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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1813 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-58) requires the Secretaries of the Department of the Interior and the Department of Energy (Departments) to conduct a study of energy related rights-of-way on tribal lands. The Act requires that the study address four subjects:

1. An analysis of historical rates of compensation;
2. Recommendations for appropriate standards to determine fair and appropriate compensation;
3. An assessment of tribal self-determination and sovereignty interests implicated by applications for energy rights-of-way on tribal land; and
4. An analysis of relevant national energy transportation policies.

The Departments will consider Tribal and interested party's comments in preparing a final report for delivery to Congress by August 7, 2006. A proposed work plan was presented for comment in the **Federal Register** on December 29, 2005 (70 FR 77178).

To help develop the report to Congress, the Departments will conduct a 2-day scoping and kick-off meeting on March 7 and 8, 2006. The Departments will solicit input on how to proceed with this work in a fair and timely manner. At this meeting, the Departments propose to establish several working groups to solicit and further develop information on each of these subjects. We propose to convene these working groups on the second day of the meeting and will solicit initial substantive comments on study issues at that time.

If a Tribe, group, or organization would like to be considered to make a formal presentation at the meeting, please send a written request that includes a subject topic by regular mail or e-mail to the addresses provided above by February 22, 2006.

Dated: February 3, 2006.

Michael D. Olsen,

Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting, Coeur d'Alene District Resource Advisory Council Meeting; Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Coeur d'Alene District Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: March 9, 2006. The meeting will start at 10:30 a.m. and end by 4 p.m. The public comment period will be from 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. The meeting will be held in the conference room at the Idaho Commerce and Labor Career Center office located at 1350 Troy Road in Moscow, Idaho.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Snook, RAC Coordinator, BLM Coeur d'Alene District, 1808 N. Third Street, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814 or telephone (208) 769-5004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Idaho. The agenda will include the following topics: Reviewing and providing comments on the Draft Coeur d'Alene RMP/EIS and the Draft Eastside Township Fuels EIS; status of the Cottonwood RMP; proposed vegetation treatment projects, and RAC Nomination period.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council in advance of or at the meeting. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for receiving public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided above.

Dated: February 7, 2006.

Lewis M. Brown,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service (MMS)

Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Central Gulf of Mexico (GOM) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 198

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Final Notice of Sale (NOS) 198.

SUMMARY: On March 15, 2006, the MMS will open and publicly announce bids received for blocks offered in Central GOM Oil and Gas Lease Sale 198, pursuant to the OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331-1356, as amended), and the regulations issued thereunder (30 CFR part 256).

The Final Notice of Sale 198 Package (FNOS 198 Package) contains information essential to bidders, and bidders are charged with the knowledge of the documents contained in the Package.

DATES: Public bid reading will begin at 9 a.m., Wednesday, March 15, 2006, in the Napoleon Ballroom of the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel, Two Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. All times referred to in this document are local New Orleans times, unless otherwise specified.

ADDRESSES: Bidders can obtain a FNOS 198 Package containing this Notice of Sale and several supporting and essential documents referenced herein from the MMS Gulf of Mexico Region Public Information Unit, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, (504) 736-2519 or (800) 200-GULF, or via the MMS Internet Web site at <http://www.mms.gov>.

Filing of Bids: Bidders must submit sealed bids to the Regional Director (RD), MMS Gulf of Mexico Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on normal working days, and from 8 a.m. to the Bid Submission Deadline of 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2006. If the bids are mailed, please address the envelope containing all of the sealed bids as follows: Attention: Supervisor, Sales and Support Unit (MS 5422), Leasing Activities Section, MMS Gulf of Mexico Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394.

Contains Sealed Bids for Oil and Gas Lease Sale 198

Please Deliver to Ms. Jane Burrell Johnson, Room 311, Immediately.

Please note: Bidders mailing their bid(s) are advised to call Ms. Jane Burrell Johnson (504) 736-2811 immediately after putting their bid(s) in the mail.