

parcel being offered to the apparent high bidder or declared unsold, if no bids were received in the initial round of bidding.

Unsold Competitive Procedures

Unsold competitive procedures will be used after a parcel has been unsuccessfully offered for sale by competitive or modified competitive procedures.

Unsold parcels will be offered competitively on a continuous basis until sold. Under competitive procedures for unsold parcels the highest valid bid received during the preceding month will be declared the purchaser. Sealed bids will be accepted and held until the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. PST when they will be opened. Openings will take place every month until the parcels are sold or withdrawn from sale.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the Burns District Office, no later than 2:00 p.m. PST on Wednesday, March 8, 2000, the time of the bid opening and oral auction. The outside of bid envelopes must be clearly marked with "BLM Land Sale," the parcel number and the bid opening date. Bids must be for not less than the appraised market value (minimum bid). Separate bids must be submitted for each parcel. Each sealed bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, postal money order, bank draft, or cashier's check made payable to the Department of the Interior-BLM for not less than 20 percent of the amount bid. The bid envelope must also contain a statement showing the total amount bid and the name, mailing address and phone number of the entity making the bid. A successful bidder for competitive parcels shall make an additional deposit at the close of the auction to bring the total bid deposit up to the required 20 percent of the high bid. Personal checks or cash will be acceptable for this additional deposit only.

Federal law requires that public land may be sold only to either, (1) citizens of the United States 18 years of age or older; (2) corporations subject to the laws of any state or the United States; (3) other entities such as associations and partnerships capable of holding land or interests therein under the laws of the state within which the land is located; or (4) states, state instrumentalities or political subdivisions authorized to hold property. Certifications and evidence to this effect will be required of the purchaser prior to issuance of conveyance documents.

Prospective purchasers will be allowed 180 days to submit the balance

of the purchase price. Failure to meet this timeframe shall cause the deposit to be forfeited to the BLM. The parcel will then be offered to the next lowest qualified bidder, or if no other bids were received, the parcel will be declared unsold.

A successful bid on a parcel constitutes an application for conveyance of those mineral interests offered under the authority of section 209(b) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. In addition to the full purchase price, a nonrefundable fee of \$50 will be required for the prospective purchaser for purchase of the mineral interests to be conveyed simultaneously with the sale of the land. Note that in the case of Parcels OR-54927 and OR-54928 only partial mineral interests are being offered. All minerals will be conveyed with the remainder of the parcels.

DATES: On or before January 24, 2000, interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed sale to the Three Rivers Resource Area Field Manager at the address described below. Comments or protests must reference a specific parcel and be identified with the appropriate serial number. In the absence of any objections, this proposal will become the determination of the Department of the Interior.

ADDRESSES: Comments, bids, and inquiries should be submitted to the Three Rivers Resource Area Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, HC 74-12533, Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Detailed information concerning this public land sale is available from Craig M. Hansen, Field Manager or Skip Renchler, Realty Specialist, Three Rivers Resource Area at the above address, phone (541) 573-4400.

Dated: November 30, 1999.

Craig M. Hansen,

Three Rivers Resource Area Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-070-99-1430-EQ; Designation Order MT-070-0001]

Off-Road Vehicle Designation, Butte Field Office, Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Off-Road Vehicle Designation Decision.

SUMMARY: Final notice is hereby given that effective immediately all public lands in the Mount Belmont area, within the boundaries of the Great Divide Ski Area (895.91 acres) in:

Principal Meridian, Montana

T. 12 N., R. 6 W.,

Sec. 26, 27, 34, and 35, and

T. 11 N., R. 6 W.,

Sec. 2 and 3

are permanently closed to all yearlong motorized vehicle uses with the exception that a seasonal closure will be established on the Whippoorwill and Gloster Roads from December 2 through May 15. The area is located about 25 miles northwest of Helena, Montana. The purpose of this closure is to prevent soil erosion, inhibit the spread of noxious weeds, minimize visitor safety risks, and reduce user conflicts.

A public meeting and comment period were provided in conjunction with the Great Divide Ski Area expansion lease, and all responses received were considered prior to making this designation.

This decision is consistent with the Headwaters Resource Management Plan and is authorized in 43 CFR 8342. This designation will remain in effect until rescinded or modified by the authorized official. An appeal of this decision may be filed within 30 days of this notice with the Interior Board of Land Appeals.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steve Hartmann, Assistant Field Manager, P.O. Box 3388, Butte, Montana 59702, 406-494-5059.

Dated: November 19, 1999.

Merle Good,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Outer Continental Shelf: Operations (OCS), Annual List of Notices to Lessees and Operators (NTLs)

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public, industry, and other Government agencies of NTLs that are in effect as of December 9, 1999. It also officially rescinds several Letters to Lessees and Operators (LTLs).

ADDRESSES: You may obtain copies of NTLs through our website at "www.mms.gov/eod/library.htm" or by contacting the MMS National Office or the OCS Region that issued the NTL at the following addresses:

National Office: Minerals Management Service, Engineering and Operations Division, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817, Attention: Ms. Alexis London; Telephone (703) 787-1600.

Alaska OCS Region: Minerals Management Service, 949 East 36th Avenue, Room 308, Anchorage, Alaska 99508-4363, Attention: Ms. Christine Huffaker; Telephone (907) 271-6621.

Gulf of Mexico (GOM) OCS Region: Minerals Management Service, 1201 Elmwood Park Blvd., New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, Attention: Mr. Michael Dorner; Telephone (504) 736-2599.

Pacific OCS Region: Minerals Management Service, 770 Paseo Camarillo, Camarillo, California 93010-6064, Attention: Ms. Freddie Mason; Telephone (805) 389-7566.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alexis London, Engineering and Operations Division; Telephone (703) 787-1600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MMS is responsible for oil and gas or sulphur operations in the OCS to ensure operational safety and protection of the environment. In addition to our regulations, we issue NTLs to provide guidance and to further clarify, interpret, or describe regulatory requirements on a national or regional basis. In the past we have also issued LTLs for this purpose or to communicate information to OCS lessees and operators.

Recently issued final regulations have eliminated the need for certain NTLs and LTLs or have required changes in others. In the past 2 years, we have also updated and reissued most of our NTLs

to reflect current technologies, correct regulatory citations, and include a statement on the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 as it pertains to the NTL. We are also in the process of reviewing the active LTLs. We have already rescinded many LTLs (see 63 FR 63071, 11/10/98; 64 FR 25364, 5/11/99) or have revised and reissued others as NTLs.

For your convenience, the following table lists the current active NTLs issued by the National Office and the OCS Regions. Therefore, if an NTL issued before December 9, 1999, is not listed, it is canceled and no longer in effect. Although not listed here, those LTLs that have not yet been superseded by NTLs or officially rescinded remain in effect until they are superseded or rescinded. To obtain a list or copies of currently active regional LTLs, please contact the OCS Region directly.

NTL No.	Effective date	Title/subject
Current Notices to Lessees and Operators Issued by the National Office		
96-7N*	12/10/96	Civil Penalties Program (*Modified by 97-5N).
97-2N	08/01/97	Well Naming and Numbering Standards.
97-3N	08/01/97	Annual Performance Review.
97-4N	09/01/97	Civil Penalties Program Annual Summary to be Published.
97-5N*	10/07/97	Civil Penalties Program Revised Assessment Matrix (*Modifies 96-7N).
98-1N	01/02/98	Interim Guidance for Applying Platform Design Criteria from American Petroleum Institute (API) Recommended Practice (RP) 2A, "Planning, Designing, and Constructing Fixed Offshore Platforms," 19th Edition (8/1/91) and 20th Edition (7/1/93) and its Supplement 1 (2/1/97).
98-2N	01/23/98	Guidance Regarding API Specification 14A, "Specification for Subsurface Safety Valve Equipment," Ninth Edition (7/1/94) and Supplement 1.
98-4N	03/04/98	Interim Guidance for Applying "Simplified Fatigue Analysis" Procedure from API RP 2A.
98-5N	04/01/98	Application and Audit Fees for Requests for Royalty Relief or Adjustment Under 30 CFR Part 203.
98-8N	06/01/98	Deepwater Operations Plans.
98-10N	07/01/98	Decentralization of the Lessee Training Program.
98-12N	07/01/98	Determination of Pollution Inspection Frequencies for Unmanned Facilities.
98-13N	07/01/98	Use of New or Alternative Technology and Procedures.
98-14N	07/01/98	Conservation Information.
98-16N	10/28/98	API Specification 6D (SPEC 6D), Specification for Pipeline Valves (Gate, Plug, Ball, and Check Valves), 21st Edition (3/31/94), and Supplements 1 and 2.
98-18N	12/23/98	Supplemental Bond Procedures.
98-19N*	12/29/98	Year 2000 (Y2K) Readiness Disclosure Statement (*Rescission Date 1/3/2000).
99-N01	01/01/99	Guidelines for Oil Spill Financial Responsibility for Covered Facilities.
99-N03	03/01/99	Performance Measures for OCS Operators & Form MMS-131.
99-N04	03/05/99	Revised Guidelines for Royalty Relief Under 30 CFR Part 203.
99-N05*	05/21/99	Year 2000 (Y2K) and End of Week (EOW) Compliance of Global Positioning System (GPS) Receivers (*Rescission Date 1/31/2000).
99-N06*	05/13/99	Final Rule on MMS Appeals (*Rescission Date 6/30/2000).
99-N07*	11/23/99	1999 Industry Awards Program & Luncheon (*Rescission Date 4/15/2000).

Current Notices to Lessees and Operators Issued by the Alaska OCS Region

There are no current NTLs issued by the Alaska OCS Region.

Current Notices to Lessees and Operators Issued by the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region

86-05	06/18/86	New Form for Designation of Operator.
93-04	09/30/93	OCS Functional Responsibility of New Regulations.
96-08	11/25/96	Time Allowed for the Correction of Incidents of Noncompliance (INC's) and for the Return of Notification of INC Forms.
96-10	12/05/96	Air Emissions Information for Application for Accessory Platforms to Pipeline Rights-of-Way.
97-06	03/01/97	Timely Submittal of Drilling Well Records in Accordance with 30 CFR 250.66 [Redesignated 30 CFR 250.416].
97-07	03/01/97	Revised Conditions of Approval to Drill, Sidetrack and/or Complete for Oil and Gas Production.
97-16	08/01/97	Production Within 500 Feet of a Unit or Lease Line.
97-17	08/01/97	Containment Requirements for Bolted or Welded Stock Tanks.
97-18	08/18/97	Timely Submittal of Deepwater Royalty Relief Applications.

NTL No.	Effective date	Title/subject
98-04	06/08/98	Hurricane and Tropical Storm Evacuation and Production Curtailment Procedures.
98-05	07/01/98	Confirmation of Deepwater Royalty Relief for Leases Issued After November 28, 1995.
98-06	08/10/98	Archaeological Requirements.
98-09	08/10/98	Proposed and As-Built Pipeline Location Data.
98-10	08/10/98	Best Available Control Technology (Sulphur Dioxide).
98-11	08/10/98	Implementation of Measures to Detect and Protect Deep Water Chemosynthetic Communities.
98-12	08/10/98	Implementation of Consistent Biological Stipulation Measures in the Central and Western Gulf of Mexico.
98-13	08/10/98	Minimizing Oil and Gas Structures in the Gulf of Mexico.
98-15	08/10/98	Time Allowed Between Lease Holding Operations (30 CFR 250.13 [Redesignated 30 CFR 250.113]).
98-16	08/10/98	Hydrogen Sulfide (H ₂ S) Requirements.
98-18	09/01/98	Change of Address for the Submittal of Certain Drilling Records in Accordance with 30 CFR 250.416.
98-19	09/15/98	Temporary Abandonment of Wells and Maintenance, Protection and Removal of Underwater Casing Stubs.
98-20	09/15/98	Shallow Hazards Requirements.
98-21	09/15/98	Environmental Information Guidelines for OCS Plans.
98-22	10/05/98	Reorganization of the Office of Field Operations to Activate the Lake Charles District, Realign the District Boundaries, and Establish District and Pipe Section Procedures for After-Hours, Weekend and Holiday Calls, and Related Submittals.
98-23	10/15/98	Interim Reporting Requirements for 30 CFR 250, Subpart K, Oil and Gas Production Rates.
98-24	10/15/98	Rate Control Section Address, Office Hours, and Telephone Procedures.
98-26	11/30/98	Minimum Interim Requirements for Site Clearance (and Verification) of Abandoned Oil and Gas Structures in the Gulf of Mexico.
98-27	12/01/98	Guidelines for Eliminating Trash and Debris Resulting from Gulf of Mexico OCS Operations.
98-28	12/01/98	Drilling Windows, Eastern Gulf of Mexico.
98-29	12/18/98	Announcement of Project to Clean Up Historical Well Data.
98-29 Addendum 1	03/15/99	Well Records for Information Corrected or Completed During Project to Clean Up Historical Well Data Exemption from Incidents of Non-compliance.
98-30	03/01/99	Regional Oil Spill Response Plans.
99-G01	02/12/99	Deepwater Emergency Well Control Operations.
99-G03*	03/12/99	Meteorological Data Collection and Reporting (Breton National Wildlife Refuge/Wilderness Area) (*Rescission Date 12/31/2000).
99-G04	03/12/99	Guidelines for General Lease Surety Bonds.
99-G05	04/26/99	Submittal of Documents for Platforms and Structures.
99-G06	05/01/99	Economic Assumptions for RSVP Deepwater Royalty Relief Model.
99-G07	05/03/99	U.S. Air Force Communication Towers.
99-G08	05/10/99	Removing Underwater Casing Stubs.
99-G09	05/10/99	Location of Choke and Kill Lines on BOP Stacks.
99-G10	05/11/99	Designated Safe Welding and Burning Areas on Rigs.
99-G11	06/07/99	Approval of Acidizing Operations.
99-G12	06/07/99	Increased Level II Underwater Structural Inspection Intervals.
99-G13*	06/30/99	Gas Volume Statement Requirements (*Rescission Date 12/31/99).
99-G14*	06/30/99	Production Activities Information Collection and Reporting (Breton National Wildlife Refuge/Wilderness Area) (*Rescission Date 1/31/2001).
99-G15*	06/30/99	Production Activities Information Collection and Reporting (Western Gulf of Mexico) (*Rescission Date 1/31/2001).
99-G16	07/08/99	Live-Bottom Surveys and Reports.
99-G17	07/08/99	North American Datum 83 Implementation Plan for the GOM.
99-G19	09/07/99	Downhole Commingling Policies.
99-G20	09/07/99	Downhole Commingling Applications.
99-G21	09/13/99	Platform Removal Applications.
99-G22	09/24/99	Guidelines for Subsea Disposal & Offshore Storage of Solid Wastes.

Current Notices to Lessees and Operators Issued by the Pacific OCS Region

92-01	03/24/92	Warning Signs: Pipelines and Power Cables.
98-01	03/05/98	Santa Maria District Office Phone Call Procedures and Hours.
98-02	03/05/98	Camarillo District Office Phone Call Procedures and Hours.
98-04	07/01/98	Gas Volume Statement Requirements.
98-05	08/04/98	Archaeological Survey and Report Requirements.
98-06	08/04/98	Change of Ownership/Operatorship of Leases and Pipelines.
98-07	08/04/98	Helideck Closures.
98-08	08/04/98	Biological Survey Criteria.
98-09	08/11/98	Hydrogen Sulfide (H ₂ S) Requirements.
98-10	08/21/98	Liquid Royalty Measurement Facilities.
98-11	08/31/98	Submission of Digitized Well Log Data on Magnetic Tape.
98-12	08/11/98	Guidelines for Shallow Hazards and Report Requirements for Exploration Drilling.
98-13	08/11/98	Guidelines for Shallow Hazards and Report Requirements for OCS Development Operations.
98-14	11/04/98	Cooperative Drilling Rig.
99-P01	07/15/99	Oil Spill Response Plans.
99-P02*	08/05/99	Pipelines & Pipeline Rights-of-Way; Correction (*Rescission Date 10/1/2000).
99-P04	11/04/99	Flaring and Venting Gas.

You are advised that the Gulf of Mexico and Pacific OCS Regions are officially rescinding the following previously issued LTLs that are no longer current, have served their purpose, or because recently revised regulations and policies have eliminated the need for them. With one noted exception (*), the following LTLs are rescinded effective with the publication of this notice.

Gulf of Mexico OCS Region

- LTL dated May 30, 1989, Unannounced Oil Spill Drills—Announcement.
- LTL dated June 26, 1989, Unannounced Oil Spill Drills—Implementation.
- LTL dated August 30, 1990, Aircraft over National Wildlife Refuges & National Parks.
- LTL dated May 14, 1991, Establish Uniform Procedures for the Designation of Structures on OCS Leases (*This LTL will be rescinded on the same date that our revised final rule on 30 CFR 250, subpart A becomes effective.).
- LTL dated May 18, 1995, Sustained Casinghead Pressure (SCP) Policy.
- LTL dated June 6, 1995, Flower Garden Banks Sanctuary Manager Oil Spill Notification.

Pacific OCS Region

- LTL dated November 1, 1993, Office Name Change.

Dated: November 23, 1999.

Carolita U. Kallaur,

Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

National Park of American Samoa Federal Advisory Commission; Notice of Meeting

Notice is given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the National Park of American Samoa Federal Advisory Commission will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday and Friday, January 6 and 7, 2000, at Pago Plaza, Room 213, Pago Pago, American Samoa.

The agenda for the meeting will include:

Welcome and Introductions
Review of Advisory Commission
Purpose and Goals
Selection of Officers
Development of Bylaws for the
Commission

Review of Pub. L. 100-571, the Park's Enabling Legislation
Review of the Park's General Management Plan
Superintendent's Report
Discussion of Superintendent's Report
Public Comments

The meeting is open to the public and opportunity will be provided for public comments at specified times during the meeting and prior to closing the meeting. The meeting will be recorded for documentation and transcribed for dissemination. Minutes of the meeting will be available to the public after they have been approved by the full Advisory Commission. For copies of the minutes, contact the National Park of American Samoa Superintendent at 011 (684) 633-7082.

Dated: November 24, 1999.

Holly Bundorn,

Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Central Valley Project Improvement Act, Revised Interim Guidelines for Implementation of the Water Transfer Provisions of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: To meet the requirements of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) of 1992, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) developed and published the Interim Guidelines for Implementation of Water Transfers Under Title XXXIV of Public Law 102-575 (Interim Guidelines) on February 25, 1993. On September 30, 1999, certain provisions of section 3405(a) of the CVPIA sunset. Consequently, Reclamation has drafted revised Interim Guidelines to reflect these Congressionally mandated changes.

The Interim Guidelines were prepared pursuant to the provisions of section 3405(a) specifying the conditions and requirements for the transfer of Central Valley Project (Project) water. Section 3405(a)(3) states "Transfers executed after September 30, 1999, shall only be governed by the provisions of subparagraphs 3405(a)(1)(A)-(C), (E), (G), (H), (I), (L), and (M) of this title, and by State law." The interim guidelines have been changed to reflect this CVPIA provision. Reclamation has made a commitment to publish a notice of its

revised Interim Guidelines in the **Federal Register** and to allow the public 30 days to comment.

DATES: All public comments must be received by January 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Please mail comments to Julie Spezia, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, MP-410, Sacramento CA 95825.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To be placed on a mailing list for any subsequent information, please contact Julie Spezia at the address above, or by telephone at (916) 978-5295 (TDD 978-5608).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Reclamation's objectives in developing Interim Guidelines for the implementation of section 3405(a) of Public Law 102-575, commonly referred to as the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA), are to address all water transfers equitably, to provide for a more efficient and effective use of the water supply developed by the Project, and to provide greater flexibility to water users in transferring water developed by the Project. These revised Interim Guidelines will establish the conditions for transfer of Project water subsequent to September 30, 1999.

Section 3405(a) authorizes all individuals or districts who receive Project water under water service or repayment contracts, water rights settlement contracts or exchange contracts to transfer, subject to certain conditions, all or a portion of their Project water to any California water user or water agency, State or Federal agency, Indian Tribe or private nonprofit organization for Project purposes or any purpose recognized as beneficial under State law.

The sections of the Interim Guidelines are listed as follows with a brief description of changes made:

- I Objective: No substantive change.
- II Authority: No substantive change.
- III Applicability: No substantive change.
- IV Implementation: No substantive change.

V Criteria for Transfers Authorized Under Section 3405(a): delete paragraphs (D), (F), (G) and (N).

Note: Even though CVPIA no longer prohibits water transfers with long-term impacts on ground water, any such impacts would need to be identified under the environmental compliance process; also water transfers need to comply with State and local ground-water law and ordinances, if any.

VI Transferor's Responsibility: delete paragraph (C).

VII Reclamation Responsibility: no substantive change.