

impact statement is needed, NEPA analysis will be accomplished through an environmental assessment or an administrative determination.

Public input on issues and alternatives for the fire and vegetative resource management plan will be forthcoming through the Technical Review Team's efforts. This notice invites additional public comment on the proposal to modify the Fire Management Plan, and affected land use plans, if applicable.

Preliminary issues identified include: human health and safety; protection of property; protection of natural and cultural resources; use of fire to enhance biodiversity, stabilize soils, and promote ecological health; maintenance or improvement of rangeland health in accordance with established standards; and the proper role of fire in areas managed for wilderness values. No preliminary alternatives have been identified.

Dated: April 2, 1997.

Gene A. Kolkman,
District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-990-1020-00]

Notice of Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Upper Columbia—Salmon Clearwater Districts, Idaho.

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, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the meeting of the Upper Columbia—Salmon Clearwater Districts Resource Advisory Council (RAC) on Wednesday, May 14, 1997 and Thursday, May 15, 1997 in Salmon, Idaho.

The purpose of the meeting is to brief the RAC on upcoming sub-basin and watershed assessments, which will be part of the implementation process for the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project, and to provide a field tour of the Herd Creek watershed. Other administrative issues may be discussed as time permits. The RAC will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (MDT) on May 14 and 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (MDT) on May 15. The public may address the Council during the public comment period starting at 1:30 p.m. on May 14 at BLM's Salmon Field Office, Highway 93 South, Salmon, Idaho.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All Resource Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to the Council, or written statements may be submitted for the Council's consideration. Depending on the number of persons wishing to make oral statements, a per-person time limit may be established by the District Manager.

The Council's responsibilities include providing long-range planning and establishing resource management priorities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ted Graf (208) 769-5004.

Dated: April 4, 1997.

Fritz U. Rennebaum,
District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, MMS invites the public and other Federal agencies to comment on a proposal to extend and revise the currently approved collection of information discussed below. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

DATE: Submit written comments by June 13, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to the Rules Processing Team, Minerals Management Service, Mail Stop 4700, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alexis London, Rules Processing Team, telephone (703) 787-1600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR Part 254, Oil Spill Response Requirements for Facilities Located Seaward of the Coast Line.

Abstract: The Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA) requires that a spill-response plan be submitted

for offshore facilities prior to February 18, 1993. The OPA specifies that after that date, an offshore facility may not handle, store, or transport oil unless a plan has been submitted. In order to meet the deadline and assure that spill-response plans of sufficient quality were being developed, MMS issued an interim final rule (IFR) and the OMB approved the information collection requirements. MMS subsequently issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRO) incorporating the experience gained with the IFR and OMB approved the revised information collection requirements. MMS has now published a final rule (62 FR 13991) which supersedes the IFR effective June 23, 1997. The final rule changes the structure of the regulation, thereby changing the citations for the information collections. However, no significant changes to the information collection resulted from the comments received in response to the NPR and restructuring.

The MMS uses the information collected under Part 254 to determine the response capability of the owner/operator. The requirements allow the Regional Supervisor to verify compliance with the requirements of OPA. The final rule removes any duplicative reporting requirements in 30 CFR part 250, subpart C. If MMS did not collect the information we would be unable to comply with the mandates of the OPA.

The collection does not include proprietary or confidential information and no items of a sensitive nature are collected. The requirement to respond is mandatory. Description of Respondents: Owners or operators of an oil handling, storage, or transportation facility which is located seaward of the coast line.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 270.

Estimated Annual Burden: 28,756 burden hours. Based on \$35 per hour, the cost to respondents is \$1,005,410.

Estimated Other Annual Costs to Respondents: MMS has identified no other cost burdens on respondents for providing this information.

OMB Number: 1010-0091.

Comments: The MMS will summarize written responses to this notice and address them in its submission for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. We will also consult with a representative sample of respondents. The estimates shown above are those currently approved by OMB for this collection of information. As a result of the consultations and

comments we receive, we will make any necessary adjustments for our submission to OMB. In calculating the burden, MMS may have assumed that respondents perform many of the requirements and maintain records in the normal course of their activities. MMS considers these to be usual and customary. Commenters are invited to provide information if they disagree with this assumption and they should tell us what the burden hours and costs imposed by this collection of information are.

(1) The MMS specifically solicits comments on the following questions:

(a) Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the proper performance of MMS's functions, and will it be useful?

(b) Are the estimates of the burden hours of the proposed collection reasonable?

(c) Do you have any suggestions that would enhance the quality, clarity, or usefulness of the information to be collected?

(d) Is there a way to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology?

(2) In addition, the PRA requires agencies to estimate the total annual cost burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. The MMS needs your comments on this item. Your response should split the cost estimate into two components:

(a) Total capital and startup cost component and

(b) Annual operation, maintenance; and purchase of services component.

Your estimates should consider the costs to generate, maintain, and disclose or provide the information. You should describe the methods you use to estimate major cost factors, including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, discount rate(s), and the period over which you incur costs. Capital and startup costs include, among other items, computers and software you purchase to prepare for collecting information; monitoring, sampling, drilling, and testing equipment; and record storage facilities. Generally, your estimates should not include equipment or services purchased: (1) Before October 1, 1995; (2) to comply with requirements not associated with the information collection; (3) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the Government; or (4) as part of

customary and usual business or private practices.

Bureau Clearance Officer: Jo Ann Lauterbach, (202) 208-7744.

Dated: April 3, 1997.

E. P. Danenberger,
Chief, Engineering and Operations Division.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Public Notice

SUMMARY: Public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award a concession contract authorizing the operation of museum, exhibits, tours at the Highland House and Highland Lighthouse for the public at Cape Cod National Seashore, Massachusetts for a period of five (5) years from date of contract execution.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 13, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should contact National Park Service, Concession Management Program, Boston Support Office, 15 State Street, Boston, MA 02109-3572 ATTN: Lynne Koser, Telephone (617) 223-5209, to obtain a copy of the prospectus describing the requirements of the proposed contract.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This contract has been determined to be categorically excluded from the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and no environmental document will be prepared.

The Secretary will consider and evaluate all proposals received as a result of this notice. Any proposal must be received by the National Park Service, Boston Support Office, Concession Management Program, not later than the sixtieth (60th) day following publication of this notice to be considered and evaluated.

Dated: March 28, 1997.

Chrysandra S. Walter,
Acting Field Director, Northeast Field Area.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Public Notice

SUMMARY: Public Notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award a concession contract

authorizing an educational cooperator to sell a limited number of convenience items including crayons, feminine hygiene products, postage stamps and film. The sales are incidental to and occur in the same space as educational services provided by the cooperator in seven National Park Service areas of the Northeast Region.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 13, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should contact National Park Service, Senior Concession Program Manager, (617) 223-5076, Boston Support Office Boston, MA for further information and to submit proposals in response to this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This contract has been determined to be categorically excluded from the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and no environmental document will be prepared.

The existing concessioner has performed its obligations to the satisfaction of the Secretary under an existing contract which expired by limitation of time on December 31, 1996, and therefore pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of October 9, 1965 (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. Sec. 20), is entitled to be given preference in the renewal of the contract and in the negotiation of a new contract providing that the existing concessioner submits a responsive offer (a timely offer which meets the terms and conditions of the Prospectus). This means that the contract will be awarded to the party submitting the best offer, provided that if the best offer was not submitted by the existing concessioner, then the existing concessioner will be afforded the opportunity to match the best offer. If the existing concessioner agrees to match the best offer, then the contract will be awarded to the existing concessioner.

The Secretary will consider and evaluate all proposals received as a result of this notice. Any proposal, including that of the existing concessioner, must be received by the Senior Concessions Program Manager not later than the sixtieth (60th) day following publication of this notice to be considered and evaluated.

Dated: March 28, 1997.

Chrysandra S. Walter,
Acting Field Director, Northeast Field Area.
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