

an application to withdraw 3,805.87 acres of National Forest System lands for protection of the Howell Canyon Recreation Complex. Publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** will close the lands for up to two years from location and entry under the United States mining laws. The lands will remain open to all uses, other than the mining laws.

**DATES:** Comments and requests for a meeting should be received on or before July 10, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Idaho State Director, BLM, Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Larry R. Lievsay, BLM, Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709, 208-373-3864.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 28, 1997, the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, filed an application to withdraw the following described National Forest System lands from location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

**Boise Meridian**

T. 12 S., R. 24 E.,

Sec. 36, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

T. 12 S., R. 25 E.,

Sec. 31, lot 4, NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;

Sec. 32, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

T. 13 S., R. 24 E.,

Sec. 1, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> lot 1, lots 2 to 4 inclusive, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;

Sec. 2;

Sec. 3, lots 1 to 4 inclusive, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;

Sec. 4, lots 1 and 2, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;

Sec. 5, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;

Sec. 9, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;

Sec. 10, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;

Sec. 11, NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;

Sec. 12, NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

The areas described aggregate 3,805.87 acres in Cassia County.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with this proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the Idaho State Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for

the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the Idaho State Director within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to this date. The temporary uses which may be permitted during this segregation period, are leases, permits, rights-of-way, etc.

The temporary segregation of the lands in connection with this withdrawal application shall not have the effect of authorizing any use of the lands by the Department of Agriculture.

Dated: June 2, 1997.

**Dave Holman,**

*Acting Branch Chief, Lands and Minerals.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Minerals Management Service**

**Outer Continental Shelf, Alaska Region, Beaufort Sea Lease Sale 170**

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Reschedule of public hearing date.

On May 21, 1997, Minerals Management Service (MMS) announced in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 62, No. 98, pages 27774-5) the availability of the draft Environmental Impact Statement and the location, dates, and times of public hearings for proposed oil and gas lease Sale 170 in the Beaufort Sea, Alaska.

In response to a subsequent schedule conflict in Barrow, Alaska, MMS has rescheduled the July 8, 1997, hearing in Barrow as follows:

*July 10, 1997:* North Slope Borough Assembly Chambers, Barrow, Alaska, 7:30 p.m.

The dates and times for the hearings in Nuiqsut, Kaktovik, and Anchorage, Alaska, remain unchanged.

If you wish to testify at the Barrow hearing, contact the Regional Director at

the Alaska Regional Office, 949 East 36th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99508-4302, or Ray Emerson by telephone (907) 271-6650 or toll free 1-800-764-2627 by July 7, 1997. An oral statement may be supplemented by a more complete written statement which may be submitted to a hearing official at the time of the oral presentation or by mail until July 18, 1997.

Dated: June 4, 1997.

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**DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR**

**National Park Service**

**Notice of Intent To Extend Existing Concession Permits; and Notice of Intent To Issue a Concession Contract at Grand Teton National Park**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service.

**ACTION:** Public notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Act of October 9, 1965 (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. 20 *et seq.*), notice is hereby given that the National Park Service intends to extend the following concession permits. These extensions are necessary to allow the continuation of public services during the completion of planning documents for Grand Teton National Park. The current concessioners have performed their obligations to the satisfaction of the Secretary and retain their rights of preference under this administrative action.

Pursuant to the Act of October 9, 1965 (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. 20 *et seq.*), notice is hereby given that the National Park Service intends to issue a concession contract at Grand Teton National Park with a term of three years. This short term contract is necessary to allow the continuation of public services during the completion period of planning documents for Grand Teton National Park. The current concessioner has performed its obligation to the satisfaction of the Secretary of Interior and retains its right of preference under this administration action.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** On or before July 10, 1997, a notice will be published in the Commerce Business Daily. Anyone interested in making an offer for the new contract must do so within 60 days of the date of publication of the Commerce Business Daily announcement.

**INFORMATION:** Information regarding this notice can be obtained from: Program