

2. Those rights for power line purposes which have been granted to the Nevada Power Company by Permit No. N-10603 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

3. Those rights for telephone line purposes which have been granted to Sprint Central by Permit No. N-12834 under the Act of March 4, 1911 (43 U.S.C. 961).

4. Those rights for roadway purposes which have been granted to Clark County by Permit No. N-55084 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

5. Those rights for water pipe line purposes which have been granted to Las Vegas Valley Water District by Permit No. N-56876 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

6. Those rights for power and telephone line purposes which have been granted to Nevada Power Company and Sprint Central by Permit No. N-57446 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

7. Those rights for roadway purposes which have been granted to Clark County by Permit No. N-57458 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

8. Those rights for power line purposes which have been granted to Nevada Power Company by Permit No. N-59896 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

9. Those rights for flood control purposes which have been granted to Clark County by Permit No. N-61436 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4765 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada or by calling (702) 647-5088. Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the above described land will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease/conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, leasing under the mineral leasing laws, and disposal under the mineral material disposal laws.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance for classification of the lands to the Las Vegas Field Manager, Las Vegas Field Office, 4765 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108.

Classification Comments

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a park. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, 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.

Application Comments

Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor directly related to the suitability of the land for a park. Any

adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior. The classification of the land described in this Notice will become effective 60 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

The lands will not be offered for lease/conveyance until after the classification becomes effective.

Dated: June 22, 2001.

Rex Wells,

Assistant Field Manager, Division of Lands, Las Vegas, NV.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for Proposed Eastern Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 181

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Preparation of an environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS) is preparing an environmental assessment (EA) for a reduced area configuration of proposed Eastern Gulf of Mexico (GOM) Lease Sale 181. The MMS proposes to offer for lease 256 blocks offshore Alabama in the westernmost portion of the Eastern Planning Area of the GOM outer continental shelf (OCS). Three mitigation measures in the form of lease stipulations are included in the proposed action. This proposed sale is the only Eastern GOM sale scheduled during the current 5-Year Oil and Gas Leasing Program, and the first proposed sale in the Eastern GOM since 1988. We will publish an announcement in the **Federal Register** when the EA has been completed and is available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, Ms. Deborah Cranswick, telephone (504) 736-2744.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 25, 1999, the MMS published the Call for Information and Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS for proposed Eastern Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 181 in the **Federal Register** Scoping meetings in support of the development of the Draft EIS were held in Florida, Alabama, and Louisiana in July 1999. The Draft EIS was released in December 5, 2000, and public hearings on the

Draft EIS were held in Florida, Alabama, and Louisiana in January 2001. The Final EIS was released in July 2001. The Final EIS evaluated three sale-area configurations and a no action alternative, as well as eleven mitigation measures in the form of lease stipulations. The current reduced-area proposal was not one of the alternatives evaluated in the Final EIS because the reduced-area sale configuration was developed after publication of the Final EIS; only three of the proposed lease stipulations are applicable to the reduced sale area. The issues and resources addressed in the EIS will be addressed in the EA for the reduced sale area.

The reduced lease sale area represents about 25 percent of the original proposed Lease Sale area. The reduced Lease Sale 181 area encompasses 256 blocks, about 1.5 million acres, located 100 to 200 miles offshore Alabama in water depths ranging from 1,600 to 3,000 meters. The proposed Sale area contains 1.25 trillion cubic feet of natural gas and 185 million barrels of oil. It is estimated that leases issued as a result of this Sale could lead to the production of 0.015 to 0.115 billion barrels of oil and 0.225 to 0.750 trillion cubic feet of gas.

Public Comments

The MMS requests interested parties to submit comments specific to the environmental issues related to the reduced lease sale area. Comments should be sent to Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Office of Leasing and Environment, Attention: Regional Supervisor (MS 5400), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394. Your comments must be submitted on or before August 27, 2001.

Dated: July 23, 2001.

Carolita U. Kallaur,

Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Cuyahoga Valley National Park, OH; Intent To Prepare Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Rural Landscape Management

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a draft environmental impact statement

for rural landscape management in Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Ohio.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) will prepare a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) to address the long-term management of the rural landscape in Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Park managers have understood the park's mandate to include the preservation of the rural landscape—the Valley's agricultural lands and associated structures. Various attempts to stem the decline of this landscape within the park's boundaries have not prevented farms from falling into disuse and disrepair. The park is proposing to implement a fresh approach to rural landscape management to better protect and revitalize this cultural resource.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

A preliminary set of alternatives (including the park's preferred alternative) for protecting the rural landscape have been developed:

(1) No action. Manage the rural landscape through a combination of historical leasing, short-term special use permits, mowing, and utilization of structures for adaptive reuse. Continue current program activities without changing their emphasis.

(2) Contract farming. Manage the rural landscape by hiring employees or contractors to implement a network of working farms as modeled by the NPS.

(3) Historical farming. Manage the rural landscape through the establishment of demonstration farms that replicate farming practices of specific historical eras.

(4) Countryside Initiative (Preferred Alternative). Manage the rural landscape by developing sustainable farms through long-term leases with private individuals. More information on this alternative can be found online at: <http://www.nps.gov/cuva/technical/countryside/index.htm>.

(5) Vista protection. Manage the rural landscape primarily for scenic values by emphasizing the restoration of farm structures for residential, office, or other non-agricultural use and clear and mow fields absent any agricultural purpose.

The park proposed completing an Environmental Assessment (EA) in May 2001 to assess the issues and alternatives for the proposed action. Public scoping was initiated for the EA and included letters to numerous agencies and organizations and a press release to local media. Park managers now believe that an EIS is more appropriate given the scope and complexity of the proposed action. All

information generated during the EA scoping process will be retained for use in the EIS process. Anyone who contributed comments for the EA need not resend their comments.

Comments

To facilitate sound analysis of environmental impacts, the NPS is gathering information necessary for the preparation of the EIS. Suggestions on environmental issues to be analyzed and additional alternatives to consider are being sought from other agencies, tribes, organizations, and the public. Comments and participation in this scoping process are invited and encouraged. This notice is being furnished as required by National Environmental Policy Act regulations 40 CFR 1501.7.

Scoping comments will be accepted for a period of forty-five (45) days from the issuance of this notice. A public scoping open house session will be scheduled no sooner than fifteen (15) days from the issuance of this notice. This open house will provide an opportunity for governments, tribes, agencies, communities, and interested citizens to learn more about the proposed action and express the issues and concerns they believe the EIS should address. Notice of the date, time, and location of this public scoping session will be advertised in local media outlets prior to the event. Persons wishing to receive direct mail notification of the public scoping sessions should contact the park at the address or telephone number below. Interested agencies and organizations are also invited to arrange meetings to provide input directly to the park. Such meetings can be arranged by contacting the EIS Team Leader at the address and telephone below. The public meeting notice, draft documents, and general information regarding the EIS will be found on the park's web site at <http://www.nps.gov/cuva/ruraleis.htm>. Written comments may also be mailed or e-mailed to the park's Superintendent at the address below.

Decision Process

The environmental review of the EIS for rural landscape management at Cuyahoga Valley National Park will be conducted in accordance with requirements of the NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.), NEPA regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), other appropriate Federal regulations, and NPS procedures and policies for compliance with those regulations.

Addresses

Written comments, general park information requests, or requests to be added to the project mailing list should be directed to: Superintendent, Cuyahoga Valley National Park, 15610 Vaughn Road, Brecksville, Ohio 44141. Telephone: 440-546-5903. E-mail: cuva_superintendent@nps.gov.

For Further Information Contact

For information concerning the scope of the EIS and to arrange Agency meetings should be directed to Kevin Skerl, EIS Team Leader, Cuyahoga Valley National Park at the address above. Telephone: 330-650-5071 extension 4. E-mail: kevin_skerl@nps.gov.

Dated: June 19, 2001.

William W. Schenk,

Regional Director, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Environmental Impact Statement for the Exit Glacier Area Plan, Kenai Fjords National Park, Alaska

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the Exit Glacier Area Plan, Kenai Fjords National Park, AK.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Exit Glacier Area Plan at Kenai Fjords National Park, under the provisions of the 1969 National Environmental Policy Act. The Exit Glacier frontcountry area is the only area of the park accessible by road and is a popular Alaska tourist destination. Visitation has outpaced projected trends year-round, resulting in changes to the visitor experience and impacts on resources.

The Exit Glacier area is accessible via a nine-mile road from the Seward Highway, just outside the town of Seward, Alaska. The road enters the park in the last mile and terminates in a parking lot. Exit Glacier flows from the 300-square-mile Harding Icefield, and visitors can approach the towering glacier face on a one-half mile footpath.

The General Management Plan for Kenai Fjords National Park completed in 1984 established broad goals for management of the Exit Glacier area. Specific area developments were approved in the 1996 Frontcountry Development Concept Plan (DCP), and