

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****[CO-600-00-1430-ET-241A]****Notice of Intent To Amend the White River, Glenwood Springs, and Grand Junction Resource Management Plans To Revoke Oil Shale Withdrawals on Public Lands****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to prepare an Environmental Assessment and amend three Resource Management Plans (RMPs) to revoke withdrawals placed on BLM administered lands for the purpose of protecting the oil shale resource. The three RMPs are the White River RMP, Glenwood Springs RMP, and Grand Junction RMP; all in Colorado. Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), requires that BLM continually review existing withdrawals to determine if they are still needed for their original purpose. This proposed revocation only pertains to oil shale lands withdrawn under Executive Order 5327 dated April 15, 1930, as amended, and Public Land Order 4522 dated September 13, 1968, as amended, and involves approximately 600,000 acres in Colorado.

These oil shale withdrawals are no longer needed because existing regulations, policies and land use decisions provide adequate protection and conservation of oil shale resources.

The oil shale withdrawals proposed for revocation are within the jurisdictional boundaries of the White River BLM Field Office, Glenwood Springs BLM Field Office, and Grand Junction BLM Field Office, and are located in the following townships.

T2N, R98W; T2N, R99W; T2N, R100W; T1N, R95W; T1N, R96W; T1N, R97W; T1N, R98W; T1N, R99W; T1N, R100W; T1S, R94W; T1S, R95W; T1S, R96W; T1S, R97W; T1S, R98W; T1S, R99W; T1S, R100W; T2S, R94W; T2S, R95W; T2S, R96W; T2S, R97W; T2S, R98W; T2S, R99W; T2S, R100W; T3S, R94W; T3S, R95W; T3S, R96W; T3S, R97W; T3S, R98W; T3S, R99W; T3S, R100W; T4S, R94W; T4S, R95W; T4S, R96W; T4S, R97W; T4S, R98W; T4S, R99W; T4S, R100W; T4S, R101W; T5S, R93W; T5S, R94W; T5S, R95W; T5S, R96W; T5S, R97W; T5S, R98W; T5S, R99W; T5S, R100W; T5S, R101W; T6S, R94W; T6S, R95W; T6S, R96W; T6S, R97W; T6S, R98W; T6S, R99W; T6S, R100W; T6S, R101W; T7S, R96W; T7S, R97W; T7S,

R98W; T7S, R99W; T7S, R100W; T7S, R101W; T8S, R99W; T8S, R100W.

The public is invited to comment on this proposal and to contact the BLM should they desire further information. A 30 day period for receiving comments begins with publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Comments received by the public as a result of this notice and news releases in local media will be considered in developing the Environmental Assessment.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments concerning this notice to Larry Porter, Bureau of Land Management, 2815 H. Road, Grand Junction, CO 81506. Electronic mail can be sent to: Larry\_Porter@co.blm.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Larry Porter at (970) 244-3012.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This withdrawal revocation proposal does not apply to the Naval Oil Shale Reserve #1 and #3 lands that were recently transferred from the U.S. Department of Energy to the BLM. Management decisions for these lands will be made through a separate planning process.

There are several public land orders and executive orders which relate to the withdrawal of oil shale land. Some of the orders identify how the withdrawals will be administered and their relationship to development of other minerals. This proposed revocation only pertains to oil shale values in lands withdrawn under Executive Order 5327 dated April 15, 1930, as amended, and Public Land Order 4522 dated September 13, 1968, as amended. Oil Shale and associated minerals have been classified as leasable, and as such they are managed with well defined procedures. The oil shale values in these withdrawn lands are adequately protected and administered through existing BLM regulations, planning decisions, and policy. The withdrawals are no longer needed for their original purpose and intent, and should be revoked in their entirety.

Dated: November 22, 2000.

**Richard M. Arcand,**

*Assistant Manager, Northwest Center Office.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****[CA-160-1220-00]****Amendment of Meeting Notice for Central California Resource Advisory Council**

This is to amend the meeting place address listed in the notice that was already published.

**DATES:** Thursday and Friday, November 30-December 1, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** BLM California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Larry Mercer, Public Affairs Officer, Bureau of Land Management, 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308, telephone 661-391-6012.

Dated: November 16, 2000.

**Ron Fellows,**

*Field Manager.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Minerals Management Service****Outer Continental Shelf, Central Gulf of Mexico, Oil and Gas Lease Sale 178**

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Availability of the proposed notice of sale, and notice of intent to hold two workshops to discuss several new provisions in the proposed notice

Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Notice of Availability of the proposed Notice of Sale for proposed Oil and Gas Lease Sale 178 in the Central Gulf of Mexico. This Notice is published pursuant to 30 CFR 256.29(c) as a matter of information to the public.

With regard to oil and gas leasing on the OCS, the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to section 19 of the OCS Lands Act, as amended, provides the affected States the opportunity to review the proposed Notice. The proposed Notice sets forth the proposed terms and conditions of the sale, including minimum bids, royalty rates, and rentals.

The proposed Notice of Sale for Sale 178 and a "Proposed Sale Notice Package" containing information essential to potential bidders may be obtained from the Public Information Unit, Gulf of Mexico Region, Minerals Management Service, 1201 Elmwood

Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394. Telephone: (504) 736-2519. These documents can also be found on the MMS Homepage Address on the Internet: <http://www.mms.gov>.

The final Notice of Sale will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days prior to the date of bid opening. Bid opening is currently scheduled for March 28, 2001.

#### **Workshops to Discuss Several New Provisions in the Proposed Notice**

The MMS will hold two workshops to discuss with interested parties a number of new provisions being considered for proposed Lease Sale 178 in the Central Gulf of Mexico:

- deepwater royalty relief for leases in 800 meters water depth and greater;
- shallow-water deep-gas royalty relief for leases in water depths less than 200 meters (where natural gas wells have been drilled 15,000 feet or greater and commence production during the primary term of the lease);
- subsalt lease term extension for leases in water depths less than 400 meters (with a primary term of 5 years), providing for a two-year extension beyond the 5-year primary term if a subsalt well has been drilled during the primary term; and
- other proposed terms and conditions.

#### **Workshops to Discuss Provisions of the Proposed Rule Regarding Discretionary Royalty Relief**

In addition, the MMS will hold two workshops to discuss with interested parties provisions of the proposed rule at 30 CFR, part 203, published in the **Federal Register** on November 16, 2000, regarding discretionary royalty relief for leases in 200 meters water depth and greater. These workshops will follow the Proposed Notice Workshops mentioned above, and at the same location.

#### **Date, Time, and Location of Workshops:**

*December 12, 2000*

Minerals Management Service, Room 111, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123. Provisions of Sale 178 proposed Notice of Sale, 9 a.m. until Noon Provisions of discretionary royalty relief proposed rule, 1 to 4 p.m. and

*December 14, 2000*

Sheraton North Houston (at George Bush Intercontinental Airport), 15700 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77032, Hotel phone—(281) 442-5100.

Provisions of the Sale 178 proposed Notice of Sale, 9 a.m. until Noon Provisions of discretionary royalty relief proposed rule, 1 to 4 p.m.

Attendees need not register prior to attending either meeting. Appropriate MMS personnel will be present at both workshops to answer questions regarding any aspect of the proposed Notice in the morning workshops, and questions regarding the proposed rule regarding discretionary royalty relief in the afternoon workshops.

Potential bidders in Sale 178 should note that sale terms and conditions and other information presented in the proposed Notice may be revised following consideration of comments received during consultation with interested parties on the proposed Notice. A decision on the final Notice is scheduled for February 2001.

For additional information, please call Mr. Charles Hill (504) 736-2795.

Dated: November 22, 2000.

**Thomas R. Kitsos,**

*Director, Minerals Management Service.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Bureau of Reclamation**

#### **CALFED Bay-Delta Program Policy Group**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The CALFED Bay-Delta Program Policy Group will meet on December 13, 2000. The agenda for the Policy Group meeting will include discussions about CALFED's: Record of Decision Commitments; Ecosystem Restoration 2001 Funding Package; and Operation and Implementation Budget. This meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to the CALFED Bay-Delta Program Policy Group or may file written statements for consideration.

**DATES:** The CALFED Bay-Delta Program Policy Group meeting will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will meet at the Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 J Street, Room 103-104, Sacramento, CA 95814.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rick Breitenbach, CALFED Bay-Delta Program, at (916) 657-2666. If reasonable accommodation is needed due to a disability, please contact the

Equal Employment Opportunity Office at (916) 653-6952 or TDD (916) 653-6934 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 a joint State-Federal process to develop and implement long-term solutions to problems in the Bay-Delta system related to fish and wildlife, water supply reliability, natural disasters, and water quality. This effort, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program (Program), is being carried out under the direction of the CALFED Policy Group.

Dated: November 22, 2000.

**Lester A. Snow,**

*Regional Director.*

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## **INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**

**[Investigation No. 731-TA-702 (Review)]**

### **Ferrovandium and Nitrided Vanadium From Russia**

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Scheduling of a full five-year review concerning the antidumping duty order on ferrovandium and nitrided vanadium from Russia.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of a full review pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5)) (the Act) to determine whether revocation of the antidumping duty order on ferrovandium and nitrided vanadium from Russia would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury within a reasonably foreseeable time. For further information concerning the conduct of this review and rules of general application, consult the Commission's