer Continental Shelf, Central Gulf of Mexico, Oil and Gas Lease Sales 169, 172, 175, 178, and 182

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Call for Information and Nominations, and Notice of Intent (Call/NOI) to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Call for Information and Nominations

1. Authority

This Call is published pursuant to the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331-1356, (1994)) (OCSLA), and the regulations issued thereunder (30 CFR Part 256).

2. Purpose of Call

The purpose of the Call is to gather information for the following tentatively scheduled Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lease Sales in the Central Gulf of Mexico (CGOM):

Sale No.	Tentative sale date
169	March, 1998.
172	March, 1999.
175	March, 2000.
178	March, 2001.
182	March, 2002.

Information and nominations on oil and gas leasing, exploration, and development and production within the CGOM are sought from all interested parties. This early planning and consultation step is important for ensuring that all interests and concerns are communicated to the Department of the Interior for future decisions in the leasing process pursuant to the OCSLA, and regulations at 30 CFR part 256.

Please note this is the first issuance of a multi-sale Call by MMS and the first Call in the Proposed 1997-2002 5-Year Program. Responses are requested relative to all sales included herein. The MMS has modified its prelease planning and decision process for proposed Central and Western Gulf lease sales. This multi-sale process is based on over a dozen years of leasing at an annual pace which have shown that the sale proposals in the CGOM (and the WGOM) are very similar from year to year. The multi-sale process in the Central Gulf will incorporate planning and analysis for 5 sales: sales 169, 172, 175, 178, and 182. From the initial step in the process (the Call for Information and Nominations) through the final EIS/Consistency Determination (CD) step, this process will cover multiple sale proposals. There will also be complete NEPA, OCSLA, and CZMA coverage for each sale after the first sale—either an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Supplemental EIS and a CD, focusing primarily on new issues or changes in a State's Federally-approved coastal management plan, will be prepared for each subsequent sale. A proposed and final Notice of Sale will be prepared for each proposed sale. (The multi-sale process in the Western Gulf will incorporate planning and analysis for 4 sales: sales 171, 174, 177, and 180. A Call for that multi-sale process is expected to be issued later this year.)

This Call does not indicate a preliminary decision to lease in the area described below. Final delineation of the area for possible leasing will be made at a later date and in compliance with applicable laws including all requirements of the NEPA and OCSLA. Establish departmental procedures will be employed.

3. Description of Area

The general area of this Call covers the entire CGOM. The CGOM is bounded on the east by approximately 88 degrees W. longitude. Its western boundary begins at the offshore boundary between Texas and Louisiana and proceeds southeasterly to approximately 28 degrees N. latitude, thence east to approximately 92 degrees W. longitude, thence south to the provisional maritime boundary with Mexico which constitutes the southern boundary of the area. The northern part of the area is bounded by the Federal-State boundary offshore Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. The area available for nominations and comments at this time consists of approximately 47.8 million acres.

A standard Call for Information Map depicting the CGOM on a block-by-