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DATES: Proposals must be postmarked no later than Friday, April 4, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Proposals should be addressed to: North American Waterfowl and Wetlands Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 110, Arlington, Virginia 22203, Attn: Small Grants Coordinator.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Keith A. Morehouse, Small Grants Coordinator, or Ms. Linda Hutchins, Secretary, North American Waterfowl and Wetlands Office, 703/358-1784; facsimile 703/358-2282.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the 1989 North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA), as amended, is to promote long-term conservation of North American wetland ecosystems, and the waterfowl and other migratory birds, fish and wildlife that depend upon such habitat. Principal conservation actions supported by NAWCA are acquisition, creation, enhancement and restoration of wetlands and wetlands-associated habitat.

In 1996, the North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) initiated a pilot Small Grants program with an allocation of \$250,000. The objective was to promote long-term wetlands conservation activities through encouraging participation by new grantees and partners who may not otherwise be able to compete in the regular grants program. In the first year, 148 proposals requesting a total of approximately \$4.5 million competed for funding. Ultimately, 10 projects were selected to be funded. For 1997, with the approval of the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, the Council has again allocated \$250,000 to continue the Small Grants pilot program.

To be considered for funding in 1997, proposals must have a grant request no greater than \$50,000. All wetland conservation proposals will be accepted that meet the requirements of the Act. However, funding priority will be given to projects from new grant applicants (individuals or organizations who have never received a NAWCA grant) with new partners, where the project ensures long-term conservation benefits.

In addition, proposals must represent on-the-ground projects, and any overhead in the project budget may be no greater than 10 percent of the grant amount. The anticipated magnitude of wetlands and wildlife resources benefits that will result from project execution is

an important factor to be considered in proposal evaluation, and there should be a reasonable balance between acreages of wetlands and wetland-associated uplands.

Please keep in mind that NAWCA and matching funds may only be used for wetlands acquisition, creation, enhancement, and/or restoration; they may not be used for signage, displays, trails or other educational features, materials and equipment, even though the goal of the project may ultimately be to support wetland conservation education curricula. Projects oriented toward education are not ordinarily eligible for NAWCA funding because education is not a primary purpose of the Act. However, useful project outcomes can include educational benefits resulting from conservation actions. Research is also not a primary purpose of the Act, and research proposals will not be considered for funding.

Even though requiring less total information than those submitted for the regular grants program, Small Grant proposals must still be clearly explained and meet the basic purposes given above and the 1:1 or greater non-Federal matching requirements of the NAWCA. Small Grants projects must also be consistent with Council guidelines, objectives and policies. All non-Federal matching funds and proposed expenditures of grant funds must be consistent with Appendix A of the Small Grants instructions, "Eligibility Requirements for Match of NAWCA Grant and Non-Federal Funds."

Small Grants proposals may be submitted at any time but must be postmarked no later than Friday, April 4, 1997. Address submitted proposals as follows: North American Waterfowl and Wetlands Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 110, Arlington, VA 22203, Attn: Small Grants Coordinator.

It is essential that grant request packages be complete when they are received in the North American Waterfowl and Wetlands Office, including all of the documentation of partners (partner letters) with funding pledge amounts. Information on funding in partner letters, i.e., amounts and description regarding use, needs to correspond with budget amounts in the budget table and in any figures provided in the narrative.

The NAWWO will not be able to contact proposal sources to verify and/or request supplemental data and/or materials. Those proposals lacking required information or containing conflicting information will not be considered for funding.

For more information, and to request the Small Grants instructional booklet, call (703)358-1784, facsimile (703)358-2282, or send e-mail to R9ARW_NAWWO@MAIL.FWS.GOV. Contact the Small Grants Coordinator, Dr. Keith A. Morehouse, if you would like to receive the instructions booklet on a computer disk.

In conclusion, the Service requires that upon their arrival in the NAWWO, proposal packages must be: complete with regard to all of the information requested; in the format requested; and on time.

Dated: January 24, 1997.

John G. Rogers,

Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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Bureau of Land Management

[UT-912-07-0777-52]

Notice of Meeting of the Utah Resource Advisory Council (RAC)

SUMMARY: Utah's Resource Advisory Council will be conducting a 2-day meeting in Escalante, Utah. A field tour of the Escalante section of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument will be taking place on March 18, 1997. This will be an all-day tour on which we will be discussing issues (i.e. recreation, grazing, archaeology, etc.), pertaining to the Monument. The Council will depart from Escalante for the Monument at 8:00 a.m. RAC meetings are open to the public; however, transportation, meals, and overnight accommodations are the responsibility of the participating public.

Our general meeting of the RAC will take place on March 19, 1997, at the Bureau of Land Management's Escalante Field Office, 755 West Main, Escalante, Utah. At this time, we will be discussing membership and nomination procedures, charter renewal, and an overview of selected issues and opportunities. Opportunities for members of the public to address the Council will take place March 19, 1996, from 8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public interested in attending the Monument field tour or desiring an opportunity to address the Council should contact Sherry Foot, Special Programs Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, 324 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84111; phone (801) 539-4195, by March 10, 1997.

Dated: January 22, 1997.
G. William Lamb,
Utah BLM State Director.
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[CA069-1820-00]

Needles Resource Area, CA; Office Hours

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management located at 101 Spikes Road, Needles, CA 92363, will have a change in office hours. The new hours are: Monday-Friday, 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, PST.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elaine Downing, Bureau of Land Management, 101 Spikes Road, Needles, CA 92363 (619) 326-7000.

George R. Meckfessel,
Acting Area Manager.

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[AZ-040-1430-07-00; AZA 29294]

**Notice of Realty Action;
Noncompetitive Sale of Public Lands;
Arizona**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The following lands in Graham County, Arizona have been found suitable for direct sale under Section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1713), at not less than the appraised fair market value. The land will not be offered for sale until at least 60 days after the date of this notice.

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

T. 6 S., R. 27 E.,

Sec. 35, SW¹/₄SE¹/₄NE¹/₄SW¹/₄NE¹/₄NE¹/₄,
S¹/₂SW¹/₄NE¹/₄SW¹/₄NE¹/₄NE¹/₄,
SE¹/₄SE¹/₄NW¹/₄SW¹/₄NE¹/₄NE¹/₄,

E¹/₂E¹/₂SW¹/₄SW¹/₄NE¹/₄NE¹/₄,
W¹/₂SE¹/₄SW¹/₄NE¹/₄NE¹/₄,
W¹/₂E¹/₂SE¹/₄SW¹/₄NE¹/₄NE¹/₄.

The area described contains 3.125 acres.

The land described is hereby segregated from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, pending disposition of this action or 270 days from the date of publication of this notice, whichever occurs first.

In accordance with Section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act, 43 U.S.C. 315f, and Executive Order No. 6910, the land described is hereby classified for disposal by sale.

This land is being offered by direct sale to Manuel Fajardo. If a determination is reached that the subject parcel contains no known mineral values, the mineral interests may be conveyed simultaneously. Acceptance of the direct sale offer will qualify the purchaser to make application for conveyance of those mineral interests.

The patent, when issued, will contain certain reservations to the United States and will be subject to existing easements. Detailed information concerning these reservations as well as specific conditions to the sale are available for review at the Safford Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 711 14th Avenue, Safford, Arizona 85546.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register, interested parties may submit comments to the Field Office Manager, Safford Field Office, at the above address. In the absence of timely objections, this proposal shall become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Dated: January 27, 1997.

William T. Civish,

Field Office Manager.

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[ID-957-1430-000]

Idaho: Filing of Plats of Survey; Idaho

The supplemental 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. January 21, 1997. The supplemental plat, prepared to show amended lottings in sections 28 and 33, T. 2 N., R. 17 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, was accepted January 21, 1997.

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, Cadastra Survey, Idaho State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho, 83709-1657.

Dated: January 21, 1997.

Duane E. Olsen,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Idaho.

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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 Section 1501.4 and Section 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 the 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
Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc., Pipeline Activity, SEA No. G-16093.	Ewing Bank Area; Blocks 873, 829, and 785; South Timbalier Area, South Addition; Blocks 308, 287, 284, 259, 256, 231, and 228; South Timbalier Area; Blocks 209, 184, 181, 156, 153, 133, 130, 124, 87, 62, 59, 44, 41, 26, 23, and 22; Bay Marchand Area; Blocks 4 and 5; Lease G-16093; 4.2-67.1 miles south of the nearest coastline in Louisiana.	1/10/97
W & T Offshore Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 96-138A and 96-139A.	Ship Shoal Area, Block 133, Lease OCS-G 4228, 71.5 miles southwest of Fourchon, Louisiana.	12/23/96