

are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

**Title:** North American Breeding Bird Survey.

**Current OMB Approval Number:** None.

**SUMMARY:** The North American Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) is a large-scale avian monitoring program used to track the status and trends of North American bird populations. The survey consists of over 4100 road-side routes of which approximately 2500 U.S. routes are sampled annually. Along each route participants record every bird seen or heard during 50, 3-min point counts. This information will be used by scientists and federal, state and local agencies to identify bird populations demonstrating significant declines in order to direct conservation and research efforts towards those populations before their numbers have reached critically low levels. For more information see the web site ([www.mprc.usgs.gov/bbs/](http://www.mprc.usgs.gov/bbs/)).

Participants are provided with detailed survey instructions, a map of the route, a blank survey form, and a postage-paid reply envelope. Once the data are submitted, each participant is provided with a report summarizing the results from their route.

**Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:** 2500.

**Estimated Annual Burden Hours:** 12,500 hours.

**Affected Public:** Primarily U.S. residents.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To obtain copies of the survey, contact the Bureau clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20192, telephone (703) 648-7313.

Dated: December 5, 2000.

**Dennis B. Fenn,**

*Chief Biologist.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[ID-080-1220-PA]

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Upper Columbia-Salmon Clearwater District, Coeur d'Alene Field Office, Idaho.

**ACTION:** Notice of restriction order number ID-086-27 for the Wallace Forest Conservation Area.

**SUMMARY:** By order, the following restrictions apply to the Wallace Forest Conservation Area, described as all public land located in T50N, R2W, Sec 31, T50N, R3W, Sec 35, T49N, R2W, Sec 6 and those portions of T49N, R3W, Sec 1 north of Lake Coeur d'Alene:

(1) Camping by any person or group of persons is prohibited except at the log landing at the terminus of the Landing Road.

(2) Camping as allowed by restriction number one above is limited to a maximum of two nights or 48 hours within any 28-day period. The two night limit may be reached through separate visits or continuous occupation. After the second night of occupation, campers must move outside of a 25-mile radius of the previous location.

(3) No person may leave personal property or supplies unattended for a period of more than 12 hours.

(4) Cutting of personal use firewood is prohibited.

(5) Use of motor vehicles on other than existing country roads is prohibited.

(6) Possession of a loaded firearm is prohibited, except that:

A. Firearms may be legally possessed within a motor vehicle in accordance with the Idaho State Code.

B. Waterfowl hunters may transport unloaded shotguns by the most direct route from either the Yellowstone Trail or the Landing Road for the purpose of hunting waterfowl below the high water mark of Lake Coeur d'Alene within Blue Creek Bay.

The authority for establishing these restrictions is Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations 8364.1 and 8341.2.

These restrictions become effective immediately and shall remain in effect until revoked and/or replaced with supplemental rules.

This Order includes lands previously described under Order ID-060-14, ID-060-19 and ID-080-21; these orders are hereby rescinded.

### Definitions

*Camping* is defined as the erecting of a tent or shelter of natural or synthetic material, preparing a sleeping bag or other bedding material for use, or parking a motor vehicle, motor home or trailer for the apparent purpose of overnight occupancy during any part of the night period from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

*Firearms* are defined as pistols, rifles, shotguns or any implement capable of firing a projectile with the use of compressed gas or gunpowder.

The *Log Landing* is defined as the southern end of the Landing Road south of the last unnamed road blocked with a concrete jersey barrier.

These restrictions do not apply to:

(1) Any Federal, State or local law enforcement officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force while engaged in the performance of an official duty.

(2) Any Bureau of Land Management employee, agent, contractor or cooperator while engaged in the performance of an official duty.

(3) Any person or group expressly authorized by an Authorized Officer to use or occupy the subject public land through the issuance of a special use permit or other use authorization.

These restrictions are necessary to:

(1) Preclude any individual or group from camping at one location for an extended period, thereby depriving others an opportunity to use the location for recreational purposes.

(2) Protect public land from habitat degradation due to illegal firewood cutting and soil erosion due to off-road vehicle use.

(3) To protect property and families of adjacent homeowners.

Violation of this order is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eric Thomson, Coeur d'Alene Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 1808 N. Third St., Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814.

Dated: December 7, 2000.

**Ted Graf,**

*Acting District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

### Outer Continental Shelf, Central Gulf of Mexico, Oil and Gas Lease Sale

**ACTION:** Amendment to proposed notice of sale 178.

The Minerals Management Service made available the proposed Notice of Sale for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 178 in the Central Gulf of Mexico through the Notice of Availability published in the **Federal Register** at 65 FR 71119 on Wednesday, November 29, 2000. This Notice amends the area identified in the proposed Notice of Sale as available for leasing.

On October 18, 2000, the United States Senate gave advice and consent to ratification of the treaty establishing the continental shelf boundary between the United States and Mexico in the area beyond the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) known as the Western Gap.

On November 28, 2000, the Senate of Mexico also approved the treaty. Given that the two countries will likely exchange instruments of ratification prior to the proposed sale date, the MMS proposes to offer in this sale blocks beyond the U.S. EEZ in the Western Gap, with the exception of blocks and portions of blocks in the 1.4 mile buffer area along the boundary established by the treaty.

Blocks beyond the U.S. EEZ in the northern portion of the Western Gap are now proposed to be available for leasing in the proposed sale *except for:*

- Blocks or portions of blocks beyond the U.S. EEZ in the northern portion of the Western Gap which are in the 1.4 nautical mile buffer zone north of the continental shelf boundary between the United States and Mexico. Both the zone and the boundary were established by the "Treaty Between The Government Of The United States Of America And The Government Of The United Mexican States On The Delimitation Of The Continental Shelf In The Western Gulf Of Mexico Beyond 200 Nautical Miles" signed by the United States and Mexico on June 9, 2000, and to which the U.S. Senate gave advice and consent to ratification on October 18, 2000, and for which the Mexican Senate gave its approval on November 28, 2000.

*The following blocks lie wholly within the 1.4 nautical mile buffer and are deferred from this sale: Amery Terrace (Area NG15-09), 280, 281, 318 through 320, 355 through 359.*

*The portions of the following blocks lying within the 1.4 nautical mile buffer are deferred from this sale: Amery Terrace (Area NG15-09), 235 through 238, 273 through 279, 309 through 317.*

The available acreage in these blocks will be provided in the "Unleased Split Blocks and Unleased Acreage of Blocks with Aliquots and Irregular Portions Under Lease" document to be included in the Final Sale Notice Package. Also,

Supplemental Official OCS Block Diagrams for these blocks are available 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 diagrams can also be found on the MMS Homepage Address on the Internet: <http://www.mms.gov>. For additional information, please call Mr. Charles Hill (504) 736-2795.

Blocks or portions of blocks beyond the U.S. EEZ are offered in Sale 178 consistent with U.S. law and the provisions of the 1982 Law of the Sea Convention. The Convention balances the extension of coastal Nation control over the natural resources of the continental margin seaward of 200 miles with a modest obligation on such Nations to share revenues from successful mineral development seaward of 200 miles. The Convention provides that payments by the coastal Nations subject to it would not be required during exploration or the first 5 years of production, and once instituted, would be at the rate of 1 percent of the value or volume of production beginning in the sixth year of such production, increasing at a rate of 1 percentage point per year to a maximum of 7 percent in the 12th year and thereafter. It has been expected that payments would come from normal royalties already paid by the industry to the United States Government. The question of what, if any, effect the Law of the Sea Convention revenue sharing requirements and the methods and procedures of paying any international obligations of the U. S. Government from royalty payments to the United States would have on royalty suspension volumes is under review. Once determinations are made on this issue, specific terms and conditions for leasing blocks in this area will be specified as soon as possible, but no later than in the final Notice of Sale.

All other terms and conditions of the proposed sale remain the same as described in the proposed Notice of Sale.

Dated: December 8, 2000.

**Thomas R. Kitsos,**  
*Acting Director, Minerals Management Service.*

Dated: December 8, 2000.

**Sylvia V. Baca,**  
*Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### 60 Day Notice of Intention to Request Clearance of Collection of Information; Opportunity for Public Comment

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Rocky Mountain National Park, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service (NPS) is seeking to gather information from residents of Colorado with respect to their acceptance of and preferences for different elk and vegetation management alternatives possible in Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP). The information sought will also determine acceptability of specific techniques to achieve the objectives of these different alternatives. The information gathered is to be used in developing an elk and vegetation management plan for RMNP, as well as an Environmental Impact Statement on the plan. To gather this information, the NPS is proposing to survey Colorado residents regarding their attitudes towards elk and vegetation management issues facing the Park.

	Estimated numbers of Responses	Burden hours
Rocky Mountain National Park Regional Resident Survey .....	400	200

Under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service is soliciting comments on the need for gathering the information in the proposed survey. The NPS also is asking for comments on the practical utility of the information being gathered; the accuracy of the burden hour estimate;

ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden to respondents, including use of automated information collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The NPS goal in conducting these surveys is to determine Colorado residents' acceptance and preferences

for different management alternatives that are possible in RMNP.

**DATES:** Public comments will be accepted on or before February 12, 2001.

*Send comments to:* Michael J. Manfredo, Human Dimensions in Natural Resources Unit, College of Natural Resources, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523.