

ACTION: Resource Advisory Council meeting locations and times.

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 (RAC) will be held as indicated below. The agenda for the first meeting of the fiscal year will be largely a training session for new members and will also include a brainstorming session for the entire RAC on issues they would like to discuss during the upcoming year. 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 meetings is listed below. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment, and the 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 Page 1 of 2 other reasonable accommodations should contact David Howell at the Upper Snake River District Office, 1405 Hollipark Dr., Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401, or telephone (208) 524-7559.

DATE AND TIME: The next meeting will be held December 2, 1999 at the BLM's Pocatello Field Office, 1111 North 8th Avenue in Pocatello, Idaho. The meeting will start at 8:30 a.m., with public comments scheduled from 8:40-9:10 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 of the public lands.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Howell, Upper Snake River District Office, 1405 Hollipark Dr., Idaho Falls, ID 83401, (208) 524-7559.

Dated: October 13, 1999.

James E. May,
District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Southwest Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Amendment to Notice of Southwest Resource Advisory Council meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Resource Advisory Council (Southwest RAC) meeting scheduled for November 18, 1999 in Durango, Colorado, has been rescheduled. The new meeting date and location is Wednesday, November 17, 1999 in Montrose, Colorado.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 17, 1999.

ADDRESSES: For additional information, contact Roger Alexander, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Southwest Center, 2465 South Townsend Avenue, Montrose, Colorado 81401; telephone 970-240-5335; TDD 970-240-5366; e-mail Roger_Alexander@co.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Southwest RAC meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 18, 1999 in Durango Colorado has been rescheduled to Wednesday, November 17, 1999 at the BLM Southwest Center conference room at 2465 South Townsend, Montrose, Colorado. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. The agenda will focus on the draft recreation guidelines developed by BLM Colorado's three RAC's, but may include other issues/topics to be determined. Public comment is scheduled for 1:00 p.m.

Summary minutes for Council meetings are maintained in the Southwest Center Office and on the World Wide Web at http://www.co.blm.gov/mdo/mdo_sw_rac.htm and are available for public inspection and reproduction within thirty (30) days following each meeting.

Dated: October 19, 1999.

Roger Alexander,

Public Affairs Specialist.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Science Committee (SC) of the Minerals Management Advisory Board; Announcement of Plenary Session

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Advisory Board OCS SC will meet at the Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland, on November 16-18, 1999.

The OCS SC is an outside group of scientists which advises the Director, MMS, on the feasibility, appropriateness, and scientific merit of the MMS OCS Environmental Studies Program as it relates to information needed for informed OCS decisionmaking.

The Committee will meet in plenary session on Tuesday, November 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and reconvene on Wednesday, November 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The session will end at noon on November 18. Discussion will focus on the following:

- Deepwater Research
- Environmental Monitoring for the Arctic OCS
- MMS's Coastal Marine Institutes

The meetings are open to the public. Approximately 30 visitors can be accommodated on a first-come first-served basis at the plenary session.

A copy of the agenda may be requested from the MMS by calling Julie Reynolds at (703) 787-1211. Other inquiries concerning the OCS SC meeting should be addressed to Mr. Robert LaBelle, Executive Secretary to the OCS Scientific Committee, Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, Mail Stop 4040, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817. He may be reached by telephone at (703) 787-1756, and by electronic mail at Robert.LaBelle@mms.gov.

DATES: November 16-18, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel, 300 South Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201, telephone (410) 962-8300.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Reynolds or Robert LaBelle at the address or phone numbers listed above.

Authority: Federal Advisory Committee Act, P.L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix I, and the Office of Management and Budget's Circular A-63, Revised.

Dated: October 15, 1999.

Donald W. Hill,

Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Environmental Impact Statement; Notice of intent; Big Cypress National, Florida

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a draft environmental impact statement for the general management plan addendum for the Big Cypress National Preserve Addition, Florida.

SUMMARY: Big Cypress National Preserve, located in south central Florida, was established in 1974. The preserve's boundary was expanded in 1988 by PL 100-301 (Big Cypress National Preserve Addition Act) to include 147,280 acres of land northeast of the original preserve and a strip of land along the western boundary. Known as the Addition, these lands increased the area of the original preserve by approximately 30 per cent. The current General Management Plan (GMP) for the preserve, which was already under preparation when PL 100-301 was approved, does not address the management of the addition lands. Consequently, an Addendum to the GMP will be prepared for the Addition.

Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Park Service (NPS) will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the impacts of alternative management concepts for a General Management Plan Addendum for the Addition to Big Cypress National Preserve.

The purpose of a General Management Plan Addendum is to set forth a clearly defined direction for resource preservation and visitor use for the addition lands. The General Management Plan Addendum/Environmental Impact Statement will evaluate the environmental impacts of a range of alternatives to address distinct management issues for the Addition, such as resource protection, visitor use, and development.

Participation throughout the planning process will be encouraged and facilitated by various means, such as public meetings and newsletters. The NPS will conduct public scoping meetings to explain the planning

process and to solicit opinion about issues to address in the GMP/EIS. Notification of all such meetings will be announced in the local press and in NPS newsletters. This notice will also serve as an additional scoping method. Persons who may be interested in or affected by the GMP/EIS are invited to participate in the scoping process by responding to this notice with written or e-mail comments.

DATES: Written comments concerning the GMP Addendum/EIS should be received no later than December 27, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning the GMP/EIS or requests to be added to the project mailing list should be sent to: Mr. Wally Hibbard, Superintendent, Big Cypress National Preserve, HCR 61, Box 110, Ochopee, FL 34141.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Hand, GMP Planning Coordinator, at the above address or at telephone number (941) 695-2000 ext. 318, or *Bicygmp@nps.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Commenters should be aware that National Park Service practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual commenters may request that we withhold their home address from the planning record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the planning record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: October 15, 1999.

W. Thomas Brown,

Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Environmental Statements; Notice of Intent: Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail, Alabama

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for a comprehensive management plan for the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail in Alabama.

SUMMARY: In 1990, Congress directed the National Park Service (NPS) to study the route and events associated with the 1965 Voting Rights March from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, for potential designation as a National Historic Trail. Completed in 1993, the feasibility study recommended that the march route be designated as the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail, and be administered by NPS. ON November 12, 1996, Congress amended Section 5(a) of the National Trail System Act (16 U.S.C. 1244 (a) to establish the Selma to Montgomery NHT, and to designate 54 miles of city streets and U.S. Highway 80 from Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church in Selma to the State Capital building in Montgomery as the official trail corridor.

In August 1995, at the request of Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), Governor Fob James designated the U.S. Highway 80 corridor between Selma and Montgomery as a state scenic highway. The Federal Highway Administration approved the route as part of the National Scenic Byways Program in December of the same year. In 1996 the route was also designated as an All-American Road by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The ALDOT conducted a series of public meetings in 1997 and 1998 and prepared a draft master plan for the National Scenic Byway/All-American Road. This plan provides an overview of possibilities. The National Park Service is seeking to further coordinate the efforts of both agencies by preparing a Comprehensive Management Plan that will build upon the information and options presented in the ALDOT master plan. The Comprehensive Management Plan will provide strategies for the management, visitor use, and development of the National Historic Trail. Key management concerns will include preservation of significant cultural and natural resources including historic sites, structures and the march route. Other issues involve the story of the march and facilities and programs needed to convey this story to the visitor.

The Comprehensive Management Plan shall identify a resource-based framework for the trail and describe future conditions, preferred alternative, and general strategies, consistent with the trail's significance and mandates. The alternatives and general strategies required to achieve desired future