

Category Three: representatives of State and local government, Native American tribes, academicians involved in natural sciences, employees of State agencies responsible for the management of natural resources, land, or water, and the public at large.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees must be residents of the State of Washington. The Eastern Washington Council covers eastern Washington (with the exception of the area south of the Snake River drainages).

Nominees will be evaluated based on their experience working with Native American tribal issues and their knowledge of the geographic area covered by the Council. Nominees must also have demonstrated a commitment to collaborative resource decision making. All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from represented interests or organizations, a completed background information nomination form, as well as any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications. The BLM Oregon/Washington State Director, the Forest Service Regional Forester, and the Washington Governor's Office will forward the nominations to the Secretary of the Interior, who will make the appointment to the Council.

This nomination period will also be announced through press releases issued by the BLM Oregon/Washington State Office. Nominations for Resource Advisory Councils should be sent to: Elaine Zielinski, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon/Washington State Director, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, OR, 97208.

DATES: All nominations must be received by the BLM Oregon/Washington State Office on or before May 30, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Lincoln Wojtanik, OR 912, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon/Washington State Office, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon, 97208, (Telephone 503-952-6437).

Eric Hoffman,

Acting State Director, Oregon/Washington.
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[Docket No. 4310-DN]

Notice of a Public Meeting; Montana, MT-060-06-1020-00

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Lewistown District Office.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lewistown District Advisory Council will meet May 21 and

22, 1996, at the 7 Lazy P Guest Ranch, north west of Choteau, Montana. The meeting will begin at 8 a.m. on May 21. The business of the day will include reviewing a draft letter to interest groups and individuals inquiring of the potential for creating a coordinated resource management group concerning oil and gas exploration and development along the Rocky Mountain Front; reviewing possible options to buy back, abandon, or terminate mineral leases along the Front; and a field trip to the area being considered for additional exploration.

On May 22, the meeting will begin at 8 a.m. The topics of the day will include standards and guidelines; the council's charter; the Mixed Grass Prairie ACEC; mineral exploration proposal in the Bitter Creek Wilderness Study Area; black-footed ferret/prairie dog issues; Native American participation in council activities; and the nomination process for those council positions that expire in 1996.

There will be a public comment period at 11:30 a.m. on May 22.

DATES: May 21 and 22, 1996.

LOCATION: 7 Lazy P Guest Ranch, northwest of Choteau, Montana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: District Manager, Lewistown District Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1160, Lewistown, MT 59457.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public and there will be a public comment period as detailed above.

Dated: April 16, 1996.

David L. Mari,
District Manager.

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Notice of Public Meetings for Proposed Land Withdrawal: Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Air Force proposes to withdraw 11,583.34 acres under Alternative Site No. 1 or 9,673.34 acres under Alternative Site No. 2 of public land from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, mining laws and mineral leasing laws, for the Mountain Home Air Force Base Enhanced Training in Idaho (ETI) site. Several public meetings will be held to gather comments on the proposal, at the dates, times, places and addresses described in this Notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 30, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Howard Hedrick, BLM Idaho State Office, 3380 Americana Terrace, Boise, Idaho 83706-2500, 208-384-3197.

The Department of the Air Force proposes that 11,583.34 acres under Alternative Site No. 1 to 9,673.34 acres under Alternative Site No. 2 of public land be withdrawn for a period of 20 years to provide protection of the ETI. The lands are described as follows:

Boise Meridian

(Alternative Site No. 1)—Proposal: Clover Butte Drop Zone

T. 12 S., R. 8 E.,
Sec. 10, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 11, S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 12, S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 13;
Sec. 14;
Sec. 15, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 22, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$;
Secs. 23 to 26 inclusive;
Sec. 27, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 34, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 35.
T. 12 S., R. 9 E.,
Sec. 7, lot 4, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 8, S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Secs. 17 to 20 inclusive;
Secs. 29 to 32 inclusive;

(No Drop Zone)

T. 11 S., R. 4 E.,
Sec. 23, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.
T. 9 S., R. 6 E.,
Sec. 21.
T. 13 S., R. 4 E.,
Sec. 4, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

(Emitters)

T. 8 S., R. 9 E.,
Sec. 34, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.
T. 9 S., R. 6 E.,
Sec. 15, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.
T. 11 S., R. 4 E.,
Sec. 23, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.
T. 11 S., R. 5 E.,
Sec. 17, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.
T. 12 S., R. 3 E.,
Sec. 26, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.
T. 12 S., R. 10 E.,
Sec. 30, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ within lot 4.
T. 13 S., R. 9 E.,
Sec. 10, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The areas described aggregate 11,583.34 acres in Owyhee County.

(Alternative Site No. 2)—Proposal: Grasmere Drop Zone

T. 11 S., R. 4 E.,
Secs. 25 to 27 inclusive;
Secs. 34, N $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 35.
T. 11 S., R. 5 E.,
Sec. 30, lots 1 to 4 inclusive;
Sec. 31, lots 1 to 4 inclusive.
T. 12 S., R. 4 E.,
Secs. 1 to 4 inclusive;
Sec. 9;
Sec. 10, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 11, S $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 12;
 Sec. 13, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 14, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 15, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

(No Drop Zone)

T. 12 S., R. 9 E.,
 Sec. 20, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.
 T. 9 S., R. 6 E.,
 Sec. 21.
 T. 13 S., R. 4 E.,
 Sec. 4, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

(Emitters)

T. 8 S., R. 9 E.,
 Sec. 34, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.
 T. 9 S., R. 6 E.,
 Sec. 15, NW $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.
 T. 11 S., R. 4 E.,
 Sec. 23, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.
 T. 11 S., R. 5 E.,
 Sec. 17, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.
 T. 12 S., R. 3 E.,
 Sec. 26, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.
 T. 12 S., R. 10 E.,
 Sec. 30, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ within lot 4.
 T. 13 S., R. 9 E.,
 Sec. 10, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The areas described aggregate 9,673.34 acres in Owyhee County.

Six (6) public meetings are scheduled at the following dates, times, places, and addresses:

1. June 4, 1996, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Elk's Lodge, 327 S. 3rd West, Mtn. Home, Idaho
2. June 6, 1996, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Rim Rock High School, Bruneau, Idaho
3. June 10, 1996, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Boise State University, Jordan Ballroom, 1910 University Drive, Boise, Idaho
4. June 11, 1996, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Boise State University, Jordan Ballroom, 1910 University Drive, Boise, Idaho
5. June 13, 1996, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Three Creek School, Three Creek, Idaho
6. June 17, 1996, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., College of Southern Idaho, Fine Arts Auditorium, 315 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho

These meetings are the first step in soliciting public comments on the proposed withdrawal. Information gathered at these meetings will be used in the development of an environmental impact statement (EIS). Comments given at these meetings should focus on the merits of the proposal, the feasibility of the identified alternatives, the availability of other alternatives, issues which should be addressed in the EIS, any other comments the public wishes the Air Force and BLM to consider, and

any questions concerning the withdrawal proposal. Those who desire to submit written statements, should file them not later than June 3, 1996, to BLM/USAF, P.O. Box 329, Boise, Idaho 83701-0329.

Dated: April 24, 1996.
 J. David Brunner,
Deputy State Director for Resource Services.
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Minerals Management Service

Outer Continental Shelf, Gulf of Mexico Region, Proposed Louisiana Barrier Shoreline Restoration Effort

AGENCIES: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Department of the Interior; National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce; State of Louisiana Department of Natural Resources.

ACTION: Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to Support Phase 1 of the Louisiana Barrier Shoreline Feasibility Study (Barataria-Terrebonne Basin Barrier Island Restoration Effort).

PURPOSE OF THE NOI: The NOI announces the decision to prepare an EIS and initiate the scoping process. The scoping process affords Federal, State, local government agencies, and other interested parties the opportunity to identify significant issues and alternatives to be analyzed in the EIS.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 14, 1996.

PROPOSED ACTION: The purpose to which the Federal agencies are responding in the barrier island project and the proposed major Federal action to be considered are as follows:

Purpose: The restoration, protection, and enhancement of Louisiana coastal wetlands, and for other purposes.

Proposed Action: Restoration of the Louisiana Barrier Shoreline as Identified in Phase 1 of the Louisiana Barrier Shoreline Feasibility Study (Barataria and Terrebonne Basins).

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND ON THE PROPOSED ACTION: Under the auspices of the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act (CWPPRA), the feasibility and benefits of restoring the barrier islands of coastal Louisiana are currently being evaluated with respect to their role in wetlands protection and enhancement. A feasibility study is underway to assess and quantify wetland loss problems

linked to diminishing protection from barrier islands along the Louisiana coast, to identify solutions to these problems, and to determine the barrier configuration that will best protect Louisiana's coastal resources from environmental degradation. The feasibility study is being conducted in three phases: Phase 1, currently ongoing, encompasses the Barataria-Terrebonne island chain; Phase 2 will focus on the Chenier Plain coast; Phase 3 will focus on the Chandeleur Islands.

Within the Phase 1 study area, the State of Louisiana is proposing to renourish Isles Dernieres and Timbalier Islands using Federal offshore sand deposits. In addition to renourishment, other coastal restoration methods, such as dune building, vegetation planting, hard structures, and related actions may be employed. On April 19, 1995, the Governor of the State of Louisiana contacted the MMS to request a noncompetitive lease to use Federal sand resources from Ship Shoal for restoration of the Louisiana barrier islands. The MMS has determined that the use of Federal sand from Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) areas such as Ship Shoal for barrier island restoration and subsequent wetlands protection meets the negotiated agreement requirements under Section 8(k)(2)(A)(i) of the OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1337(k)(2)(A)(i)).

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process is initiated when Federal agencies consider major actions which may significantly affect the environment. Because the environmental consequences of barrier island restoration are not fully understood and the extraction of Federal sand for the purposes of barrier island and wetlands restoration is considered a major Federal action, an EIS will be prepared.

This specific EIS will support the Phase 1 portion of the feasibility study. Impacts associated with Phases 2 and 3 will be evaluated in subsequent NEPA documents. The EIS will be used to assist the CWPPRA Task Force in making funding decisions regarding Phase 1 restoration methods as well as aid the MMS with respect to the request for a noncompetitive lease to the State of Louisiana for the use of Federal sand. The EIS will consider all reasonable restoration methods, the environmental consequences resulting from such methods, any alternatives to using material from the Ship Shoal area, and possible mitigation measures or stipulations which could be applied on the OCS or in the renourishment areas to ensure that a balance between orderly resource development and protection of