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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ES-030-09-1310-01]

Notice of Availability; Mosquito Creek Lake Proposed Planning Analysis/ Environmental Assessment; DOI

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Milwaukee Field Office.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Milwaukee Field Office, in cooperation and coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, has completed the Mosquito Creek Lake Proposed Planning Analysis/ Environmental Assessment (PA/EA) for oil and gas leasing. The Proposed PA/EA serves as a companion document to the Mosquito Creek Lake Draft PA/EA released in April 1998. The Draft PA/EA detailed the potential impacts associated with the leasing and subsequent development of Federal oil and gas resources at the COE's Mosquito Creek Lake project, Trumbull County, Ohio.

Based on the findings of the Draft PA/EA and the supplemental information/analyses included in the Proposed PA/EA, the BLM proposes to lease federally owned oil and gas resources underlying the Mosquito Creek Lake project area subject to the surface and subsurface use restrictions identified on pages 1-11 and 1-12 of the Draft PA/EA. Mitigation measures listed in Appendix A of the Proposed PA/EA would apply to all approved Federal drilling permits or agreements.

The Proposed PA/EA may be protested by any person who participated in the planning process and has an interest which is or may be adversely affected by the approval of the plan. A protest may raise only those issues which were submitted for the record during the planning process (see 43 CFR 1610.5-2).

DATES/ADDRESSES: Protests must be submitted in writing to the Director of BLM at the following address: Director, Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Ms. Brenda Williams, Protests Coordinator, WO-210/LS-1075, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240. Protests

must be postmarked on or before November 18, 1998. Protests filed late or filed with the State Director or Field Manager shall be rejected by BLM.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the Mosquito Creek Lake Draft and/or Proposed PA/EAs are available for public and agency review from the BLM Milwaukee Field Office, P.O. Box 631, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53201-0631. For further information, please contact Terry Saarela, Team Leader, at (414) 297-4437 (e-mail: tsaarela@es.blm.gov), or Chris Hanson, Assistant Field Manager, Division of Natural Resource Management at (414) 297-4421 (e-mail: chanson@es.blm.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Mosquito Creek Lake Draft PA/EA detailed the potential impacts associated with the proposed leasing and subsequent development of Federal oil and gas resources at the COE's Mosquito Creek Lake project, Trumbull County, Ohio. The Draft PA/EA analyzed two alternatives: Alternative A, No Action/No Lease, and Alternative B, Lease with a "no surface occupancy" restriction. The Proposed PA/EA serves as a companion document to the Draft PA/EA which was released in April 1998. Based on public comments received during the 60-day review period, the Proposed PA/EA provides more detail regarding certain processes and includes several new pieces of information. This new information was considered and incorporated into the analysis process. The Proposed PA/EA also includes responses to public comments made during the comment period, including both written and oral statements.

The Proposed PA/EA has been prepared in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Upon resolution of protests, an Approved Planning Analysis and Decision Record (DR) will be issued. The Approved Planning Analysis/DR will be mailed to all individuals who are currently on the plan's mailing list and other interested parties as requested.

Dated: October 9, 1998.

James W. Dryden,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-910-09-1020-00]

New Mexico Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of council meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix 1, The Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), announces a meeting of the New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC). The meeting will be held on November 19 and 20, 1998 at the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn, 901 Avenida de Mesilla, Las Cruces, NM 88005. The meeting on Thursday November 19 starts at 8:30 a.m., and the meeting on Friday November 20 starts at 8:00 a.m. The draft agenda for the RAC meeting includes agreement on the meeting agenda, any RAC comments on the draft summary minutes of the last RAC meeting on October 1 and 2, 1998 in Albuquerque, NM, a Fort Bliss EIS presentation and discussion, a time for the public to address the RAC, a McGregor Range Withdrawal presentation and discussion, BLM Field Office Managers presentations and discussion, a Standards and Guidelines presentation and discussion, a revisit to the Rio Grande Corridor Resource Management Plan Amendment, a Watershed presentation and discussion, a Soil and Water Conservation Districts/ New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts presentation and discussion, develop draft agenda items for the next RAC meeting, and a RAC assessment on the meeting.

The time for the public to address the RAC is on Thursday, November 19, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The RAC may reduce or extend the end time of 12:00 noon depending on the number of people wishing to address the RAC. The length of time available for each person to address the RAC will be established at the start of the public comment period and will depend on how many people there are that wish to address the RAC. At the completion of the public comments the RAC may continue discussion on its Agenda items. The meeting on November 20, 1998, will be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The end time of 4:00 p.m. for the meeting may be changed depending on the work remaining for the RAC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bob Armstrong, New Mexico State Office, Planning and Policy Team, Bureau of Land Management, 1474 Rodeo Road, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115, telephone (505) 438-7436.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Resource Advisory 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 public lands. The Council's responsibilities include providing advice on long-range planning, establishing resource management priorities and assisting the BLM to identify State and regional standards for rangeland health and guidelines for grazing management.

Dated: October 8, 1998.

Richard A. Whitley,

Associate State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[OR-957-00-1420-00: GP9-0003]

Filing of Plats of Survey: Oregon/ Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of the following described lands are scheduled to be officially filed in the Oregon State Office, Portland, Oregon, thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication.

Willamette Meridian*Oregon*

T. 19 S., R. 45 E., accepted September 4, 1998

T. 25 S., R. 3 W., accepted September 4, 1998

T. 29 S., R. 4 W., accepted September 23, 1998

T. 23 S., R. 6 W., accepted September 4, 1998

T. 5 S., R. 8 W., accepted September 30, 1998

T. 16 S., R. 8 W., accepted September 23, 1998

T. 28 S., R. 10 W., accepted September 18, 1998

T. 30 S., R. 11 W., accepted September 30, 1998

Washington

T. 11 N., R. 20 E., accepted September 4, 1998

If protests against a survey, as shown on any of the above plat(s), are received prior to the date of official filing, the filing will be stayed pending

consideration of the protest(s). A plat will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

The plat(s) will be placed in the open files of the Oregon State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1515 S.W. 5th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97201, and will be available to the public as a matter of information only. Copies of the plat(s) may be obtained from the above office upon required payment. A person or party who wishes to protest against a survey must file with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Portland, Oregon, a notice that they wish to protest prior to the proposed official filing date given above. A statement of reasons for a protest may be filed with the notice of protest to the State Director, or the statement of reasons must be filed with the State Director within thirty (30) days after the proposed official filing date.

The above-listed plats represent dependent resurveys, survey and subdivision.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Land Management, (1515 S.W. 5th Avenue) P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208.

Dated: October 6, 1998.

Robert D. DeViney, Jr.,

Chief, Branch of Realty and Records Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****Notice of Availability of the Abbreviated Final General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for Sitka National Historical Park**

AGENCIES: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Abbreviated Final General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for Sitka National Historical Park.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service announces the availability of a Abbreviated Final General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS) for Sitka National Historical Park, in the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska. This document in conjunction with the Draft GMP/EIS describes and analyzes the environmental impacts of a proposed action and two action alternatives for the future management of the park. A no action alternative also is evaluated.

DATES: A Record of Decision will be made no sooner than November 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the abbreviated final GMP/EIS are available by request from Ron Johnson, National Park Service, Denver Service Center, 12795 West Alameda Parkway, Box 25287, Denver, CO 80225-0287. Telephone: (303) 969-2342 FAX: (303) 987-6679.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Superintendent, Sitka National Historical Park, 106 Metlakatla Street, P.O. Box 738, Sitka, Alaska 99835.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-190, as amended), the National Park Service has prepared an abbreviated final GMP/EIS with proposed guidance for management of Sitka National Historical Park for the next 15-20 years.

The abbreviated final GMP/EIS in conjunction with the draft document describes and analyzes the environmental impacts of a proposed action, two other action alternatives, and a no action alternative. The proposed action, alternative 1, would balance resource management and visitor use. It would improve visitor access and safety and the accuracy of information available to potential park and city visitors. It also would better protect cultural resources and enhance existing park partnerships. Alternative 2, the no-action alternative, would continue current management direction. Benefits would continue for visitors in information and interpretation, but crowding in the visitor center unit would result in adverse visitor safety conditions. In addition, the uses of adjacent lands would continue to have adverse effects on visual resources and land use. Alternative 3 would emphasize resource preservation. This alternative would increase protection of cultural and natural resources, moderately benefit visual resources and the visitor experience, and improve park administration and operation. Alternative 4 would accommodate more visitors during peak visitation times. It would lead to some improvement in visitor access and circulation in and near the park, improvements in opportunities for information about Sitka attractions, and a better visitor experience.

The responsible official for a Record of Decision on the proposed action is the NPS Alaska Regional Director.