

made by the refiner to fulfill payment obligations.

If the refiner provides a bond or a certificate of deposit as the surety, it must be effective for the entire term of the contract plus a 6-month reconciliation period. If the refiner furnishes a letter of credit as the surety, it must be effective for a 6-month period beginning the first day the royalty oil contract is effective, with a clause providing for automatic renewal for a new 6-month period. The purchaser or its surety company may elect not to renew the letter of credit at any monthly anniversary date but must notify MMS of its intent not to renew at least 30 days before the anniversary date. We may grant the purchaser 45 days to obtain a new surety. If no replacement surety is provided, we will terminate the contract effective at least 6 months before the expiration date of the letter of credit.

Financial institutions that furnish bonds must be listed in the Department of the Treasury's Circular 570. Those institutions that propose to furnish letters of credit and certificates of deposit must be chartered in the United States and must be acceptable to MMS.

Contract Terms

The royalty oil contracts will be effective April 1, 2000, and will have a 6-month term with an automatic evergreen clause that renews the contract for another 6-month term subject to a 90-day termination notice by either the refiner or MMS.

Successful applicants who are awarded royalty oil contracts must process that royalty oil, or oil obtained in exchange for the royalty oil, in their refineries and may not resell it. If a refiner exchanges royalty oil for other crude oil to process in its refinery, it must provide full information to MMS, including a copy of the exchange agreement within 30 days of the exchange agreement's effective date.

Authority

These actions are taken according to the provisions of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. 1331 to 1356 as amended, the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of 1978, 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et. seq.*, and regulations at 30 CFR part 208.

Dated: January 12, 2000.

R. Dale Fazio,

Acting Associate Director for Royalty Management

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Oil and Gas Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument, Texas

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
Lake Meredith National Recreation Area
and Alibates Flint Quarries National
Monument.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service is preparing an Oil and Gas Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument, Hutchinson, Moore and Potter Counties, Texas, and is initiating the scoping process for this document. This statement will be approved by the Intermountain Regional Director, National Park Service. The Bureau of Reclamation and Canadian River Municipal Water Authority are cooperating agencies.

The Oil and Gas Management Plan/
Environmental Impact Statement is needed to address the issues of how the National Park Service can protect its resources and values, ensure public safety, and minimize conflicts with visitors and park management while recognizing the rights of private mineral owners to develop their oil and gas resources. In the Oil and Gas Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement and its accompanying public involvement process, the National Park Service will formulate and evaluate the environmental impacts of a reasonable range of alternatives that will provide protection for resources and values at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument while allowing for exploration and development 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.

Public Information and Comments

A public scoping newsletter will be mailed in January 2000, to invite public participation in the scoping process and to describe the planning process. The general public and affected or interested parties are encouraged to provide comments and suggestions, and 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 February 9, 2000, at park headquarters in Fritch, Texas. The public and affected or interested parties may request additional meetings in other Texas cities. These requests should be made no later than January 28, 2000, to EIS Team Leader Linda Dansby or Paul Eubank at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area/
Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument, at the addresses or telephone numbers provided below.

If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by mailing them to the post office addresses provided below by March 14, 2000. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the decisionmaking record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There may also be circumstances in which we would withhold from the decisionmaking record a respondent's identify, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you would like to submit comments, be placed on the mailing list, or request a meeting in your city, please contact Linda Dansby, EIS Team Leader, P.O. Box 728, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504, 505/988-6095; or Paul Eubank, Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument at 806-857-3151, or P.O. Box 1460, Fritch, Texas 79036.

Dated: January 12, 2000.

John C. Benjamin,

*Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and
Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability of Draft National Park Service Management Policies

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) is proposing to update the policies that guide the management of the national park system. The policies are being updated to keep pace with changes in laws, regulations, socio-economic factors and technology, and with new understandings of the natural and cultural resources that the NPS is responsible for protecting within the national parks. Public comment is invited for a 60-day period, which closes March 20, 2000.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted until March 20, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Draft Management Policies is available on the Internet at <http://www.nps.gov/refdesk/policies.html>. Hard copies may be reviewed in the Department of the Interior library (at the C Street entrance of the Main Interior Building); at all units of the national park system; and at NPS regional offices in Philadelphia, PA; Washington, DC; Atlanta, GA; Denver, CO; Omaha, NE; San Francisco, CA; and Anchorage, AK. Requests for single copies of the draft, and written comments, should be sent to Bernard Fagan, National Park Service, Office of Policy, Room 2414, Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernard Fagan at (202) 208-7456.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NPS has completed a comprehensive review and revision of the policies that currently guide the management of the national park system. The policies are compiled in a book called Management Policies, last published in 1988. Park superintendents, planners, and other NPS employees use management policies as a reference source when making decisions that will affect units of the national park system. The policies are being updated to keep pace with changes in laws, regulations, socio-economic factors and technology, and with new understandings about the natural and cultural resources that the

NPS is responsible for protecting within the national parks. Some of the policies (e.g., those dealing with planning, wilderness preservation, and wildland fire management) in the 1988 Management Policies have been updated more recently by means of "Director's Orders," which have been issued following a public notice and comment period.

Management Policies includes the National Park Service's interpretation of the key legislation that underlies the policies, and chapters that address: Park planning; park protection; interpretation and education; use of the parks; park facilities; commercial visitor services; and the management of natural resources, cultural resources, and wilderness.

The NPS hereby invites comments on the draft policies from any and all who may be interested. Comments will be accepted during a 60-day period which ends March 20, 2000. Comments should be specific as to how a policy might be changed or strengthened.

All comments will be reviewed, and appropriate suggestions will be incorporated into the revised final version of Management Policies. The final document will be available to the public via the Internet and in printed form. A notice of availability of the final document, and an explanation of how comments were addressed, will appear in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: January 13, 2000.

Loran Fraser,

Chief, Office of Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before January 8, 2000. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded to the National Register, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW, NC400, Washington, DC 20240. Written

comments should be submitted by February 3, 2000.

Beth Boland,

Acting Keeper of the National Register.

Arkansas

Pope County

Fair View School (Public Schools in the Ozarks MPS), 2367 Mill Creek Rd., Russellville, 00000030

California

Humboldt County

Prairie Creek Fish Hatchery, Milepost 124.83 on US 101, N of Orick, Orick, 00000034

Riverside County

Lake Norconian Club, Jct. of Fifth and Western Ave., Norco, 00000033

Idaho

Twin Falls County

Twin Falls Downtown Historic District, Roughly bounded by 2 Ave. N, 2 St. E, 2 St. W, 2 St. S, 3 Ave. S, 3 St. W., Twin Falls, 00000035

Kansas

Douglas County

Vinland Grange Hall, Jct. of Oak and Main Sts., Vinland, 00000037

Jewell County

Francis, O.W., House, Rte. 1, Burr Oak, 00000036

Louisiana

West Feliciana Parish

Star Hill Post Office and Store, 4630 US 61, St. Francisville, 00000038

Maryland

Baltimore Independent city

Market Center, 24 blks surrounding the jct. of Howard and Lexington Sts., Baltimore, 00000040

Massachusetts

Worcester County

Corcoran School, 40 Walnut St., Clinton, 00000039

Michigan

St. Clair County

Seventh Street—Black River Bridge (Highway Bridges of Michigan MPS), Seventh St. over Black R., Port Huron, 00000045

St. Joseph County

M-86—Prairie River Bridge (Highway Bridges of Michigan MPS), M-86 over Prairie R., Nottawa, 00000044

Wayne County

East River Road—North Hickory Canal Bridge (Highway Bridges of Michigan MPS), E. River Rd. over N. Hickory Canal, Grosse Ile,