

subcommittees and work groups have a relationship to shoreline data. Two data standards that have been published that include reference to the shoreline are the Cadastral Standard and the Wetlands Standard. The Tri Service Spatial Data Standard and feature reference model contain a relationship to shoreline. The National Imagery and Mapping Agency has recently published a geospatial systems data model for shoreline data. There are several FGDC standards in either draft or proposal stage that relate to shoreline, these include: digital elevation, data accuracy, hydrographic, and facilities.

Reference Documents and Existing Standards

Existing standards that relate to shoreline are contained within the following publications and reports.

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- FGDC*, 1996. Cadastral Data Content Standard for the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, FGDC, Washington, D.C.
- International Hydrographic Office*, 1996. International Transfer Standard for Digital Hydrographic Data. Edition 3.9, IHO Special Publication No. 57 International Hydrographic Bureau, Monaco.
- National Imagery and Mapping Agency*, 1997. The United States Imagery and Geospatial System Data Model, Volume 4—Nautical—NIMA: Standards and Interoperability Division Bethesda, MD.
- Completion Date*: Approximately December 1998.
- Target Authorization Body*: The Federal Geographic Data Committee will be the authorization body for this standard.
- Maintenance Agency*: Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Ocean Service, National Geodetic Survey—Under the leadership of the FGDC Bathymetric and Nautical Charting Data Subcommittee.

Dated: August 1, 1997.

Richard E. Witmer,

Chief, National Mapping Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-962-1020-00]

Notice of Availability for the Montana/Dakotas Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management Record of Decision

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Record of Decision (ROD) on the final environmental impact

statement (EIS) for Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management (standards and guidelines) in Montana and North and South Dakota is available. The ROD documents the selection of the Preferred Alternative (the standards and guidelines) and provides background information and rationale for the decision. The standards and guidelines were developed in coordination with four Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) in Montana and the Dakotas. The standards and guidelines would be incorporated into 10 BLM land use plans that cover about 8.4 million acres of BLM-administered land in Montana and the Dakotas. This action is proposed in accordance with revised regulations for livestock grazing on BLM-administered lands (43 CFR 4100).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandy Brooks, Project Manager, BLM Montana State Office, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800, or 406-255-2929.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The final EIS for Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management was released and made available for a 30-day public availability period on June 6, 1997. The 30-day protest period for the final EIS began on June 18, 1997. The final EIS reflected changes based on public comments from the draft and supplement to the draft EIS. The changes included modifications to the Preferred Alternative, as well as other portions of the EIS, but did not change the scope of the final EIS nor alter the analysis of the environmental impacts. The decision to select the Preferred Alternative was based on a review of the environmental analysis in the EIS and consideration of public comments.

Dated: August 7, 1997.

James Binando,

Acting Deputy State Director, Division of Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZA-29258]

Arizona, Notice of Scoping Period

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of scoping period and notice of open house.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Lake Havasu Field Office announces an Open House to be held in Bullhead City, Arizona, to identify issues and accept comments concerning a proposed development on approximately 280 acres of BLM-administered land presently under lease. The land is located in Bullhead City, Arizona, along the shores of the Colorado River.

The concessioner intends to use the land for the Silver Shores Project, a development of multi-use recreational facilities, including a recreational vehicle park, sports complex, and associated commercial facilities. This notice is intended to invite the public to participate in identification of issues and the consideration of alternatives. All comments will be considered during analysis and assessment of the project, including all reasonable alternatives.

DATES: An Open House to identify public concerns will be held at the following date and location: Tuesday, September 9, 1997 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Bullhead City Area Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 1251 Highway 95, Bullhead City, AZ. Comments relating to the identification of issues and alternatives will be accepted at the meeting, or by mail if postmarked no later than September 24, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Bureau of Land Management, Lake Havasu Field Office, 2610 Sweetwater Avenue, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Wilson, Concession Specialist, (520) 505-1200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Silver Shores Project proposes a recreational vehicle (RV) park, along with an office, postal, fueling, food service, RV storage and other support facilities. Later development may include a sports complex, rooms for extended overnight stays, live entertainment, and retail facilities. The project would require five to ten years to reach completion. It is contiguous to a city park and fire station and is consistent with city planning and zoning requirements. No development has taken place. No marina is planned or proposed. No full time residency is authorized. The government remains the landowner.

Anticipated Issues

The following preliminary issues have been identified by the Lake Havasu Field Office's interdisciplinary team.

1. Riparian habitats included within the boundary of the parcel.

2. Potential impacts to any threatened and endangered species that may occur on the parcel.

3. Existing public uses of the parcel.

Other Relevant Information

Complete information of all phases of the proposed Silver Shores Project will be available for public review at the Open House and at the Lake Havasu Field Office, Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

Dated: August 1, 1997.

Jaime T. Provencio,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Safety and Environmental Management Program (SEMP) on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: MMS has decided to continue its collaborative efforts with representatives of OCS oil and gas operating companies to voluntarily implement its SEMP initiative. We will continue to work with OCS operators to enhance their performance in safety and environmental protection through a variety of cooperative actions and agency initiatives. The Agency will, however, increase its focus on the performance records of companies, and will take increasingly firm actions against poor performers.

DATES: MMS will consider all comments received by November 12, 1997. Any comments received after November 12, 1997 may not be fully considered.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Mail Stop 4020; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817; Attention: Rules Processing Team (Comments).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Wiese, Performance and Safety Branch at (703) 787-1591 or e-mail to Jeff.Wiese@MMS.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

What is SEMP?

SEMP is a safety systems management model designed around offshore oil and gas exploration and development activities. This concept is currently embodied in a publication of the American Petroleum Institute (API)

known as Recommended Practice 75 (RP75). This document is available from the API; they can be reached by phone at (202) 682-8375.

Why is the MMS Promoting SEMP?

MMS has developed a sound regulatory program to protect the public's interests in the exploration and development of OCS oil and gas over the course of more than a quarter century. This program is based, in large measure, on standards and recommended practices developed in association with OCS stakeholders that delimit how a "safe and prudent" operator would conduct its business. This regulatory program has historically focused on hardware and engineering approaches to resolve offshore safety and operating issues. It has been, as well, fairly prescriptive.

The SEMP concept was created to address the role of human and organizational error to accidents. By some estimates, human and organizational factors lie at the root cause of up to 80 percent of all accidents.

Through SEMP, MMS is seeking alternative ways to complement our current regulatory efforts to protect people and the environment during oil and gas exploration and production activities taking place on the U.S. OCS. MMS undertook this initiative following two separate, but related, studies which indicated that many OCS operators were led by the traditional, prescriptive regulatory approach of MMS to focus more on compliance with existing rules than in systematically identifying and mitigating all risks posed by their operations. Implementation of SEMP squarely places the responsibility for protection of people, facilities, and the environment on the shoulders of OCS operators.

What Related Past Actions Has MMS Taken?

MMS introduced its SEMP concept in the **Federal Register** on July 2, 1991 (56 FR 30400). In response, OCS operators requested that they be given an opportunity to further develop SEMP and a chance to demonstrate that they could voluntarily adopt it on a widespread basis. MMS joined with a broad-based industry committee to refine the SEMP concept under the aegis of the API. In May 1993, the API published RP75 as its response to SEMP. This document clearly reflects a consensus both within MMS and the offshore industry on what course a safe and prudent operator would steer—at a minimum. On June 30, 1994, MMS published a notice in the **Federal**