

each species range, for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. 787645

Thomas Olsen Associates, Inc.,
Hemet, California.

The applicant requests an amendment to his permit to take (harass by survey) the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys in Pima County, Arizona, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before February 26, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief, Division of Consultation and Conservation Planning, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181; fax: (503) 231-6243. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 20 days of the date of publication of this notice to the address above; telephone: (503) 231-2063. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents.

Dated: January 21, 1998.

Thomas Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-070-08-1210-04]

Notice of Intent To Prepare and Environmental Impact Statement on Oil and Gas Development Within the Bisti/De-Na-Zin Wilderness Area; Invitation for Public Participation and Call for Information

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement,

invitation for public involvement, and call for information on oil and gas minerals and other resources.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Farmington District Office is initiating preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on proposed oil and gas development of three existing leases within the Bisti/De-Na-Zin Wilderness Area. The public is invited to participate in this planning effort with the identification of additional issues and planning criteria.

This notice is also to solicit oil and gas mineral and other resource information and indications of interest and need. Mineral extraction companies, environmental organizations, state, Tribal, and local governments, and the general public are encouraged to submit information to the BLM to assist in the determinations of oil and gas development potential and possible conflicts with other resources.

The planning document will be prepared by an interdisciplinary team of specialists within the Farmington District Office. Two public scoping meetings will be held: in Farmington, New Mexico on February 24, 1998 in the San Juan College Henderson Fine Arts Building, room 9012 at 7:00 p.m.; and in Santa Fe, New Mexico on February 25, 1998 in the BLM New Mexico State Office, 1474 Rodeo Road, at 7:00 p.m. Public hearings will be announced after the completion of a Draft EIS.

DATES: Comments relating to the identification issues and planning criteria, and responses to this call for oil and gas mineral and other resource information will be accepted through the close of business March 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments and requests to be included on the mailing list should be sent to: Lee Otteni, District Manager; Bureau of Land Management, Farmington District Office; 1235 La Plata Highway, Suite A, Farmington, New Mexico 87401. Proprietary data should be identified as such to ensure confidentiality.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher V. Barns at the address above, or call 505-599-6338.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The existing leases are found in the Hunter Wash portion of the Bisti/De-Na-Zin Wilderness Area on 2,630.93 acres of the following public lands:

- T. 24 N., R. 12 W., NMPM,
- Sec. 3, lots 8, 9, 16, 17;
- Sec. 4, lots 5 to 20, inclusive;
- Sec. 8, lots 1, 2, 7 to 16, inclusive;
- Sec. 9, lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 13;
- Sec. 17, lots 1 to 16, inclusive; and

Sec. 18, lots 13 to 20, inclusive.

The issues anticipated to be addressed by this EIS include the conflicting mandates of protecting wilderness resources and values while honoring valid existing oil and gas rights.

The proposed planning criteria include:

1. All proposed actions and alternatives considered must comply with current laws and federal regulations.

2. The EIS will weigh long-term benefits and detriments against short-term benefits and detriments.

3. This planning process will provide for public involvement including early notice and frequent opportunity for interested citizens and groups to participate in and comment on the preparation of plans and related guidance.

Dated: January 21, 1998.

M.J. Chávez,
State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-020-1020-00]

Environmental Analysis; Cedar City District, Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management, Cedar City District, has completed an Environmental Analysis (EA)/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) of the Proposed Plan Amendments to the Cedar/Beaver/Garfield/Antimony and the Paria, Vermilion and Zion Management Framework Plans. The Proposed Amendments involve the addition of five new land tenure adjustment criteria (LTAs). These LTAs could be used to facilitate changes in land ownership enhancing the ability to provide for economic growth as well as provide additional protection for sensitive resources.

DATES: The protest period for these Proposed Plan Amendments will commence with the date of publication of this notice and last for 30 days. Protests must be received on or before January 27, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Protests must be addressed to the Director (WO-210), Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Brenda Williams, 1849 C Street, N.W.,

Washington, D.C. 20240 within 30 days after the date of publication of this Notice of Availability.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Verlin Smith, Area Manager, Kanab Resource Area, at 318 North First East, Kanab, Utah 84741, (801) 644-2672. Copies of the proposed Plan Amendments are available for review at the Kanab Field Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action is announced pursuant to Section 202(a) of the Federal Land Management Act (1976) and 43 CFR Part 1610. These Proposed Amendments are subject to protests by any party who has participated in the planning process. Protest must be specific and contain the following information:

- The name, mailing address, phone number, and interest of the person filing the protest.
- A statement of the issue(s) being protested.
- A statement of the part(s) of the proposed amendment being protested and citing pages, paragraphs, maps etc., of the Proposed Plan Amendment.
- A copy of all documents addressing the issue(s) submitted by the protestor during the planning process or a reference to the date when the protestor discussed the issue(s) for the record.
- A concise statement as to why the protestor believes the BLM State Director is incorrect.

Dated: January 15, 1998.

G. William Lamb,

State Director, Utah.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-130-1020-00;GP8-0087]

Notice of Meeting of the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District.

ACTION: Meeting of the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council; February 20, 1998, in Spokane, Washington.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council will be held on February 20, 1998. The meeting will convene at 8:00 a.m., at the Spokane District Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 1103 N. Fancher, Spokane, WA 99212. The meeting will

adjourn at approximately 4:00 p.m. or upon completion of business. Public comments will be heard from 11:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. If necessary to accommodate all wishing to make public comments, a time limit may be placed upon each speaker. At an appropriate time, the meeting will adjourn for approximately one hour for lunch. The purposes of the meeting are to interact with the Director of the Bureau of Land Management in a video teleconference with other Resource Advisory Councils, to identify issues for the Council to address in 1998, and to schedule future 1998 meetings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Hubbard, Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District Office, 1103 North Fancher Road, Spokane, Washington, 99212; or call 509-536-1200.

Dated January 21, 1998.

Joseph K. Buesing,

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 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 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.

DATES: Submit written comments by March 30, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to the Rules Processing Team, Minerals Management Service, Mail Stop 4020, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817.

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

contact Alexis London to obtain a copy of this collection of information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR 250, Subpart F, Oil and Gas Well-Workover Operations.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0043.

Abstract: The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*), as amended, requires the Secretary of the Interior to preserve, protect, and develop oil and gas resources in the OCS; make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; balance orderly energy resource development with protection of the human, marine, and coastal environment; ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources offshore; and preserve and maintain free enterprise competition. To carry out these responsibilities, MMS has issued regulations at 30 CFR Part 250. Subpart F, Oil and Gas Well-Workover Operations, of that part contains requirements and procedures for well-workover operations in the OCS.

The MMS uses the information collected under subpart F to analyze and evaluate planned well-workover operations in the OCS to ensure that operations result in personnel safety and protection of the environment. The evaluation is used in decisions on whether to approve, disapprove, or to require modification to the proposed well-workover operations. If respondents submit proprietary information, it will be protected under 30 CFR 250.18. Data and information to be made available to the public. No items of a sensitive nature are collected. The requirement to respond is mandatory.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: There are approximately 130 Federal OCS oil and gas or sulphur lessees.

Frequency: On occasion, varies by section.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: There are 445 burden hours currently approved for this collection.

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 number of respondents on the accuracy of the burden estimate. As a result of the comments we receive and consultations, we will make any necessary adjustments for our submission to OMB. In calculating the burden, MMS may have assumed that respondents perform some of the requirements and maintain