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Operations Manager.

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Notice of Intent for Plan Amendment

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to amend the San Juan Resource Area Resource Management Plan. San Juan County, Utah.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to amend the San Juan Resource Management Plan (RMP) with three changes. Grazing is proposed to be retired in five side canyons of Comb Wash, a tributary of the San Juan River. The five side canyons are Road, Fish, Owl, Mule, and Arch. The second proposed change is Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) designations. The area encompassed by the following description is proposed to be changed from open to limited OHV designation.

All areas of public land from Comb Wash road (B235) on the west, to Butler Wash road (B230) on the east, and Highway 163 on the south. The northern boundary follows the old U-95 road alignment from its junction with the Comb Wash road, thence east across Comb Ridge to the Butler Wash drainage, thence south along this drainage to the township line of T. 37 S. and T. 38 S. and thence east along this line to the Butler Wash road.

The third proposed change is that a campsite in Comb Wash would no longer remain a developed site. Two Class A toilets, picnic tables, and grills would be removed. One Class C toilet would remain.

These proposed changes do not conform with the current San Juan RMP, necessitating a plan amendment. These changes are proposed in order to address a number of issues that have been raised in past scoping for the Comb Wash area:

What are the impacts of human uses, including livestock grazing, on upland and riparian vegetation?

How will riparian area functioning conditions be improved?

How will BLM manage activities to protect the watershed and meet state water quality standards?

What recreation opportunities should be provided?

How much are human uses, including livestock grazing, affecting the cultural resources in the watershed, and how can these resources be protected from further deterioration?

How will activities and resources be managed to protect, conserve and enhance wildlife populations and habitat?

There will not be any changes to planning criteria identified in the San Juan RMP as a result of this amendment.

DATES: The comment period for this proposed plan amendment will commence with the date of publication of this notice. Comments must be submitted on or before December 9, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kent Walter, San Juan Resource Area Manager, 435 N. Main, Monticello, Utah 84535, telephone (801) 587-2141. Existing planning documents and information are available at the above address or at the Moab District Office, 82 E. Dogwood, Moab, Utah, 84532, telephone (801) 259-6111. Comments on the proposed plan amendment should be sent to Kent Walter, San Juan Resource Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 7, Monticello, Moab, Utah 84535, telephone (801) 587-2141.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed plan amendment includes three management actions proposed in the Comb Wash Interdisciplinary Plan. There are a number of other management actions in this plan that deal with watershed, cultural resources, recreation, wildlife, livestock, traditional use, and fire management issues. All of the other actions would be in compliance with the San Juan RMP. The Comb Wash Plan and an accompanying environmental assessment will be available for a thirty-day review immediately after the comment period for this Federal Register notice closes. The plan and environmental assessment can be obtained from the Bureau of Land Management's San Juan Resource Area office, P.O. Box 7, Monticello, Utah, 84532, telephone (801) 587-2141. G. William Lamb,
State Director, Utah.

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Notice of Public Meeting on Proposed Withdrawal of Public Land; Washoe County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: A public meeting/open house to discuss the proposed withdrawal of approximately 26,000 acres of public land in the Pah Rah Range within southern Washoe County, has been scheduled for December 12, 1996.

SUMMARY: BLM staff will be available at the Carson City District BLM Office at 1535 Hot Springs Road, Suite 300, Carson City, Nevada, to discuss and receive comments on the proposed withdrawal between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on December 12, 1996. This meeting is being held in accordance with regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300. The withdrawal has been proposed for a period of up to 5 years to protect public land from potential impacts associated with nondiscretionary land and mineral activities while a land use plan amendment addressing future management of the public land is prepared. The lands are currently segregated from entry under the public land and mining laws. Further details can be obtained by contacting Jo Ann Hufnagle, Realty Specialist, at (702) 885-6000.

Dated this 30th day of October, 1996.

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Minerals Management Service

Alaska OCS Region, Beaufort Sea, Oil and Gas Lease Sale 170; Notice of Intent To Prepare Environmental Impact Statement (Comments Due in 45 Days)

Authority

This Notice is published pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), as amended, and the regulations issued thereunder (40 CFR Part 1501).

Purpose of Notice of Intent

Pursuant to the regulations (40 CFR 1501.7) implementing the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), as amended, MMS is announcing its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) regarding the oil and gas leasing proposal known as Sale 170 Beaufort Sea and the beginning of the scoping process for the EIS. Throughout the scoping process, Federal, State, and local governments and other interested parties have the opportunity to aid MMS in determining the significant issues and alternatives to be analyzed in