## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Wyoming

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service, has filed an application to withdraw 40.00 acres of National Forest System lands for 40 years for the protection of the Tie Hack Campground. This notice closes the land for up to 2 years from location and entry under the United States mining laws. The land will remain open to mineral leasing and to all other forms of disposition which may by law be made of National Forest System lands.

**DATES:** Comments and requests for a public meeting should be received on or before April 18, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the BLM, Wyoming State Director, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003–1828.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janet Booth, BLM Wyoming State Office, 307–775–6124.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 31, 1999, the USDA filed an application to withdraw the following described National Forest System lands from location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming

Bighorn National Forest

T. 50 N., R. 84 W.,
sec. 26, NW¼NW¼NW¼;
sec. 27, NE¼NE¼NE¼.

The area described contains 40.00 acres, more or less, in Johnson County, Wyoming.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the Wyoming State Director of the BLM.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the BLM Wyoming State Director within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. During the segregative period, the Forest Service will continue to permit uses within the statutory authorities pertinent to National Forest lands and subject to discretionary approval.

Dated: January 11, 2000.

**Michael Madrid,**

*Acting Deputy State Director, Mineral & Lands Authorizations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

### Small Refiners Royalty-in-Kind Program

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and sale of Government royalty oil to small refiners.

**SUMMARY:** This notice explains how small refiners may apply to participate in the sale of Federal royalty oil and the procedures under which subsequent contracts will be awarded.

**DATES:** All completed applications must be received by the close of business (4:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time) on February 1, 2000. Applications received after this date will be rejected. The bid proposal, signed contracts, and the surety instrument must be received by close of business (4:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time) on February 8, 2000. The sale will be held on February 9, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** You may obtain an application to participate in the sale (Form MMS–4070, Application for the Purchase of Royalty Oil) directly from our web site *http://www.rmp.mms.gov/reportingservices/forms/forms.htm* or by writing to the Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, Attention: Robert F. Prael, MS 3131, P.O. Box 5760, Denver, Colorado 80217–5760. You may also request an application by calling (303) 231–3217 or by e-mail to *Robert.Prael@mms.gov*.

Completed applications must be returned to the same address or sent by overnight mail or courier to Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, Room A–212, Document Processing Section, Attention: Robert F. Prael, Building 85, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225. Completed applications can also be sent via facsimile to (303) 231–3219.

For confidentiality, please put your bid proposal in an envelope marked as ''confidential, to be opened only by Todd W. Leneau'' and enclose this envelope inside the envelope containing the signed contract and surety instrument. Please mail the bid proposal, signed contracts, and the surety instrument to: Minerals Management Service, Procurement Branch, Attention: Todd W. Leneau, MS 2730, PO Box 25165, Denver Federal Center, Denver, CO 80225–0165.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert F. Prael, Chief, Royalty-in-Kind Section, at the above address, (303) 231-3217, FAX (303) 231–3219, or e-mail at *Robert.Prael@mms.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Secretary of the Interior has determined that sufficient need exists among small refining companies to justify taking royalty oil in kind and offering this oil to eligible refiners. This notice provides procedures that applicants must follow to permit MMS to determine the applicants' eligibility to participate in the sale and general terms under which the contracts will be awarded.

This determination of need is based on the following facts:

(1) Small refiners who purchase crude oil in the Pacific and Gulf of Mexico regions have indicated to the MMS that they have concerns about the lack of stable access to the marketplace and the premium prices they frequently must pay to obtain desired feed stock;

(2) Small refiners continue to play a prominent role in providing military jet fuel to the Department of Defense. This supply of military jet fuel and the diversity in suppliers and locations combine to make the eligible refiner oil program an important contributor to national security;

(3) The U.S. Small Business Administration encourages program continuance in the interest of maintaining a competitive marketplace; and 4) Small refiners also provide valuable resources for several States and local governments.

Accordingly, the Secretary has elected to take royalty oil in kind from certain Federal leases in the Gulf of Mexico and