

and Public Law 89-304, as amended, this notice announces a joint meeting of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Topics to be discussed during the meeting include the coordination of activities that support Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission coastal fisheries management plans under the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act and the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act.

Minutes of the meetings will be maintained by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Room 840, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and the National Marine Fisheries Service, FX2, 8484 Georgia Ave., Suite 425, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

Dated: August 18, 2000.

Cathleen I. Short,

Co-Chair, Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act Coordination Committee Assistant Director—Fisheries and Habitat Restoration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-080-1210-XG]

Address Change for Salmon, Idaho Office

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Upper Columbia-Salmon Clearwater District, Idaho, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of address change for Salmon, Idaho office.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be moving into new office space in Salmon, Idaho effective October 2, 2000. The office will be located in the current Salmon-Challis National Forest building. The new address for BLM will be Rural Route 2, Box 600, Salmon, Idaho 83467. Also effective October 2, 2000, the main telephone number for BLM's Salmon office will be changed to 208-756-5100. Phone numbers for individual employees will be unchanged.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jenifer Arnold (208) 769-5000.

Dated: August 18, 2000.

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Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-060-00-1430-ES; AZA 31252]

Notice of Realty Action; Bureau Motion; Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification; Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The following public lands in Pima County, Arizona have been examined and found suitable for classification for lease or conveyance to the Pima County Board of Supervisors, a political subdivision, under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). The Pima County Board of Supervisors proposes to use the lands for a recreational park.

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

T. 15 S., R. 12 E.,

Sec. 7, lots 5 to 20, inclusive.

The area described contains 80.43 acres.

This action is a motion by the Bureau of Land Management to make available lands identified and designated as disposal lands under the Safford District Resource Management Plan, dated August 1991, and are not needed for Federal purposes. Lease or conveyance is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest. Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the Bureau of Land Management, Tucson Field Office, 12611 East Broadway, Tucson, Arizona.

The lease/patent when issued will be subject to the following terms, conditions and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Secretary of the Interior.
2. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.
3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States together with the right to prospect for, mine and remove the minerals.
4. A right-of way under the Act of February 15, 1901; 31 Stat. 90; 43 U.S.C. 959 for powerline purposes granted to Tucson Electric Power Company (PHX 080650).
5. A right-of way under the Act of October 21, 1976; 90 Stat. 2776; 43 U.S.C. 1761 for road purposes granted in accordance with the transportation plan for Pima County to Pima County Transportation and Flood Control (AZA 18432).

6. All valid existing rights documented on the official public land records at the time of lease/patent issuance.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the Bureau of Land Management, Tucson Field Office, 12661 East Broadway, Tucson, Arizona. Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance or classification of the lands to the Field Manager, Tucson Field Office, 12661 East Broadway, Tucson, Arizona 85748.

Classification Comments: Interested persons may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a public park. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

Application Comments: Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for a public park.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 10, 2000.

Jesse J. Juen,

Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Announcement of Invitation for Bids on Oil from Federal Properties in the Gulf of Mexico

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Solicitation on Federal Royalty Oil.

SUMMARY: MMS is announcing a public competitive offering of approximately 35,000 barrels per day of crude oil to be taken as royalty in kind from Federal properties in the Gulf of Mexico. This solicitation may be found on the MMS Internet website at <http://www.rmp.mms.gov>.

DATES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

ADDRESSES: See **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Todd Leneau, Minerals Management Service, Procurement Branch, MS 2730, P.O. Box 25165, Denver Federal Center, Denver, CO 80225-0165; telephone number (303) 275-7385; fax (303) 275-7303; e-mail Todd.Leneau@mms.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Solicitation Number 1435-02-00-RP-40337 offers approximately 35,000 barrels of crude oil per day from selected Federal properties in the Gulf of Mexico. This solicitation was posted to the MMS Internet website on August 22, 2000, and may be found at <http://www.rmp.mms.gov> under the question "What else is new?" The solicitation may also be obtained by contacting Mr. Todd Leneau at the address in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above.

Bids should be submitted to the address provided in the solicitation. Bids will be due at that address on or before September 18, 2000. MMS will notify successful bidders and operators of production selected for royalty in kind on or before September 30, 2000. The royalty oil contracts will be effective November 1, 2000, and will have a 6-month term with a 6-month contract extension by mutual consent of both the winning bidder and MMS.

The Federal Government will begin taking the awarded royalty oil volumes for delivery to successful bidders beginning on November 1, 2000. Under the terms of this solicitation, operators will deliver the royalty oil to market centers such as St. James and Empire, Louisiana, where winning bidders will take delivery. Winning bidders will report deliveries to MMS using a *Microsoft Excel* spreadsheet. Pricing will be established in the contract.

MMS is allowing bidders to self-certify their financial solvency instead of posting a letter of credit. Details are available in the solicitation.

Royalty oil will be sold based on a competitive bidding process. The bid proposal will be based on formulas representing differentials from index

prices. The highest bidder, exceeding or meeting minimum bid, will be notified by phone or e-mail and provided a list of properties from which to choose. After the highest bidder selects his/her properties, the list of remaining properties will be provided to the next highest bidder. This process will be continued until all the oil is selected or the minimum bid threshold is met.

As stated previously, this sale will be a competitive bidding process, whereby a minimum bid, for each oil type, based on differentials from index prices will be established. If the minimum bid price is not met, MMS will have the option to negotiate prices with the highest bidder.

This offering of crude oil continues the MMS's royalty-in-kind pilot program. MMS's objective is to identify circumstances in which taking oil and gas royalties as a share of production is a viable alternative to the usual practice of collecting oil and gas royalties as a share of the value received by the lessee from the sale of production.

Dated: August 21, 2000.

Lucy Querques Denett,
Associate Director for Royalty Management.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Draft Supplemental EIS/EIR for Acquisition of Additional Water for Meeting the San Joaquin River Agreement Flow Objectives, 2001-2010

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare a joint Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (DSEIS/EIR).

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the San Joaquin River Group Authority (SJRGA) are preparing a joint DSEIS/EIR, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), to evaluate the purchase of up to 50,000 acre-feet of water annually during the 2001 through 2010 water years from the SJRGA and its members to meet a 31-day spring pulse flow target in the San Joaquin River at Vernalis. The spring pulse flow target in a given water year is dependent on hydrological conditions and is established by Vernalis Adaptive Management Plan (VAMP) flow objectives within the San Joaquin River Agreement (SJRA). When supplemental

flows required to meet the spring pulse flow target exceed 110,000 acre-feet, Reclamation may purchase up to an additional 50,000 acre-feet (i.e., above 110,000 acre-feet) to supplement the spring pulse flows. The additional pulse flows would enter as releases from water purveyors into the Tuolumne and/or Merced Rivers.

DATES: Written comments on the scope of the DSEIS/EIR must be received by September 28, 2000. Comments received after this date will be considered, but may not be included in the resulting DSEIS/EIR scope.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Mr. John Burke, Water Acquisition Program Manager (MP410), Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825; fax 916/978-5290.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Burke at the above address or by telephone at: 916/978-5556 (TDD 916/978-5608).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SJRGA was established to provide a level of protection equivalent to the San Joaquin River flow objectives contained in the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) *1995 Water Quality Control Plan* for the lower San Joaquin River and San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary (Delta). A key part of the SJRA is the VAMP which is a scientifically based adaptive fishery management plan to help determine the relationships between flows, exports, and other factors on fish survival in this region of the Delta. The SWRCB adopted pertinent provisions of the SJRA on December 29, 1999, and issued its Revised Water Right Decision 1641 (D-1641) containing these provisions on March 15, 2000. D-1641 approved implementation of the VAMP through December 31, 2011.

A joint Final EIS/EIR was prepared in January 1999 by the SJRGA and Reclamation to meet CEQA and NEPA requirements to address environmental impacts associated with acquiring water to meet the flow objectives in the SJRA. This document addressed the need for up to 110,000 acre-feet to meet a 31-day spring pulse flow target in the San Joaquin River at Vernalis. The SJRA allows for willing sellers among the SJRGA to sell Reclamation additional water when the spring pulse flow target exceeds 110,000 acre-feet. The Final EIS/EIR prepared for the SJRA acknowledged the need for this additional water from willing sellers in some water years but did not address the environmental impacts associated with acquiring this supplemental water.