

indefinitely or until action is taken to complete a permanent closure.

ADDRESSES: Copies of maps are available at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Cedar City Field Office, 176 East DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City, Utah 84720 and BLM Utah State Office, 324 South State Street, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Craig Egerton, Cedar City Field Office, at (435) 586-2401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 4433 acre Spring Creek Canyon WSA was established in 1980.

The WSA is currently designated as open to OHV use as documented in the Off Road Vehicle Designation and Implementation Plan (OHV Plan) for Beaver River Resource Area completed in 1987. The OHV plan also prescribes that BLM monitor ongoing (OHV) activity and, if necessary, adjust the time, location, or quantity of use. The Interim Management Policy for WSA's restricts vehicle travel to existing ways present at the time of WSA designation to prevent impairment of areas with wilderness characteristics. The Spring Creek Canyon WSA has received considerable increase in OHV use, extending of OHV routes, and impairment of wilderness character since designation of this WSA. Further, a recent action of bulldozing in Spring Creek Canyon has occurred which has caused further impairment. Therefore, BLM is temporarily closing to OHV use the area as described above.

Dated: September 23, 1999.

Craig Egerton,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Announcement of Posting of Invitation for Exchange of Natural Gas From Federal Properties in the Gulf of Mexico

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of invitation for exchange of Federal royalty gas.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service will post on MMS's Internet Home Page, and make available in hard copy, a public competitive offering of approximately 260 million cubic feet per day of natural gas, to be taken as royalty-in-kind from Federal properties in the Gulf of Mexico Region (GOMR)

under an Invitation For Exchange (IFE), Number MMS-RIK-2000-GOMR-001.

DATES: The IFE will be posted on MMS's Internet Home Page on or about October 8, 1999. Bids will be due to MMS, at the posted receipt location, on or about October 22, 1999. MMS will notify successful bidders on or about October 29, 1999. The Federal Government will begin actual taking of awarded royalty gas volumes for delivery to successful bidders for a 4-month period beginning on December 1, 1999. A preliminary list of properties from which MMS is considering taking royalty gas was posted September 27, 1999, on MMS's Internet Home Page.

ADDRESSES: The IFE will be posted on MMS's Home Page at <http://www.mms.gov> under the icon "What's New." The IFE may also be obtained by contacting Mr. Michael Del-Colle at the address in the **FURTHER INFORMATION** section. Bids should be submitted to the address provided in the IFE.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information on MMS's RIK pilots, contact Mr. Bonn J. Macy, Minerals Management Service, 1849 C Street, N.W., MS-4230, Washington D.C. 20240; telephone number (202) 208-3827; fax (202) 208-3918; e-mail Bonn.Macy@mms.gov. For additional information concerning the IFE document, terms, and process for Federal leases, contact Mr. Michael Del-Colle, Minerals Management Service, MS-2510, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, VA 20170-4817; telephone number (703) 787-1375; fax (703) 787-1009; e-mail Michael.Del-Colle@mms.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This offering of natural gas in the IFE begins the third of MMS's three planned RIK pilots and will involve Federal properties in the Gulf of Mexico Region (GOMR). The first Pilot involved crude oil from Federal and State of Wyoming properties in Wyoming and the second was limited to Federal properties in the 8(g) zone of the GOMR, offshore of Texas. MMS's objective in this third pilot, as in all its pilots, is to identify the circumstances in which taking oil and gas royalties as a share of production (RIK) is a viable alternative to its usual practice of collecting oil and gas royalties as a share of the value received by the lessee for sale of the production. This third pilot is expected to last 2 to 3 years.

This IFE will offer approximately 260 million cubic feet per day of natural gas from about 146 Federal properties located in the High Island, East and West Cameron, and Sabine Pass areas of the GOMR. The royalty gas flows

through about 75 facility measurement points (FMP's) on five pipeline systems.

Purchasers may bid on production from individual properties and/or on groups of properties. Under the terms of the offer, successful bidders would take the royalty gas from specified properties and locations near the lease and, in return, deliver natural gas in equivalent amounts and qualities to a specified location. Bids will be due as specified in the IFE on October 22, 1999; successful bidders will be notified on or about October 29, 1999.

The following are some of the additional details regarding the offering that will be posted in the IFE on or about October 8, 1999.

- List of specific properties;
- For each property—FMP location and identification number, average daily royalty volume, quality, current operator; and other pipeline information.
- Bid basis;
- Reporting requirements;
- Terms and conditions; and
- Contract format.

Information on the internet posting and availability of the IFE in hard copy are being made available to oil and gas trade journals as well as in this **Federal Register** notice.

Dated: September 29, 1999.

Walter D. Cruickshank,

Associate Director for Policy and Management Improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Immigration and Naturalization Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection under Review: Application to Preserve Residence for Naturalization.

The Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on August 17, 1999 at 64 FR 44748, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received by the INS on this proposed information collection.

The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public