

196. The proposal and alternatives for Lease Sale 196 were identified by the MMS Director in January 2002 following the Call for Information and Nominations/Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and were analyzed in the Gulf of Mexico OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sales: 2003–2007; Central Planning Area Sales 185, 190, 194, 198, and 201; Western Planning Area Sales 187, 192, 196, and 200—Final Environmental Impact Statement; Volumes I and II (Multisale EIS, OCS EIS/EA MMS 2002–052). This EA will reexamine the potential environmental effects of the proposed action (the offering of all available unleased acreage in the Western Planning Area (WPA)) and its alternatives (the proposed action excluding the unleased blocks near biologically sensitive topographic features, and no action) based on any new information regarding potential impacts and issues that were not available at the time the Multisale EIS was prepared.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Dennis Chew, Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, MS 5410, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394. You may also contact Mr. Chew by telephone at (504) 736–2793.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In November 2002, MMS prepared a Multisale EIS that addressed nine proposed Federal actions that offer for lease areas on the GOM OCS that may contain economically recoverable oil and gas resources. Federal regulations allow for several related or similar proposals to be analyzed in one EIS (40 CFR 1502.4). Since each proposed lease sale and its projected activities are very similar each year for each planning area, a single EIS was prepared for the nine Central Planning Area (CPA) and WPA lease sales scheduled in the OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program: 2002–2007 (the 5-Year Program). Under the 5-Year Program, five annual areawide lease sales are scheduled for the CPA (Lease Sales 185, 190, 194, 198, and 201) and five annual areawide lease sales are scheduled for the WPA (Lease Sales 184, 187, 192, 196, and 200). Lease Sale 184 was not addressed in the Multisale EIS; a separate EA was prepared for that proposal. The Multisale EIS addressed CPA Lease Sales 185, 190, 194, 198, and 201 scheduled for 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007, respectively, and WPA Lease Sales 187, 192, 196, and 200 scheduled for 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006, respectively. Although the Multisale EIS addresses nine proposed lease sales, at the completion of the EIS

process, decisions were made only for proposed CPA Lease Sale 185 and proposed WPA Lease Sale 187. In the year prior to each subsequent proposed lease sale, an additional NEPA review will be conducted to address any new information relevant to that proposed action. After completion of the EA, MMS will determine whether to prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or a Supplemental EIS. The MMS will then prepare and send Consistency Determinations (CD's) to the affected States to determine whether Lease Sale 196 is consistent with their federally-approved State coastal zone management programs. Finally, MMS will solicit comments via the Proposed Notice of Sale (PNOS) from the governors of the affected States on the size, timing, and location of Lease Sale 196. The tentative schedule for the pre-lease decision process for Lease Sale 196 is as follows: EA FONSI or Supplemental EIS decision, March 2005; CD's sent to affected States, March 2005; PNOS sent to governors of the affected States, March 2005; Final Notice of Sale published in the **Federal Register**, July 2005; and Lease Sale 196, August 2005.

Public Comments: Interested parties are requested to send within 30 days of this Notice's publication comments regarding any new information or issues that should be addressed in the EA. Comments may be submitted in one of the following three ways:

1. Comments may be submitted using MMS's new Public Connect on-line commenting system at <http://occonnect.mms.gov>. This is the preferred method for commenting. From the Public Connect "Welcome" screen, search for "WPA Lease Sale 196 EA" or select it from the "Projects Open for Comment" menu.

2. Written comments may be enclosed in an envelope labeled "Comments on WPA Lease Sale 196 EA" and mailed (or hand carried) to the Regional Supervisor, Leasing and Environment (MS 5410), Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394.

3. Comments may be sent to the MMS e-mail address: environment@mms.gov.

To obtain single copies of the Multisale EIS, you may contact the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Attention: Public Information Office (MS 5034), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 114, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394 (1–800–200–GULF). You may also view the Multisale EIS or check the list of libraries that have copies of the

Multisale EIS on the MMS Web site at <http://www.gomr.mms.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Point Reyes National Seashore, CA: Boundary Revision To Include Certain Adjacent Real Property

Pursuant to the authority contained in the "Act to establish the Point Reyes National Seashore in the State of California, and for other purposes, approved September 13, 1962" (Pub. L. 87–657; 76 Stat. 538, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 459c–1(a)), notice is hereby given that the boundary of Point Reyes National Seashore is modified to include approximately 2.50 acres of real property adjacent to the park's prior boundary. This adjustment is accomplished to include private property that the owners wish to sell to the United States for the use of Point Reyes National Seashore and which the National Park Service has concluded would be a valuable addition to the Seashore. The property is described below:

All that certain real property situate in the County of Marin, State of California, described below as follows:

Parcel One

Beginning at a point distant South 39° 56' 50" East 328 feet; South 79° 51' 10" West 208.98 feet; South 46° 22' 20" West 78.33 feet; North 88° 57' 30" West 23.68 feet; South 64° 00' West 20.0 feet and South 69° 00' East 102.0 feet from the Westerly extremity of the course in the center line of Dover Road described as South 50° 03' 10" West 61.25 feet in the Deed from Western Title Guaranty Company to Sanford Hirshen, recorded September 11, 1967, in Book 2156 O.R. at Page 524, Marin County Records, and running thence North 69° 00' West 102.0 feet to the center line of a 40 foot roadway, thence along said center line of said 40 foot roadway North 64° 00' East 20.0 feet; thence leaving said center line South 88° 57' 30" East 23.68 feet North 46° 22' 20" East 78.33 feet and North 79° 51' 10" East 208.98 feet; thence South 39° 56' 50" East 164 feet more or less, to a point on the Southerly line of the tract of land conveyed to Marin County Abstract Company by Deed recorded November 16, 1951, in Book 717 O.R. at Page 409, Marin

County Records, thence along said Southerly line South 73° 00' West 305 feet more or less, to a point which bears South 17° 00' East from the point of commencement and thence North 17° 00' West 80 feet more or less to the point of beginning.

Parcel Two

An easement for roadway and utilities 40 feet wide, the center line of which is described as follows:

Beginning at the Westerly extremity of a course in the center line of Dover Road described as South 11° 42' West 87.78 feet in the Deed from Western Title Guaranty Company to Sanford Hirshen, recorded September 11, 1967 in Book 2156 of Official Records, at page 524, Marin County Records, and running thence South 11° 42' West 46.12 feet; South 62° 54' West 92.0 feet; South 18° 00' East 22.0 feet; South 49° 40' East 59.0 feet; South 31° 21' East 46.0 feet; South 64° 00' West 90.0 feet; South 44° 30' West 73.51 feet and North 61° 16' West 96.67 feet.

Parcel Three

Beginning at the Southwesterly extremity of the course set forth as "South 50° 03' 10" West 61.25 feet" in the Deed to Sanford Hirshen, recorded September 11, 1967 in Book 2156 of Official Records, at Page 524, being the centerline of a 50 foot roadway known as Dover Road, and running thence along said centerline on a curve to the left whose radius is 125 feet and whose center bears South 39° 56' 50" East a distance of 83.67 feet; thence South 11° 42' West 133.9 feet to the centerline of a 40 foot roadway; thence along said centerline, South 62° 54' West 92.0 feet, South 18° 00' East 22.0 feet; South 49° 40' East 59.0 feet and South 31° 21' East 46.0 feet to an angle point in the Northerly line of Parcel One as described in the Deed to Christopher D. Burdick, et ux, recorded March 3, 1969 in Book 2278 of Official Records, at page 213; thence along the Northerly line of said Parcel, South 88° 57' 30" East 23.68 feet, North 46° 22' 20" East 78.33 feet and North 79° 51' 20" East 208.98 feet to the Northeasterly corner of said parcel so conveyed to Burdick and thence North 39° 56' 50" West 328.0 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel Four

An easement for roadway over Dover Road, Sunnyside Drive and Drakes View Drive as the same are established by deeds of record.

These revisions in the park boundary are depicted on Drawing No. 612/80,500 A, Segment Map 14, revised March 2, 2004. This map is on file and available

for inspection, and further information regarding this boundary change is available, at the following addresses: Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240; Regional Director, Pacific West Region, National Park Service, 1111 Jackson St., Ste. 700, Oakland, CA 94607; Superintendent, Point Reyes National Seashore, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service, Pacific West Region

San Gabriel River Watershed Special Resource Study, Los Angeles and Orange Counties, CA; Notice of Scoping

Summary: Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Public Law 91-190) and Council on Environmental Quality's implementing regulations (40 CFR 1502.9(c)) that public scoping has been initiated for the conservation planning and environmental impact analysis process to identify and assess potential impacts of alternative resource protection and other considerations within the San Gabriel River Watershed Special Resource Study area in the Los Angeles Metropolitan Region. The purpose of the scoping process is to elicit public comment regarding issues and concerns, alternatives, and the nature and extent of potential environmental impacts (and as appropriate, mitigation measures) which should be addressed.

Background: As authorized by Public Law 108-042, the NPS is conducting a special resource study of the San Gabriel River and its tributaries from the city of Santa Fe Springs to the north, and the San Gabriel Mountains within the territory of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy. The study area includes areas of the Angeles National Forest, as well as many urban communities along the San Gabriel River and its tributaries. Although the Angeles National Forest and various local and county parks provide

recreational opportunities, many communities within the study area experience a lack of open space and their associated recreational opportunities.

In conducting the San Gabriel Watershed Special Resource Study, the NPS will evaluate the national significance of the area's natural and cultural resources. The NPS will also assess the area's suitability and feasibility to be a unit of the National Park System. Factors which the NPS study team will evaluate include: Whether the study area includes types or quality of resources not already adequately represented in the National Park System; whether long-term protection and public use of the area are feasible; and whether the area can be adequately protected and administered at a reasonable cost. The NPS's conclusions may vary for different portions of the study area.

The NPS will also consider: Alternative strategies for the management, protection and use of significant resources within the overall study area, including management by other public agencies or the private sector; technical or financial assistance available from established programs or special initiatives and partnerships; alternative designations to a national park unit and; cooperative management by NPS and other entities.

The authorizing statute directs the NPS to consider regional flood control and drainage needs and publicly owned infrastructure such as wastewater treatment facilities. Opportunities for increased open space and recreational opportunities will also be considered in the study.

Public Involvement: During the study process, a range of alternatives will be developed, in consultation with Federal, State and local governments and the public. The law authorizing this study directs the NPS to consult with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and with other appropriate Federal, State and local governmental entities. The NPS will conduct an environmental review of the alternatives and the potential impacts of resource protection considerations as part of the San Gabriel River Watershed Special Resource Study. At this time, it has not been determined whether an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared, however, this scoping process will aid in the preparation of either document, and public comments will aid in making this determination. The public will have opportunities to comment and participate throughout the study