

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

[NM-952-09-1420-00]

**Notice of Filing of Plat of Survey; New Mexico**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The plats of survey described below will be officially filed in the New Mexico State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Santa Fe, New Mexico, on November 30, 1998.

**New Mexico Principal Meridian, New Mexico**

T. 17 N., R. 5 E., accepted September 28, 1998, for Group 960 NM; T. 32 N., R. 16 W., accepted September 28, 1998, for Group 922 NM; T. 32 N., R. 19 W., accepted September 24, 1998, for Group 922 NM; T. 16 N., R. 18 W., accepted September 18, 1998, for Group 961 NM., T. 31 N., R. 19 W., accepted September 18, 1998, for Group 922 NM., T. 32 N., R. 17 W., accepted September 18, 1998, for Group 922 NM; T. 32 N., R. 18 W., accepted September 18, 1998, for Group 922 NM; and Supplemental Plat, T. 30 N., R. 12 W., accepted September 28, 1998, NM.

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

A person or party who wishes to protest against any of these surveys must file a written protest with the NM State Director, Bureau of Land Management, stating that they wish to protest.

A statement of reasons for a protest may be filed with the notice of protest to the State Director, or the statement of reasons must be filed with the State Director within thirty (30) days after the protest is filed.

The above-listed plats represent dependent resurveys, surveys, and subdivisions.

These plats will be available for inspection in the New Mexico State Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87502-0115. Copies may be obtained from this office upon payment of \$1.10 per sheet.

Dated: October 30, 1998.

**John P. Bennett,**

*Chief Cadastral Surveyor For New Mexico.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Minerals Management Service****Environmental Assessment Prepared for Proposed Central Gulf Sale 172 on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the environmental assessment on Proposed Central Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 172.

**SUMMARY:** The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed annual Lease Sale 172 for the Central Planning Area of the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf.

In this EA, MMS has reexamined the potential environmental effects of the proposed action and alternatives based on any new information regarding potential impacts and issues that was not available at the time the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Lease Sales 169, 172, 175, 178, and 182 was prepared.

In summary, no new significant impacts were identified for proposed Lease Sale 172 that were not already assessed in the FEIS for Lease Sales 169, 172, 175, 178, and 182. As a result, MMS determined that a supplemental EIS is not required and prepared a Finding of No New Significant Impact.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Public Information Unit, Information Services Section at number below. You may obtain single copies of the EA from the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Attention: Public Information Office (MS 5034), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 114, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394 or by calling 1-800-200-GULF.

Dated: November 2, 1998.

**Chris C. Oynes,**

*Regional Director, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Minerals Management Service****Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for Proposed Lease Sale 174 in the Western Gulf of Mexico (1999)**

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service.  
**ACTION:** Preparation of an Environmental Assessment.

**SUMMARY:** The Minerals Management Service (MMS) is beginning preparation of an environmental assessment (EA) for proposed lease Sale 174 (scheduled for August 1999) in the Western Gulf of Mexico Planning Area. In January 1997, MMS issued a Call for Information and Nominations/Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS (Call/NOI) for the four proposed Western Gulf of Mexico sales in the current 5-year leasing program. In 1998, MMS prepared a single environmental impact statement (EIS) for all four sales. The multisale Final EIS, filed in May 1998, included an analysis of a single, "typical" sale, and a cumulative analysis that included the effects of holding all four 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 171).

The preparation of this EA is the first step in the prelease decision process for Sale 174. The proposal and alternatives for Sale 174 were identified by the Director of MMS in January 1997 following the Call/NOI and were analyzed in the Western Gulf multisale EIS, which is available from the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region's Public Information Office at 1-800-200-GULF. The proposed action analyzed in the multisale EIS was the offering of all available unleased acreage in the Western Gulf of Mexico Planning Area, with the following exceptions: Blocks A-375 (East Flower Garden Bank) and A-398 (West Flower Garden Bank) in the High Island Area, East Addition, South Extension, designated as a national marine sanctuary; and Blocks 793, 799, and 816 in the Mustang Island Area, identified by the Navy as needed for testing equipment and for training mine warfare personnel. The proposal to be addressed in this EA has been revised to the following extent: two additional blocks or portions of these blocks (High Island Area, East Addition, South Extension, Block A-401 and High Island, South Addition, Block A-513), which lie partially within the Flower Gardens National Marine Sanctuary, are deferred from the proposed action in