

The lands are hereby classified for public purpose use as school sites and/or other school facilities, 43 CFR 2410, 2430.4 (a) and (c). The White Pine County School District intends to use the land to construct and operate a kindergarten through twelfth grade school for residents in Lund and nearby communities.

The lease and or patent, when finalized, will be subject to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. All valid existing rights documented on the official public land records at the time of lease/patent issuance.
2. A right-of-way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).
3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.

The land is not required for any federal purpose. The classification for lease/purchase is consistent with the Bureau's planning area. Detailed information, concerning this action is available for review at the Bureau Land Management, Ely Field Office, Ely, NV 89301.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the above described land will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public lands laws, except for recreation and public purposes.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments regarding this action to the Assistant Field Manager, Nonrenewable Resources, at the address listed above. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification of the lands described in this Notice will become effective 60 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: November 30, 1999.

Eric K. Luse,

Associate Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-958-1430-01; GP0-0052; OR-52939]

Amendment of Proposed Withdrawal; Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management proposes to amend its withdrawal application dated April 17, 1998, by adding 1.4 acres of recently acquired lands from surface entry and mining to protect the facilities and unique values of the Row River Trail. This notice does not alter or extend the 2 year segregative effect of the original notice other than adding the 1.4 acres of Federal land. The lands have been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by February 9, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Oregon/Washington State Director, BLM, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208-2965.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Charles R. Roy, BLM Oregon/Washington State Office, 503-952-6189.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 17, 1998, a petition/application was approved for consideration by the Assistant Secretary, Lands and Minerals Management, allowing the Bureau of Land Management to study the proposed 196.07 acres of Federal land. A notice of proposed withdrawal was published in the **Federal Register** on May 14, 1998, 63 FR 26824, segregating the public lands from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1994)), but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights, for a period of two years from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. This notice adds the following described lands to the application:

Willamette Meridian

The portions of the following lands as more particularly identified and described by metes and bounds in the official records of the Bureau of Land Management, Oregon/Washington State Office and the Eugene District Office, Eugene, Oregon:

T. 21 S., R. 3 W.,

Sec. 1, lot 4 and Donation Land Claim No. 60.

Sec. 2, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The areas described aggregate approximately 1.4 acres in Lane County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal would be to protect the facilities and unique recreational values of the approximate 14 miles of improved recreational trail converted from an abandoned railroad right-of-way.

For a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed amendment to the withdrawal application may present their views in writing to the State Director at the address indicated above.

The lands added to the original application will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The temporary land uses which may be permitted during this segregative period include licenses, permits, rights-of-way, and disposal of vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

Dated: December 22, 1999.

Robert D. DeViney, Jr.,

Chief, Branch of Realty and Records Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Request for Information and Interest in a Commercial Sand and Gravel Lease Sale Offshore Northern New Jersey

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Request for Information and Interest (RFII).

SUMMARY: In 1996, the MMS received a request from a private company for a competitive sand and gravel commercial lease sale offshore northern New Jersey. A RFII was published in the **Federal Register** on May 21, 1996 (Vol. 61, No. 99). The MMS deferred further action, that is, preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) after the company advised that they were pursuing other sources of sand and gravel. In 1998, and again in 1999, the company requested that MMS end the deferral of the competitive lease sale process and prepare an EIS. Because a significant amount of time has passed, MMS has decided to issue another RFII and to focus the area being considered to a much smaller one than that identified in the 1996 request. This smaller, more focused area reflects comments received on the earlier RFII

and is depicted on the accompanying page-size map.

This RFII is published pursuant to the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA) as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331–1356 (1988)), and accompanying regulations (30 CFR part 281).

Purpose of the RFII

The purpose of the RFII is to gather comments, information and indications of interest from interested parties about a possible commercial sand and gravel lease sale offshore northern New Jersey. This does not mean that a preliminary decision to lease in this area has been made. The MMS would like comments addressing the area identified, including information on: Commercial, navigational, recreational, and multiple-

use considerations; Environmental concerns, including information on biological and physical resources; Archaeological resources; and Social and economic issues.

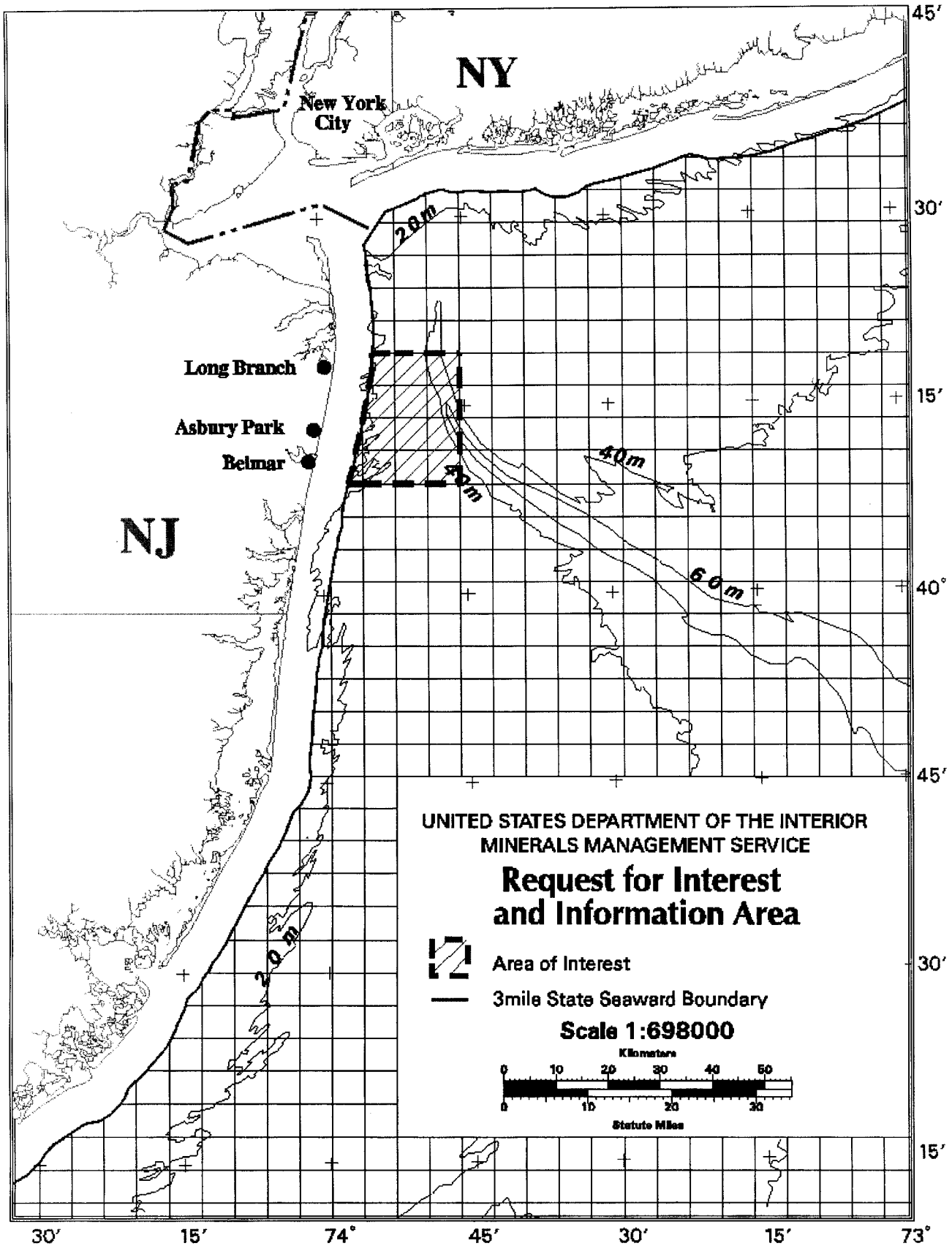
This RFII is one of the early steps in a public-participation process that includes a thorough environmental analysis and compliance with the State's coastal zone management program. If a decision is made to prepare an EIS, the MMS will provide for several additional opportunities for public comment.

Description of the Area

The RFII area is located off the northern coast of New Jersey beginning 3 nautical miles (nm) from shore and extending southward 12 nm from

slightly north of Long Branch to slightly south of Belmar. The landward boundary is the 3 nm line separating the Federal OCS and State submerged land jurisdictions. The seaward edge of the area is narrowest on the north (10 nm from shore) and widens slightly on the south (12 nm from shore). The area contains 10 whole OCS blocks and 4 partial blocks. Generally OCS blocks are 9 square miles. A large scale map of the RFII area showing boundaries of the RFII area with numbered blocks is available from MMS at the following address: Minerals Management Service, Division of International Activities and Marine Minerals, 381 Elden Street, Mail Stop 4030, Herndon, VA 22070, Phone: (703) 787–1300, FAX: (703) 787–1284.

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Relation to Coastal Management Plans

The MMS specifically requests comments on potential conflicts with approved local coastal management plans (CMP) that may result from future commercial sand and gravel mining within the RFII area. We request that you identify specific CMP policies; the types of conflicts you foresee; and possible steps that MMS could take to avoid or mitigate these conflicts. Your comments may address the entire area under consideration or portions of the area. We request that you list block numbers or clearly outline the subject area on the large-scale RFII map.

Areas of Specific Industry Interest

We request that industry respondents indicate specific blocks or areas within the RFII area that are of particular interest for consideration in a possible OCS sand and gravel lease sale. Industry respondents are asked to outline their area(s) of interest on the large-scale RFII map and to submit a list of block numbers nominated (including both whole and partial blocks). Although identities of those indicating interest in specific areas within this RFII become a matter of public record, the blocks that the individual company(s) identifies are considered proprietary information.

Industry respondents should rank areas of specific interest according to priority: 1 (high), 2 (medium), and 3 (low). Areas identified that do not indicate priorities will be considered priority 3. The name and telephone number of a person in the respondent's organization to contact for additional information or clarification should be included in the response.

Commenting Procedures

The MMS must receive your comments, information and/or indications of interest (in envelopes labeled RFII Information (or Indication of Interest)) no later than 90 days following publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Please submit the RFII map with comments and/or indications of interest to: Minerals Management Service, Division of International Activities and Marine Minerals, 381 Elden Street, Mail Stop 4030, Herndon, VA 22070.

The MMS will hold information meetings on February 28, 2000, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., at the Bradley Beach Borough Hall, Bradley Beach, New Jersey, and on February 29, 2000, at the Holiday Inn, 1000 Roosevelt Avenue, Carteret, New Jersey, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Additional Information

1. The MMS would like to clarify that any possible sand and gravel commercial lease sale within the RFII area will not include any requirements for the end use of the sand and gravel.

2. The MMS will restrict dredging to relatively shallow and uniform depths to preserve ocean bottom topography and promote rapid recolonization of biota in dredged areas. The MMS will prohibit the mining of deep pits for use in the disposal of any material.

3. The MMS has completed an Environmental Report assessing possible consequences associated with using OCS sand for beach nourishment along the U.S. east coast from Northern New Jersey to the Virginia/North Carolina border. A self-contained and separate appendix within the Environmental Report assesses potential environmental impacts of offshore mining for construction aggregate material. The appendix may provide useful information as parties prepare responses to this RFII. The Environmental Report, and the appendix are available through the MMS's internet web-site at www.mms.gov/intermar/marineac.htm.

Use of Responses to the RFII

The MMS will use information in response to this RFII in several ways. First, MMS will use comments on possible environmental impacts and multiple use conflicts to help in our analysis and handling of concerns in and near the RFII area. Based on this information we will make a preliminary determination on the potential advantages and disadvantages of OCS sand and gravel exploration and development within the RFII area and whether to prepare an EIS. Second, MMS will use the responses to identify specific areas within the RFII area that are of interest for potential commercial sand and gravel leasing and development. Third, comments will be used to identify potential conflicts among offshore activities and State or local coastal zone management plans. Finally, comments may be used to develop requirements to ensure safe and environmentally sound activities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol A. Hartgen, International Activities and Marine Minerals, (703) 787-1300.

Dated: January 4, 2000.

WC Rosenbusch,

Director, Minerals Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Bay-Delta Advisory Council's Delta Drinking Water Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bay-Delta Advisory Council's (BDAC) Delta Drinking Water Council will meet on January 27, 2000, to discuss several issues including Fiscal Year 2000 drinking water quality actions and studies. This meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to the Delta Drinking Water Council or may file written statements for consideration.

DATES: The Bay-Delta Advisory Council's Delta Drinking Water Council meeting will be held from 12:00 noon to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 27, 2000.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will meet at the Resources Building, 1416 Ninth Street, Room 1131, Sacramento, CA 95814.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Hutton, CALFED Bay-Delta Program, at (916) 653-9715. If reasonable accommodation is needed due to a disability, please contact the Equal Employment Opportunity Office at (916) 653-6952 or TDD (916) 653-6935 at least one week prior to the meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta system) is a critically important part of California's natural environment and economy. In recognition of the serious problems facing the region and the complex resource management decisions that must be made, the state of California and the Federal government are working together to stabilize, protect, restore, and enhance the Bay-Delta system. The State and Federal agencies with management and regulatory responsibilities in the Bay-Delta system are working together as CALFED to provide policy direction and oversight for the process.

One area of Bay-Delta management includes the establishment of a joint State-Federal process to develop long-term solutions to problems in the Bay-Delta system related to fish and wildlife, water supply reliability, natural disasters, and water quality. The intent is to develop a comprehensive and balanced plan which addresses all of the resource problems. This effort, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program (Program), is being carried out under the policy direction of CALFED. The Program is