

added to the planning team. Staff members representing these resources will be involved in the planning process.

The BLM anticipates that at least the following issues would be considered during preparation of the proposed amendments:

1. Which public lands should be retained in public ownership, and identified for "retention only" (i.e., not available for disposal)?

2. Should land tenure actions be taken to improve manageability of public lands in areas having high public value? If so, where are these lands located (i.e., which lands are considered to be of "high value" and also in need of land tenure adjustments to consolidate ownership or otherwise improve BLM's ability to manage resources on the lands)? Is there a need to consolidate ownership of scattered parcels of public land by exchanging for private or State lands? If so, which areas are most important, which public lands could be disposed of by exchange, and which non-federal lands should the BLM seek to acquire?

3. Which lands, if any, should be identified for disposal by sale, exchange, or under other authorities, to address concerns such as trespass, community expansion, enhanced manageability of State and Federal lands, pending expiration of land use permits, etc.?

4. If public lands are proposed for exchange, should there be some kind of priority process utilized in considering the resource values gained and lost? For example, should the exchange lands provide better federal land management, and better meet the needs of the State of Idaho and local people? Should it be considered whether the lands needed are for the economy, community expansion, recreation areas, food, wood fiber production, minerals, and fish and wildlife habitat, or other important values and uses?

5. In addition to presently designated Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs), which public lands, if any, should be considered for designation as ACECs?

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District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Recreation Management

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Development of a Recreation Management Plan to guide the activities in the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area through the next decade. The current plan was written in 1987 and is in need of revision. The recent listing of Threatened and Endangered Species, use patterns, and demographics for the Imperial Sand Dunes have changed in the past 13 years bringing new issues and concerns to be addressed.

SUMMARY: This notice affects public lands under the administrative responsibility of the Bureau of Land Management, El Centro Field Office and is known as the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area. The boundary is delineated by in the following townships and ranges.

T12S, R16E,
T17S, R19E,
T16S, R21E

The most highly visited portion of the dune system is traversed to the north by Highway 78 and the south by Interstate 8. The west boundary follows the abandoned Old Coachella Canal, while the east boundary follows the Union Pacific Railroad. The exact planning area location is available at the El Centro BLM office.

Public Scoping meetings have been established to allow comments and public participation at the following dates and locations:

January 10, 2000 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m	Yuma, AZ	Yuma Civic and Convention Center, 1440 W Desert Hills Drive, Yuma, AZ.
January 12, 2000 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m	Long Beach, CA	Long Beach Gas Co. 2400 East Spring Street, Long Beach, CA.
January 14, 2000 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m	Cahuilla	Cahuilla Ranger Station, Gecko Road, Imperial Sand Dunes.
January 25, 2000 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m	Phoenix, AZ	Phoenix Public Library, Music Room—4th Floor, Phoenix, AZ.
January 27, 2000 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m	San Diego, CA	San Diego County Admin Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA.

DATES: The planning process and comment period will be effective December 15, 1999. Interested parties may submit comments to the Field Manager, El Centro Field Office, 1661 South 4th Street, El Centro, CA 92243 until February 29, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roxie Trost, Outdoor Recreation Planner, at 1661 South 4th Street, El Centro, CA 92243 or telephone (760) 337-4436.

Dated: December 9, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Alaska Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Region Offshore Advisory Committee; Notice and Agenda for Meeting

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Alaska OCS Region Offshore Advisory Committee of the Minerals Management Service will meet on Thursday, January 6, 2000 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The agenda will cover the following principal subjects:

—The area identification for Proposed OCS oil and gas lease Sale 176, Beaufort Sea.

The meeting is open to the public. Upon request, interested parties may make oral presentations or submit written materials to the Alaska OCS Region Offshore Advisory Committee. Such requests should be made no later than December 30, 1999. Requests to make oral statements should be accompanied by a summary of the statement to be made. All oral presentations and written statements submitted before the conclusion of the meeting will be made part of the meeting record and will be made available to the Committee for its