

Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area. Members of the public are welcome to participate in the tour, but should plan on providing their own transportation, drinks, and lunch.

The Council will meet in formal session on Saturday. Agenda items will include updates/briefings on BLM's off-highway vehicle program and management related issues.

All Desert District Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Time for public comment may be made available by the Council Chairman during the presentation of various agenda items, and is scheduled at the beginning of the meeting for topics not on the agenda.

Written comments may be filed in advance of the meeting for the California Desert District Advisory Council, c/o Bureau of Land Management, Public Affairs Office, 6221 Box Springs Boulevard, Riverside, California 92507-0714. Written comments also are accepted at the time of the meeting and, if copies are provided to the recorder, will be incorporated into the minutes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doran Sanchez at (909) 697-5220, BLM California Desert District External Affairs.

Dated: May 7, 2001.

Tim Salt,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-990-AK-990-5101-NH-FL07]

Notice of Right-of-Way Renewal Application, Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 185), as amended, and the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act (43 U.S.C. 1651 et. seq.) an application has been filed to renew the Federal Agreement and Grant of Right-of-Way for the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS), which includes pipeline right-of-way, related facilities, and access roads across land between Prudhoe Bay and the Port of Valdez, Alaska. The existing Federal Agreement and Grant of Right-of-Way expires January 22, 2004. The application seeks to renew the Federal

Agreement and Grant of Right-of-Way for a 30-year term. The applicants are: (1) Amerada Hess Pipeline Corporation, (2) BP Pipelines (Alaska) Inc., (3) ExxonMobil Pipeline Company, (4) Phillips Transportation Alaska, Inc., (5) Unocal Pipeline Company, and (6) Williams Alaska Pipeline Company. L.L.C. The Trans-Alaska Pipeline System carries crude oil through a 48-inch diameter pipeline from production sites in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, 800 miles south through Alaska's interior to the Port of Valdez. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the Bureau will be deciding whether a renewal of the Federal Agreement and Grant of Right-of-Way should be approved, and if so, under what terms and conditions. The application proposes to renew the Federal Agreement and Grant of Right-of-Way for the following:

Federal Grant of Right-of-Way, BLM Serial Numbers F-12505 and AA-5847

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Minerals Management Service****Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for Proposed Lease Sale 182 in the Central Gulf of Mexico (2002)****AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service.**ACTION:** Preparation of an environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS) is beginning preparation of an environmental assessment (EA) for proposed lease Sale 182 (scheduled for March 2002) in the Central Gulf of Mexico Planning Area. In August 1996, MMS issued a Call for Information and Nominations/Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS (Call/NOI) for the five proposed Central Gulf of Mexico sales in the current 5-year leasing program. In 1997, MMS prepared a single environmental impact statement (EIS) for all five sales. The multisale Final EIS, filed in November 1997, included an analysis of a single, "typical" sale, and a cumulative analysis that included the effects of holding all five sales, as well as the cumulative effects of the long-term development of the planning area. The MMS stated in the EIS that an EA would be prepared for each lease sale after the first sale covered in the EIS (Sale 169).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, Mr. Alvin Jones, telephone (504) 736-1713.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The preparation of this EA is the first step in the prelease decision process for Sale 182. The proposal and alternatives for Sale 182 were identified by the Director of MMS in November 1996 following the Call/NOI and were analyzed in the Central Gulf multisale EIS, which is available from the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region's Public Information Office at 1-800-200-GULF. The proposed action analyzed in the multisale EIS was the offering of all available unleased acreage in the Central Gulf of Mexico Planning Area. The EA will also analyze alternatives to defer blocks south and within 15 miles of Baldwin County, Alabama, and to defer blocks containing topographic features with sensitive biological resources, as well as the no action alternative. The analysis in the EA will reexamine the potential environmental effects of the proposal and alternatives based on any new information regarding potential impacts and issues that was not available at the time the Final EIS was prepared.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for addresses where the application can be inspected.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rob McWhorter, TAPS Renewal Coordinator, at (907) 271-3664.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The locations where the application can be inspected are:

U.S. Bureau of Land Management, State/Federal Joint Pipeline Office, 411 West 4th Avenue, Suite 2, Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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