

an application to withdraw 3,805.87 acres of National Forest System lands for protection of the Howell Canyon Recreation Complex. Publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** will close the lands for up to two years from location and entry under the United States mining laws. The lands will remain open to all uses, other than the mining laws.

DATES: Comments and requests for a meeting should be received on or before July 10, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Idaho State Director, BLM, Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry R. Lievsay, BLM, Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709, 208-373-3864.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 28, 1997, the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, filed an application to withdraw the following described National Forest System lands from location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

Boise Meridian

- T. 12 S., R. 24 E.,
Sec. 36, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.
- T. 12 S., R. 25 E.,
Sec. 31, lot 4, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 32, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.
- T. 13 S., R. 24 E.,
Sec. 1, N $\frac{1}{2}$ lot 1, lots 2 to 4 inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 2;
Sec. 3, lots 1 to 4 inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 4, lots 1 and 2, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 5, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 9, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 10, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 11, NE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 12, NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The areas described aggregate 3,805.87 acres in Cassia County.

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 this proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the Idaho State Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

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 Idaho State Director within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application 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 lands will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to this date. The temporary uses which may be permitted during this segregation period, are leases, permits, rights-of-way, etc.

The temporary segregation of the lands in connection with this withdrawal application shall not have the effect of authorizing any use of the lands by the Department of Agriculture.

Dated: June 2, 1997.

Dave Holman,

Acting Branch Chief, Lands and Minerals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Outer Continental Shelf, Alaska Region, Beaufort Sea Lease Sale 170

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Reschedule of public hearing date.

On May 21, 1997, Minerals Management Service (MMS) announced in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 62, No. 98, pages 27774-5) the availability of the draft Environmental Impact Statement and the location, dates, and times of public hearings for proposed oil and gas lease Sale 170 in the Beaufort Sea, Alaska.

In response to a subsequent schedule conflict in Barrow, Alaska, MMS has rescheduled the July 8, 1997, hearing in Barrow as follows:

July 10, 1997: North Slope Borough Assembly Chambers, Barrow, Alaska, 7:30 p.m.

The dates and times for the hearings in Nuiqsut, Kaktovik, and Anchorage, Alaska, remain unchanged.

If you wish to testify at the Barrow hearing, contact the Regional Director at

the Alaska Regional Office, 949 East 36th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99508-4302, or Ray Emerson by telephone (907) 271-6650 or toll free 1-800-764-2627 by July 7, 1997. An oral statement may be supplemented by a more complete written statement which may be submitted to a hearing official at the time of the oral presentation or by mail until July 18, 1997.

Dated: June 4, 1997.

Thomas A. Readinger,

Deputy Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent To Extend Existing Concession Permits; and Notice of Intent To Issue a Concession Contract at Grand Teton National Park

AGENCY: National Park Service.

ACTION: Public notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Act of October 9, 1965 (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. 20 *et seq.*), notice is hereby given that the National Park Service intends to extend the following concession permits. These extensions are necessary to allow the continuation of public services during the completion of planning documents for Grand Teton National Park. The current concessioners have performed their obligations to the satisfaction of the Secretary and retain their rights of preference under this administrative action.

Pursuant to the Act of October 9, 1965 (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. 20 *et seq.*), notice is hereby given that the National Park Service intends to issue a concession contract at Grand Teton National Park with a term of three years. This short term contract is necessary to allow the continuation of public services during the completion period of planning documents for Grand Teton National Park. The current concessioner has performed its obligation to the satisfaction of the Secretary of Interior and retains its right of preference under this administration action.

EFFECTIVE DATE: On or before July 10, 1997, a notice will be published in the Commerce Business Daily. Anyone interested in making an offer for the new contract must do so within 60 days of the date of publication of the Commerce Business Daily announcement.

INFORMATION: Information regarding this notice can be obtained from: Program

Leader, Intermountain Office of Concessions Management Support, Attention: Judy Jennings, National Park Service, 12795 West Alameda Parkway, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, Colorado, 80225-0287, or call: (303) 969-2661.

The following concession permit will be extended for one year: Rex G. Maughan and Ruth G. Maughan d/b/a/ Signal Mountain Lodge, CP-GRTE050-91.

The following concession permits will be extended for two years:

Great Salt Lake Council, Inc. d/b/a Boy Scouts of America, LP-GRTE043-91
Lost Creek Ranch, LP-GRTE040-91
C-H Corporation, LP-GRTE045-91
Gros Ventre River Ranch, LP-GRTE046-92

Trail Creek, LP-GRTE037-91

Concession contract CC-GRTE003-66 has expired. The National Park Service will not renew this contract for an extended period until planning can be completed to determine the future direction of concession services at Grand Teton National Park. This necessary planning process has begun and will have a direct affect on future concession activities. Included in this planning process is the development of a commercial services plan. It is anticipated that the park commercial services plan will be completed in 1999. Until planning is completed, it is not in the best interest of the park to enter into a long term concession contract. For these reasons, it is the intention of the National Park Service to issue a short term contract at this time, complete the planning process then conduct a public solicitation and selection of a concessioner for a longer contract period.

Dated: May 22, 1997.

John E. Cook,

Director, Intermountain Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent

AGENCY: National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Oil and Gas Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for Padre Island National Seashore, Texas.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental

Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service is proposing to prepare an Oil and Gas Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for Padre Island National Seashore in Kleberg, Kenedy, and Willacy Counties, Texas, and is initiating the scoping process for this document.

The Oil and Gas Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement is needed to address the issues of how the National Park Service can best protect resources and visitor use activities at Padre Island National Seashore while at the same time permitting surface use for oil and gas exploration, development, and transportation operations in the exercise of nonfederal oil and gas mineral rights. In the Oil and Gas Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement and its accompanying public review process, the National Park Service will formulate and evaluate the environmental impacts of a reasonable range of alternatives that will provide the greatest protection for sensitive resources and values at Padre Island National Seashore while allowing for cost-effect exploration of the private mineral estate. Distinct management issues include identifying which park resources and values are most sensitive to oil and gas exploration and development disturbance, defining impact mitigation requirements to protect such resources and values, establishing reasonable performance standards and providing pertinent information to oil and gas owners and operators that will facilitate operations planning and approval.

A public scoping newsletter will be mailed in June 1997; this newsletter will describe the planning process and seek public and agency input and suggestions. The general public and affected and interested parties are encouraged to identify issues and other reasonable alternatives that should be addressed in the Oil and Gas Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement.

An Open House meeting will be held on July 9, 1997, at the Onmi Bayfront, 900 N. Shoreline, Corpus Christi, Texas, in the Laguna Madre Room from 5:00-7:00 p.m.; the public and affected interested parties may request additional meetings in other Texas cities. These requests should be made no later than July 25, 1997.

If you would like to be placed on the mailing list or request a meeting in your city, contact: Project Coordinator PAIS O&GMP/EIS, c/o Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park, P.O. Box 329,

Johnson City, TX 78636 or (e:mail) Donna_O'Leary@nps.gov.

Dated: May 28, 1997.

Paul Eubank,

Acting Superintendent, Padre Island National Seashore.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal National Heritage Corridor Commission Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces as upcoming meeting of the Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal National Heritage Corridor Commission. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463).

Meeting Date and Time: Wednesday, June 18, 1997; 6:00 p.m.

Address: Hugh Moore Park, Josiah White II Canal Boat, Lehigh Drive, Easton, PA 18042.

The agenda for the meeting will focus on implementation of the Management Action Plan for the Delaware and Lehigh Canal National Heritage Corridor and State Heritage Park. The Commission was established to assist the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its political subdivisions in planning and implementing an integrated strategy for protecting and promoting cultural, historic and natural resources. The Commission reports to the Secretary of the Interior and to Congress.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal National Heritage Corridor Commission was established by Public Law 100-692, November 18, 1988.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Director of Finance and Development, Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal, National Heritage Corridor Commission, 10 E. Church Street, Room P-208, Bethlehem, PA 18018, (610) 861-9345.

Gerald R. Bastoni,

Executive Director, Delaware and Lehigh Navigation Canal NHC Commission.

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