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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[ID-990-1020-01]

#### Resource Advisory Council Meeting Location and Time

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Resource Advisory Council meeting location and time.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the 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 agenda includes a discussion on the progress of the implementation of the healthy rangeland standard and guidelines, 1999 Focus and orientation of new council members. 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 David Howell at the Upper Snake River District Office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83401-2100, (208) 524-7559.

**DATE AND TIME:** Date is September 30, 1998, starts at 8:30 a.m. at the Federal Building, Basement Meeting Room B-43, 250 South 4th Avenue, Pocatello, Idaho. Public comments received from 8:30 to 9:00 a.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:** David Howell at the Upper Snake River District Office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83401-2100, (208) 524-7559.

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**Stephanie Hargrove,**

*District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AK-910-0777-74]

#### Alaska Resource Advisory Council Meeting

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Alaska Resource Advisory Council Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Alaska Resource Advisory Council will conduct an open meeting Tuesday, September 22, 1998, from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday, September 23, 1998, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The council will review BLM land management issues and take public comment on those issues. The meeting will be held at the BLM Northern District Office, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Public comment will be taken from 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, September 22. Written comments may be submitted at the meeting or mailed to the address below prior to the meeting.

**ADDRESS:** Inquiries about the meeting should be sent to External Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, 222 W. 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513-7599.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Teresa McPherson, (907) 271-5555.

Dated: August 13, 1998.

**Tom Allen,**

*State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Outer Continental Shelf Western Gulf of Mexico; Notice of Leasing Systems, Sale 171

Section 8(a)(8) (43 U.S.C. 1337(a)(8)) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA) requires that, at least 30 days before any lease sale, a Notice be submitted to the Congress and published in the **Federal Register**:

1. identifying the bidding systems to be used and the reasons for such use; and

2. designating the tracts to be offered under each bidding system and the reasons for such designation.

This Notice is published pursuant to these requirements.

1. *Bidding systems to be used.* In the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Sale 171, blocks will be offered under the following two bidding systems as authorized by section 8(a)(1) (43 U.S.C. 1337(a)(1)), as amended: (a) bonus bidding with a fixed 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ -percent royalty on all unleased blocks in less than 200 meters of water; and (b)(i) bonus bidding with a fixed 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ -percent royalty on all unleased blocks in 200 to 400 meters of water with potential for a royalty suspension volume of up to 17.5 million barrels of oil equivalent; (ii) bonus bidding with a fixed 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ -percent royalty on all unleased blocks in 400 to 800 meters of water with potential for a royalty suspension volume of up to 52.5 million barrels of oil equivalent; and (iii) bonus bidding with a fixed 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ -percent royalty on all unleased blocks in water depths of 800 meters or more with potential for a royalty suspension volume of up to 87.5 million barrels of oil equivalent.

For bidding systems (b)(i), (ii), and (iii), the royalty suspension allocation rules are described in the Interim Rule (30 CFR Part 260) addressing royalty relief for new leases that was published in the **Federal Register** on March 25, 1996 (61 FR 12022).

a. *Bonus Bidding with a 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ -Percent Royalty.* This system is authorized by section 8(a)(1)(A) of the OCSLA. This system has been used extensively since the passage of the OCSLA in 1953 and imposes greater risks on the lessee than systems with higher contingency payments but may yield more rewards if a commercial field is discovered. The relatively high front-end bonus payments may encourage rapid exploration.

b.(i) *Bonus Bidding with a 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ -Percent Royalty and a Royalty Suspension Volume (17.5 million barrels of oil equivalent).* This system is authorized by section 8(a)(1)(H) of the OCSLA, as amended. This system complies with Sec. 304 of the Outer Continental Shelf Deep Water Royalty Relief Act (DWRRA). An incentive for development and production in water depths of 200 to 400 meters is provided through allocating royalty suspension volumes of 17.5 million barrels of oil equivalent to eligible fields.

b.(ii) *Bonus Bidding with a 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ -Percent Royalty and a Royalty Suspension Volume (52.5 million*