

comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 9, 2002.

**Michael H. Schwartz,**  
*Bureau of Land Management, Information  
Collection Clearance Officer.*

Dated: April 18, 2002.

**Larry O. Gadt,**  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AK-0293-02-1310-PB]

#### National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska Research and Monitoring Advisory Team Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Northern Field Office, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of the meeting location and time for the National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska Research and Monitoring Advisory Team.

**SUMMARY:** The National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska Research and Monitoring Advisory Team (NPR-A RMT) will meet May 29, 2002, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to discuss research and monitoring needs in the NPR-A and to recommend priority projects for funding by BLM. The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held at the BLM Northern Field Office, located at 1150 University Avenue in Fairbanks, Alaska. Public comments will be taken from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Inquiries or comments should be sent to Public Affairs, BLM Northern Field Office, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, AK 99709-3844.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Herb Brownell, (907) 474-2333 or 1-800-437-7021, x2333, or e-mail [Herb\\_Brownell@ak.blm.gov](mailto:Herb_Brownell@ak.blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The RMT's members represent BLM, the Minerals Management Service, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey—Biological Resources Division, the North Slope Borough, the oil and gas industry, environmental/resource conservation organizations, natural resource managers and academics, and the public at large. The RMT advises BLM in assessing the effectiveness and appropriateness of mitigative stipulations established in the 1998 Record of Decision for the Northeast NPR-A Integrated Activity Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement. More

generally, the RMT assesses NPR-A research and monitoring needs, develops and recommends research priorities, and works toward applying improved technology and operating practices to oil exploration and possible development in NPR-A.

The RMT meets in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972.

Dated: April 4, 2002.

**Robert W. Schneider,**

*Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[Docket No. MT-924-02-1430-FM-003E]

#### Notice of Intent to Amend the West HiLine Resource Management Plan; Chouteau County, MT

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to amend the West HiLine Resource Management Plan. The BLM proposes exchanging 2.04 acres of Federal surface estate in Chouteau County for private land within the Crow Indian Reservation in Big Horn and Yellowstone Counties as a part of Phase 4a of the Crow Boundary Settlement Act Land Exchange. The Federal land is legally described as:

#### Chouteau County

T28N, R9E, PMM.

Sec. 18: Lot 1, containing 2.04 acres, more or less

Disposal of the Federal land described above was not analyzed in the West HiLine Resource Management Plan (RMP) and associated Environmental Impact Statement. Disposal of the Federal land requires: (1) That the specific tracts be identified in the land use plan together with the criteria to be met for exchange, and (2) a discussion of how the exchange criteria have been satisfied. The discussion of how these requirements are being met will be part of the Environmental Assessment prepared to analyze the effects of disposal, as well as the plan amendment itself.

**DATES:** Comments and recommendations on this notice to amend the West HiLine RMP should be received on or before June 13, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to David L. Mari, Field Manager,

Lewistown Field Office, P.O. Box 1160, Lewistown, Montana 59457-1160.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Loretta Park, Realty Specialist, 406/538-1910.

Dated: February 20, 2002.

**M. James Feist,**  
*Acting Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-921-1430-ET; WYW 152450]

#### Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Wyoming

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to withdraw approximately 521.83 acres of public land from surface entry and mining, and 208.03 acres of Federal reserved mineral interests underlying private surface estate from mining to protect important scenic, open space, and recreational resource values of the Beck Lake area in Park County. This notice closes the land for up to 2 years from surface entry and mining. The land will remain open to mineral leasing.

**DATES:** Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by August 12, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and requests should be sent to the BLM Wyoming State Director, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003-1828.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mike Blymyer, BLM Cody Field Office Manager, 1002 Blackburn, P.O. Box 518, Cody, Wyoming 82414, 307-578-5900, or Janet Booth, BLM Wyoming State Office, 307-775-6124.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 27, 2001, a petition/application was approved allowing the BLM to file an application to withdraw the following described public land and Federal reserved mineral interests from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, except for disposal under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of 1926, as amended, subject to valid existing rights:

#### Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 52 N., R. 101 W.,

Sec. 6, lots 2 through 4, inclusive;  
Sec. 7, lots 2 and 3, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 52 N., R. 102 W.,  
Sec. 1, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 12, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains approximately 521.83 acres of public surface and Federal minerals in Park County.

T. 52 N., R. 101 W.,  
Sec. 6, lot 1.

T. 52 N., R. 102 W.,  
Sec. 1, lots 3, 4, 5, 7, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 12, lot 1.

The area described contains approximately 208.03 acres of Federal reserved minerals underlying private surface in Park County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect important scenic, open space, and recreational resource values pending further study and development of appropriate, and possibly longer-term, actions.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the undersigned officer of the BLM.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the BLM Wyoming State Director within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. Licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, or discretionary land use authorizations of a temporary nature which will not significantly impact the values to be protected by the withdrawal may be allowed with the approval of an authorized officer of the BLM during the segregative period.

Dated: September 14, 2001.

**Alan L. Kesterke,**

Associate State Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Policy Committee of the Minerals Management Advisory Board; Notice and Agenda for Meeting

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The OCS Policy Committee of the Minerals Management Advisory Board will meet at the Days Hotel and Conference Center in Herndon, Virginia.

**DATES:** Tuesday, May 21, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday, May 22, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Days Hotel and Conference Center, 2200 Centreville Road, Herndon, Virginia 20170, telephone (703) 471-6700.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Jeryne Bryant at Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, Mail Stop 4001, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4187. She can be reached by telephone at (703) 787-1211 or by electronic mail at [jeryne.bryant@mms.gov](mailto:jeryne.bryant@mms.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OCS Policy Committee represents the collective viewpoint of coastal states, environmental interests, industry and other parties involved with the OCS Program. It provides policy advice to the Secretary of the Interior through the Director of MMS on all aspects of leasing, exploration, development, and protection of OCS resources.

The agenda for May 21st will cover the following principal subjects:

*Department's Strategic Plan.* This presentation will provide an overview of the Department's new strategic plan, and provide insight into the process MMS is undertaking to develop a strategic plan that aligns with the Department's strategic direction.

*Education and Outreach Subcommittee Report.* This presentation will provide an update on the Subcommittee's charge and activities since inception in October 2001.

*Ocean Commission.* This presentation will provide an update on activities of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy since the October 2001 meeting.

*OCS Scientific Committee Update.* This presentation will provide an update on the activities of the Scientific Committee. It will also highlight the activities that are related to mercury, energy issues/concerns, ocean issues, hard mineral activities, and any other topics that are relevant to both Committees.

*Hard Minerals Subcommittee Update.* This presentation will provide an update on subcommittee activities and other pertinent hard minerals information.

*Biological Monitoring Program on Beach Nourishment Operations.* This presentation will address the \$8 million multi-year monitoring study recently completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

*Geographical Information System.* This presentation will address how the State of Alabama uses the geographical information system for sand and gravel resources and oil and gas resources.

*Futuristic Energy Production Schemes in the OCS.* This presentation will address the possible use of OCS facilities for hydrogen production and alternative energy schemes.

*Congressional/Legislative Update.* This presentation will provide an update on current congressional issues related to the OCS program.

*Moving Toward a National Ocean Observing System: Results of the Integrated Sustained Ocean Observing System (ISOOS) Workshop.* This presentation will address the potential for establishing a National Ocean Observing System. Results of the March 2002, ISOOS Workshop, hosted by Ocean.US of the National Oceanographic Partnership Program, will be presented and discussed.

*Recent Bankruptcies and the Potential Impact on MMS.* This presentation will address how recent events could potentially impact OCS activities.

*The agenda for May 22nd will cover the following principal subjects: Change in the Natural Gas Drilling Outlook.* This presentation will address natural gas supply/demand.

*Floating Production Storage and Offloading Systems Record of Decision—Next Steps.* This presentation will address the record of decision, the environmental impact statement, industry approaches, and the Coast Guard's regulatory approach.

*Eastern Gulf of Mexico Sales.* This presentation will address Lease Sales 181 and 189.

*State Issues.* This presentation will address several different issues affecting states, which may include concerns regarding drilling and tourism, beach nourishment, and pipelines.

*Mercury in Drilling Muds.* This presentation will address the studies regarding environmental research related to mercury in drilling muds, industry drilling operations and the regulatory framework for permitting these discharges on the OCS.

*MMS Regional Updates.* The Regional Directors will highlight activities off the