

**Willamette Meridian**

T. 32 N., R. 9 E.,

Sec. 24, lots 16 to 19, inclusive, and a portion of lot 12.

The areas described aggregate approximately 8.98 acres in Snohomish County.

3. At 8:30 a.m. on August 6, 1998, the lands described in paragraph 1, except as provided by paragraph 2, will be opened to the operation of the public land laws generally, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. All valid applications received at or prior to 8:30 a.m., on August 6, 1998, shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing.

4. The State of Washington has a preference right for public highway rights-of-way or material sites for a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this order and any location, entry, selection, or subsequent patent shall be subject to any rights granted the State as provided by the Act of June 10, 1920, Section 24, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 818 (1994).

Dated: April 17, 1998.

**Bob Armstrong,**

*Assistant Secretary of the Interior.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

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**Montana: Filing of Plat of Survey**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, Interior

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The plats of survey of the following described land are scheduled to be officially filed in the Montana State Office, Billings, Montana, thirty (30) days from the date of this publication.

The plat, representing the survey of an island in the Missouri River, Township 2 North, Range 2 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted April 16, 1998.

The plat, in two sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the south and east boundaries, a portion of the subdivisional lines, the adjusted original meanders of the right and left banks of the Missouri River through sections 12, 22, and 34, the subdivision of sections 12, 22, and 34, and the

survey of certain islands in the Missouri River, Township 3 North, Range 2 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted April 16, 1998.

The plat, in two sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the east boundary, a portion of the subdivisional lines, the adjusted original meanders of the right and left banks of the Missouri River through sections 2, 12, and 24, the subdivision of sections 2, 12, and 24, and the survey of certain islands in the Missouri River, Township 4 North, Range 2 East, Principal Meridian, Montana. This same plat, in two sheets, also representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, the adjusted original meanders of the right and left banks of the Missouri River through sections 6 and 18, the subdivision of sections 6 and 18, and the survey of certain islands in the Missouri River, Township 4 North, Range 3 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted April 16, 1998.

The plat, representing the survey of certain islands in the Missouri River, Township 5 North, Range 2 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted April 16, 1998.

The plat, representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the First Standard Parallel North, the west boundary, the subdivisional lines, the adjusted original meanders of the right and left banks of the Missouri River, and the subdivision of section 31, Township 5 North, Range 3 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted April 16, 1998.

The plat, representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the north boundary, subdivisional lines, and certain boundaries of Amended Mineral Survey Nos. 5090A and 5090B, Placers, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted April 16, 1998.

The plat, in two sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the west boundary, subdivisional lines, the adjusted original meanders of the right and left banks of the Missouri River through sections 7, 8, 17, 18, 20, 17, 20, and 28, and the survey of certain islands in the Missouri River, Township 6 North, Range 2 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted April 16, 1998.

This survey was executed at the request of the Bureau of Land Management, Headwaters Resource Area and was necessary to identify omitted islands. Copies of the preceding described plats will be immediately placed in the open files and will be

available to the public as a matter of information.

If a protest against this survey, as shown on these plats, is received prior to the date of the official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest. This particular plat will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been accepted or dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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Dated: April 28, 1998.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Minerals Management Service****Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sale 172 in the Central Gulf of Mexico (March 1999)**

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service.  
**ACTION:** Preparation of an environmental assessment (EA).

**SUMMARY:** The Minerals Management Service (MMS) is beginning preparation of an environmental assessment (EA) for proposed Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 172 (scheduled for March 1999) in the Central Gulf of Mexico Planning Area (CPA). In August 1996, the MMS issued a Call for Information and Nominations/Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS (Call/NOI) for all five proposed Central Gulf of Mexico oil and gas sales in the current 5-year leasing program. In 1997, MMS prepared a single EIS for all five sales. The multisale final EIS, filed in November 1997, included an analysis of a single, "typical" oil and gas sale and a cumulative analysis that included the effects of holding all five sales, as well as the cumulative effects of the long-term development of the planning area. The MMS stated in the EIS that an EA would be prepared for each lease sale after the first sale covered in the EIS (Sale 169).

The preparation of this EA is the first step in the prelease decision process for Sale 172. The proposed action and alternatives for Sale 172 were identified by the Director of MMS in November 1996 following the Call/NOI and were analyzed in the Central Gulf multisale