

Environmental Impact Statement, Fire Management Planning, Collaborative Management Reports, Bureau of Land Management water rights and policy in Nevada, Off Highway Vehicle use, identification of additional issues for future consideration by the RAC.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. The public comment period for the Council meeting is listed below. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language, interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the District Manager at the Ely District Office, 702 North Industrial Way, HC33 Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301-9408, telephone 702-289-1800.

**DATES, TIMES, PLACE:** The time and location of the meeting is as follows: Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council, Holiday Inn, (conference room), 1501 Avenue F, Ely, Nevada, 89301; November 3, 1997, starting at 9:00 a.m.; public comments will be at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.; tentative adjournment for the day at 5:00 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Curtis G. Tucker, Team Leader for the Northeastern Resource Advisory Council, Ely District Office, 702 North Industrial Way, HC 33 Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301-9408, telephone 702-289-1841.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues, associated with the management of the public lands.

Dated: September 29, 1997.

**Gene Draais,**

*Acting District Manager, Ely.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Outer Continental Shelf, Gulf of Mexico Region, Proposed Western Gulf Sales 171, 174, 177, and 180

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the draft multisale Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and public hearings on

proposed Western Gulf of Mexico (GOM) Sales 171, 174, 177, and 180.

The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has prepared a draft multisale EIS on five proposed Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas lease sales in the Western GOM. We will conduct a planning process for one sale each year from 1998 through 2001. Although this EIS addresses four proposed lease sales, it is a decision document only for proposed Sale 171. We will consult with other Federal agencies and the affected States for each of the yearly proposed sales. We will perform a National Environmental Policy Act review, and give the public an opportunity to participate in each sale.

You may obtain single copies of the draft multisale EIS from the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Attention: Public Information Office (MS-5034), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 114, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, or by calling 1-800-200-GULF.

You may look at copies of the draft EIS in the following libraries:

#### Texas

Abilene Christian University, Margaret and Herman Brown Library, 1600 Campus Court, Abilene;  
Alma M. Carpenter Public Library, 330 South Ann, Sourlake;  
Arkansas Pass Public Library, 110 North Lamont Street, Aransas Pass;  
Austin Public Library, 402 West Ninth Street, Austin;  
Bay City Public Library, 1900 Fifth Street, Bay City;  
Baylor University, 13125 Third Street, Waco;  
Brazoria County Library, 410 Brazoport Boulevard, Freeport;  
Calhoun County Library, 301 South Ann, Port Lavaca;  
Chambers County Library System, 202 Cummings Street, Anahuac;  
Comfort Public Library, Seventh & High Streets, Comfort;  
Corpus Christi Central Library, 805 Comanche Street, Corpus Christi;  
Dallas Public Library, 1513 Young Street, Dallas;  
East Texas State University Library, 2600 Neal Street, Commerce;  
Houston Public Library, 500 McKinney Street, Houston;  
Jackson County Library, 411 North Wells Street, Edna;  
Lamar University, Gray Library, Virginia Avenue, Beaumont;  
LaRatama Library, 505 Mesquite Street, Corpus Christi;  
Liberty Municipal Library, 1710 Sam Houston Avenue, Liberty;  
Orange Public Library, 200 North Fifth Street, Orange;

Port Arthur Public Library, 3601 Cultural Center Drive, Port Arthur;  
Port Isabel Public Library, 213 Yturria Street, Port Isabel;  
R.J. Kleberg Public Library, Fourth and Henrietta, Kingsville;  
Reber Memorial Library, 193 North Fourth, Raymondville;  
Refugio County Public Library, 815 South Commerce Street, Refugio;  
Rice University, Fondren Library, 6100 South Main Street, Houston;  
Rockwall County Library, 105 South First Street, Rockwall;  
Rosenberg Library, 2310 Sealy Street, Galveston;  
Sam Houston Regional Library & Research Center, FM 1011 Governors Road, Liberty;  
Stephen F. Austin State University, Steen Library, Wilson Drive, Nacogdoches;  
Texas A & M University, Corpus Christi Library, 6300 Ocean Drive, Corpus Christi;  
Texas A & M University, Evans Library, Spence and Lubbock Streets, College Station;  
Texas Southmost College Library, 1825 May Street, Brownsville;  
Texas State Library, 1200 Brazos Street, Austin;  
Texas Tech University Library, 18th and Boston Avenue, Lubbock;  
University of Houston Library, 4800 Calhoun Boulevard, Houston;  
University of Texas at Arlington, Library, 701 South Cooper Street, Arlington;  
University of Texas at Austin, Library, 21st and Speedway Streets, Austin;  
University of Texas at Brownsville, Oliveria Memorial Library, 80 Fort Brown, Brownsville;  
University of Texas at Dallas, McDermott Library, 2601 North Floyd Road, Richardson;  
University of Texas at El Paso, Library, Wiggins Road and University Avenue, El Paso;  
University of Texas at San Antonio, Library, 6900 North Loop 1604 West, San Antonio;  
University of Texas Law School, Tarlton Law Library, 727 East 26th Street, Austin;  
University of Texas, LBJ School of Public Affairs Library, 2313 Red River Street, Austin;  
Victoria Public Library, 320 North Main, Victoria;

#### Louisiana

Calcasieu Parish Library, 327 Broad Street, Lake Charles;  
Cameron Parish Library, Marshall Street, Cameron;  
Grand Isle Branch Library, Highway 1, Grand Isle;

Government Documents Library, Loyola University, 6363 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans;

Iberville Parish Library, 24605 J. Gerald Berret Boulevard, Plaquemine;

Jefferson Parish Regional Branch Library, 4747 West Napoleon Avenue, Metairie;

Jefferson Parish West Bank Outreach Branch Library, 2751 Manhattan Boulevard, Harvey;

Lafayette Public Library, 301 W. Congress Street, Lafayette;

Lafitte Branch Library, Route 1, Box 2, Lafitte;

Lafourche Parish Library, 303 West 5th Street, Thibodaux;

Louisiana State University Library, 760 Riverside Road, Baton Rouge;

Louisiana Tech University, Prescott Memorial Library, Everet Street, Ruston;

LUMCON, Library, Star Route 541, Chauvin;

McNeese State University, Luther E. Frazar Memorial Library, Ryan Street, Lake Charles;

New Orleans Public Library, 219 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans;

Nicholls State University, Nicholls State Library, Leighton Drive, Thibodaux;

Plaquemines Parish Library, 203 Highway 11, South, Buras;

St. Bernard Parish Library, 1125 East St. Bernard Highway, Chalmette;

St. Charles Parish Library, 105 Lakewood Drive, Luling;

St. John The Baptist Parish Library, 1334 West Airline Highway, LaPlace;

St. Mary Parish Library, 206 Iberia Street, Franklin;

St. Tammany Parish Library, Covington Branch, 310 West 21st Street, Covington;

St. Tammany Parish Library, Slidell Branch, 555 Robert Boulevard, Slidell;

Terrebonne Parish Library, 424 Roussell Street, Houma;

Tulane University, Howard Tilton Memorial Library, 7001 Freret Street, New Orleans;

University of New Orleans Library, Lakeshore Drive, New Orleans;

University of Southwestern LA, Dupre Library, 302 East St. Mary Boulevard, Lafayette;

Vermilion Parish Library, Abbeville Branch, 200 North Street, Abbeville;

There will be three public hearings held to receive comments on the draft multisale EIS. The hearings will provide us with information that will help in the evaluation of the potential effects of the proposed lease sales. Hearings will be held in: New Orleans, Louisiana, on October 29, 1997; 1:00–3:00 p.m., Minerals Management Service, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Conference

Room 111, Jefferson, Louisiana; Austin, Texas, on October 28, 1997; 1:00–3:00 p.m., Doubletree Hotel, 303 West 15th; Corpus Christi, Texas, on October 29, 1997; 7:00–9:00 p.m., Texas A&M University, Natural Resources Center, Room 1003, 6300 Ocean Drive; and Houston, Texas, on October 30, 1997; 1:00–3:00 p.m., Adam's Mark Hotel, 2900 Briarpark Drive.

If you wish to testify at a hearing, you may register beginning 1 hour prior to the meeting. Speakers will be limited to 10 minutes. Each hearing will recess when all speakers have had an opportunity to testify. If there are no additional speakers, we will adjourn the hearing immediately after the recess. Written statements submitted at a hearing will be considered part of the hearing record. If you are unable to attend the hearing, you may submit written statements until December 2, 1997. Send written statements to the Regional Director (MS–5410), Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394.

Dated: September 25, 1997.

**Thomas A. Readinger,**

*Acting Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

#### Notice of Transfer of Lands—Colorado River Storage Project, Colorado

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**SUMMARY:** By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 8 of the Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP) Act of April 11, 1956 (70 Stat. 110), and his delegation of authority to the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), jurisdiction over the following described land, which lies within the exterior boundary of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Montrose Resource Area, Colorado, and which was acquired by Reclamation for fish and wildlife mitigation purposes for the development of the Wayne P. Aspinall Unit, a unit of the CRSP, is hereby transferred to BLM for fish and wildlife purposes.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Memorandum of agreement between Reclamation and BLM are on file in the Office of the Regional Director, Upper Colorado Region, Bureau of Reclamation, 125

South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah; and the State Director, Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Darrell Welch, Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Region, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138 or telephone (801) 524–3765.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the National Intragency Agreement between Reclamation and BLM dated March 25, 1983, agreements may be executed between both agencies for recreation, and fish and wildlife management activities on Federal land. Statutory authority for such agreements includes: Section 307, Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 U.S.C. 1937); Economy Act (31 U.S.C. 686); and Reclamation Act of 1902 (43 U.S.C. Chapter 12) as amended or supplemented thereto.

Parcel No. WAU-(mit.)-1 describes the 225 acres of Reclamation acquired land to be transferred to BLM. The parcel consists of that portion of the McCluskey property as referenced by Memorandum of Agreement, Contract No. 0–LM–40–00340, dated July 30, 1992, between Reclamation and BLM.

Pursuant to Section 8 of the CRSP, the above land shall become BLM land with the provision that the land is administered and managed for angler access and other fish and wildlife purposes.

Dated: October 2, 1997.

**Eluid L. Martinez,**

*Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

#### Bay-Delta Advisory Council Meeting

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Bay-Delta Advisory Council (BDAC) will meet to discuss several issues including: follow-up from items from the previous meeting; receive advice on tradeoffs associated with the CALFED alternatives; update BDAC on ongoing CALFED activities. BDAC members are also invited to attend an informal educational session to discuss legislation that may be introduced in the California State Legislature pertaining to the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. Both the informal educational session and the meeting is