

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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Michael J. Manfredo. Voice: 970-491-6591, e-mail: manfredo@cnr.colostate.edu.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Titles:* Public preferences for elk vegetation management in Rocky Mountain National Park: Regional Resident Survey.

*Bureau Form Number:* None.

*OMB Number:* To be requested.

*Expiration Date:* To be requested.

*Type of Request:* Request for new clearance.

*Description of Need:* The National Park Service needs information assessing the acceptability of different overall management alternatives for elk and vegetation management in RMNP as well as the acceptability of specific management techniques to achieve the objectives of the different alternatives.

*Automated Data Collection:* At the present time there is no automated way to gather this information because it includes asking Colorado residents their acceptance and preferences regarding different elk and vegetation management alternatives that are possible in RMNP.

*Description of Respondents:* Persons residing in Colorado.

*Estimated Average Number of Respondents:* 400.

*Estimated Average Number of Responses:* Each respondent will respond only one time, so the number of responses will be the same as the number of respondents.

*Estimated Average Burden Hours Per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* 1 time per respondent.

*Estimated Annual Reporting Burden:* 200 hours.

Dated: December 11, 2000.

**Leonard E. Stowe,**

*Acting Information Collection Clearance Officer, WASO Administrative Program Center, National Park Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **Draft Environmental Impact Statement/General Management Plan; Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, CA; Notice of Availability**

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Public Law 91-190, as amended), the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, has prepared

a draft environmental impact statement assessing the potential impacts of the proposed General Management Plan (GMP) for Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. This conservation planning and environmental impact analysis effort to date has identified and analyzed five alternatives (and appropriate mitigation strategies) for the management and use of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area over the next fifteen to twenty years.

*Proposal and Alternatives:* The draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) includes five alternatives, including the "no action" (existing conditions) alternative. The No Action Alternative assumes that physical facilities would remain largely unchanged and staffing and operational funding would remain relatively constant over the next fifteen to twenty years. The Preferred Alternative incorporates the exceptional elements of all of the alternatives to provide protection of significant natural and cultural resources while promoting compatible recreation and educational opportunities. The Preservation Alternative emphasizes the preservation of all natural and cultural systems and removing some park-related development. Virtual media and exhibits would provide visitors with alternative experiences and information. Visitor disturbance would be reduced while visitor appreciation for the resource would increase. The Education Alternative would promote strong environmental and cultural education programs that reach the public and especially the school systems. The Recreation Alternative maximizes recreation with any new park development in non-sensitive areas.

*Comments:* Printed or CD-ROM copies of the DEIS are available for public review at Park Headquarters, as well as at many public libraries and federal offices in southern California. In addition the document is posted on the internet at [www.nps.gov/samo](http://www.nps.gov/samo). Inquiries and requests for copies may also be directed to: Superintendent, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, 401 W. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, California, 91360. The telephone number for the park is (805) 370-2300. Interested individuals, organizations, and agencies wishing to provide information or suggest issues and concerns to be addressed in future land management are encouraged to address these to the Superintendent, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. All written comments must be postmarked not later than February 28, 2001.

If individuals submitting comments request that their name or/and address be withheld from public disclosure, it will be honored to the extent allowable by law. Such requests must be stated prominently in the beginning of the comments. There may also be circumstances wherein the NPS will withhold a respondent's identity as allowable by law. As always: NPS will make available to public inspection all submissions from organizations and businesses; and, anonymous comments may not be considered.

*Public Meetings:* Five public meetings will be held in the vicinity surrounding the park. The particular locations selected for these meetings were determined based upon responses received from the public during the scoping process. The meetings scheduled are: February 5, 2001 (Calabasas/Agoura Hills); February 6, 2001 (Santa Monica); February 7, 2001 (Los Angeles); February 8, 2001 (Malibu); February 9, 2001 (Thousand Oaks). Confirmed details as to specific locations and times will be announced in local newspapers, available at the internet site identified above, or can be obtained by calling the park at (805) 370-2341.

*Decision:* After the formal DEIS review period has concluded, all comments and suggestions received will be considered in preparing the final EIS. Currently the final EIS is anticipated in the fall of 2001; its availability will be similarly announced in the **Federal Register**. Subsequently a Record of Decision would be executed no sooner than 30 (thirty) days after the release of the final EIS. The official responsible for approval of the DEIS/GMP is the Regional Director, Pacific West Region; the official responsible for implementation of the approved GMP is the Superintendent, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

Dated: December 4, 2000.

**James R. Shevock,**

*Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **Notice of Availability of Draft Fee Schedules and Guidance for Commercial Filming in Compliance with Public Law 106-206 To Apply in All Units of the National Park Service**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Public notice.