

ACTION: Notice of issuance of Letters of Authorization to take marine mammals incidental to oil and gas industry activities.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 101(a)(5) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service implementing regulations (50 CFR 18.27(f)(3)), notice is hereby given that Letters of Authorization to take polar bears and Pacific walrus incidental to oil and gas industry exploration, development, and production activities have been issued to the following companies:

Company	Activity	Date issued
Northern Geo-physical of America, Inc. Exploration.	Oct. 31, 1996.
Western Atlas International, Inc.	Exploration ..	Oct. 31, 1996.
BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc.	Exploration ..	Nov. 7, 1996.
BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc.	Production ...	Dec. 10, 1996.
BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc.	Exploration ..	Dec. 11, 1996.
BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc.	Development	Dec. 20, 1996.
ARCO Alaska, Inc.	Exploration ..	Dec. 24, 1996.
Western Atlas International, Inc.	Exploration ..	Dec. 24, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John W. Bridges at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Office, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, (800) 362-5148 or (907) 786-3810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Letters of Authorization were issued in accordance with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Rules and Regulations "Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities" (58 FR 60402; November 16, 1993); modified and extended (60 FR 42805; August 17, 1995).

Dated: January 3, 1997.
 Robyn Thorson,
Deputy Regional Director.
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Bureau of Land Management
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Notice of Filing of Plat of Survey; New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey described below will be officially filed in the New Mexico State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Santa Fe, New Mexico, on February 7, 1996.

New Mexico Principal Meridian, New Mexico
 T. 27 N., R. 18 W., accepted August 16, 1996, and T. 28 N., R. 18 W., Accepted August 16, 1996, for Group 870 NM., and T. 22 N., R. 21 W., NM, Accepted September 25, 1996, for Group 871 NM, and a Protraction Diagram for T. 4 N., R. 3 W., accepted October 10, 1996.

If a protest against a survey, as shown on any of the above plats is received prior to the date of official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest. 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.

A person or party who wishes to protest against any of these surveys must file a written protest with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, stating that they wish to protest.

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 protest is filed.

The above-listed plats represent dependent resurveys, surveys, and subdivisions.

These plats will be in the New Mexico State Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115. Copies may be obtained from this office upon payment of \$1.10 per sheet.

Dated: January 7, 1997.
 John P. Bennett,
Chief Cadastral Surveyor for New Mexico.
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Upper Snake River Districts Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Resource Advisory Council meeting location and time.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C., the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) council meeting of the Upper Snake River Districts Resource Advisory Council will be held as indicated below. The meeting will involve a discussion on healthy rangeland standards and guidelines, and the Upper Columbia Basin EIS. All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will have a 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 further information about the meetings, or need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Debra Kovar at the Shoshone Resource Area Office, P.O. Box 2-B, Shoshone, ID, 83352, (208) 886-7201.

DATE AND TIME: Date is January 29, 1997, starts at 1:00 p.m. at the Health & Welfare Regional Office, 601 Pole Line Road, Twin Falls, Idaho, Public comments from 1:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Debra Kovar, Shoshone Resource Area Office, P.O. Box 2-B, Shoshone, ID 83352, (208) 886-7201.

Dated: January 10, 1997.
 Gary Bliss,
Acting District Manager.
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