

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****[AZ-310-1060-HI; AZA 33148]****Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Arizona****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of the Interior proposes to withdraw on behalf of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) approximately 299.70 acres of public land for a period of 20 years to protect the Kingman Regional Wild Horse and Burro Facility in Mohave County, Arizona. This notice segregates the land for up to 2 years from location and entry under the United States mining laws.

**DATES:** Comments should be received on or before December 5, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Kingman Field Office Manager, BLM, 2755 Mission Boulevard, Kingman, Arizona 86401.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott Elefritz, BLM Kingman Field Office, (928) 718-3720.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The applicant for the above withdrawal is the BLM at the address stated above. The petition/application requests the Secretary of the Interior to withdraw for a period of 20 years the following-described public land from location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

**Gila and Salt River Meridian**

T. 20 N., R. 17 W.

Sec. 6, lots 2, 3, 4, 12, 13, 39, 42, and 44.

The area described contains 299.70 acres in Mohave County.

The BLM petition/application has been approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Interior. Therefore, it constitutes a withdrawal proposal of the Secretary of the Interior (43 CFR 2310.1-3(e)).

The use of a right-of-way or cooperative agreement would not adequately constrain non-discretionary uses and would not provide adequate protection of the Federal investment in the improvements located on the land.

There are no suitable alternative sites with equal or greater benefit to the government.

No water rights would be needed to fulfill the purpose of the requested withdrawal.

The preliminary mineral potential evaluation found the above described

lands to have a low potential for locatable minerals.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal would be to protect the proposed Federal investment in the BLM's Kingman Regional Wild Horse and Burro Facility.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing, by the date specified above, to the BLM Kingman Field Office Manager.

Records relating to the application as well as comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM Kingman Field Office, 2755 Mission Boulevard, Kingman, Arizona, during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the BLM Kingman Field Office Manager.

The withdrawal proposal will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The temporary land uses which may be permitted during this segregative period include licenses, permits, rights-of-ways, and disposal of vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2310.3-1)

Dated: August 25, 2006.

**Michael A. Taylor,***Deputy State Director, Resources.*

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**BILLING CODE 4310-32-P****DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Minerals Management Service****Alaska Region, Outer Continental Shelf, Beaufort Sea Planning Area, Oil and Gas Lease Sale 202 (2007)****AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of availability of an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No New Significant Impact (FONNSI).

**SUMMARY:** The Minerals Management Service has prepared an environmental assessment and a Finding of No New Significant Impact for the proposed Alaska Region Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Beaufort Sea Planning Area Lease Sale 202. In this EA, OCS EIS/EA MMS 2006-001, MMS reexamined the potential environmental effects of the proposed action and its alternatives based on any new information regarding potential impacts and issues that were not available at the time the Alaska Region OCS Beaufort Sea Planning Area Oil and Gas Lease Sales 186, 195, and 202, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Volumes I through IV (multiple-sale EIS) was completed in February 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Minerals Management Service, Alaska OCS Region, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, #500, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5823, Ms. Deborah Cranswick, telephone (907) 334-5267.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Proposed Beaufort Sea Planning Area Lease Sale 202 is the third Beaufort Sea Planning Area lease sale scheduled in the current OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program: 2002-2007 (5-Year Program). The multiple-sale EIS analyzed the effects of three lease sales considering resource estimates, project exploration and development activities, and impact-producing factors for each of the proposed Beaufort Sea Planning Area lease sales. The resource estimates and level of activities projected for proposed Lease Sale 202 remains essentially the same as examined in the multiple-sale EIS. No new significant impacts were identified for proposed Lease Sale 202 that were not already assessed in the multiple-sale EIS. The FONNSI reflects the MMS determination that a supplemental EIS is not required.

Available for Review: To obtain a copy of the EA and FONSI, you may contact the Minerals Management Service, Alaska OCS Region, Attention: Resource Center, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, #500, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5823, telephone 1-800-764-2627. You may also view the EA on the MMS Web site at <http://www.mms.gov/alaska>.

**Written Comments:** Interested parties may submit their written comments on this EA/FONSI until 30 days after the publication of this notice, to the Regional Director, Alaska OCS Region, Attention: Sale 202 EA Coordinator, Minerals Management Service, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, #500, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5823, or you may provide electronic comments at <http://occonnect.mms.gov/pcs-public/>. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents available for public review. An individual commenter may ask that we withhold their name, home address, or both from the public record, and we will honor such a request to the extent allowable by law. If you submit comments and wish us to withhold such information, you must state so prominently at the beginning of your submission. We will not consider anonymous comments, and we will make available for inspection in their entirety all comments submitted by organizations or businesses or by individuals identifying themselves as representatives of organizations or businesses.

Dated: August 22, 2006.

**Robert P. LaBelle,**

*Acting Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for a White-tailed Deer Management Plan, Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Ohio

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the White-tailed Deer Management Plan for Cuyahoga Valley National Park (Cuyahoga). The purpose of the plan/EIS is to develop a deer

management plan that supports long-term protection, preservation, and restoration of native species and other park resources. A scoping brochure has been prepared that details the issues identified to date and preliminary alternatives to be considered. Copies of that information may be obtained by mail from Cuyahoga Valley National Park, 15610 Vaughn Road, Brecksville, Ohio 44141, telephone 330-650-5071, extension 1, or the Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) Web site at <http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov/cuva>. Once on the PEPC site, click on the link titled Cuyahoga Valley National Park Deer Management Plan/EIS.

**DATES:** To be most helpful to the scoping process, comments should be received within 60 days from the date this noticed is published in the **Federal Register**. In addition, the NPS intends to conduct public scoping open houses at the park. Please check local newspapers; the park's Web site <http://www.nps.gov/cuva>; or contact the name listed below to find out when and where these open houses will be held.

**ADDRESSES:** Information will be available for public review and comment at the park headquarters located at 15610 Vaughn Road, Brecksville, Ohio 44141.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Lisa Petit, Chief of Science and Resource Management, Cuyahoga Valley National Park, telephone, 330-650-5071, extension 1.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the NPS is preparing an EIS for a White-tailed Deer Management Plan for Cuyahoga Valley National Park. The purpose of this plan and environmental impact statement is to develop a deer management plan that supports long-term protection, preservation, and restoration of native species and other park resources. A deer management plan is needed at this time to ensure that: Deer do not become the dominant force in the ecosystem, adversely impacting forest regeneration, sensitive vegetation and other wildlife; natural distribution, abundance, and diversity of plant and animal species do not continue to be adversely affected by the large number of white-tailed deer in Cuyahoga Valley National Park; declining forest regeneration is addressed and deer browsing does not continue at a level that eliminates or reduces forest regeneration, and that adverse changes to wildlife habitat and forest structure and composition do not occur over time; the park's cultural

landscape preservation goals and mandates are not compromised by the large number of white-tailed deer in Cuyahoga Valley National Park; and the protection of park resources and values benefits from coordination with other jurisdictional entities currently implementing deer management actions.

There are a number of objectives for this plan. One objective is to develop and implement informed, scientifically defensible vegetation and wildlife impact levels and corresponding measures of deer population size that would serve as thresholds for taking adaptive management actions within the park. The plan would also ensure that deer behavior, including browsing, trampling, and seed dispersal, does not adversely affect: Natural abundance, distribution, and diversity of native herbaceous and woody plant species; native vegetative species of concern, including rare, threatened or endangered species; and native vegetative species through dispersal, spread, and facilitation of exotic, invasive species. A third objective is to maintain a healthy white-tailed deer population within the park while protecting other park resources. In addition, the plan would ensure that deer behavior does not adversely affect the cultural landscape. Finally, the plan would enhance public awareness and understanding of NPS resource management issues, policies, and mandates, as they pertain to deer management; and ensure visitors the opportunity to view healthy deer in the natural environment at population levels that do not adversely impact visitors' enjoyment of other native species in the natural landscape.

Preliminary alternatives that will be considered to meet the purpose and need include: Landscape management, fencing, reproductive control, direct reduction, and a combination of these management strategies. The continuation of current management (no action alternative) will also be analyzed.

If you wish to comment on the scoping brochure or on any other issues associated with the plan, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may submit your comments online through the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) Web site at <http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov/cuva>. Once on the PEPC Web site, click on the link titled Cuyahoga Valley National Park Deer Management Plan/EIS. Please submit Internet comments as text files, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please put "Deer Management" in the subject line and include your name and return