

315f, the following described land has been examined and found suitable for classification as a non-profit, public purpose—specifically, a site for a new satellite campus of the NMSU Doña Ana Community College. The land is hereby classified accordingly. The parcel of public land is described as follows:

**New Mexico Principal Meridian**

T. 26 S., R. 5 E.,

Sec. 13, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 19.967 acres, more or less in Doña Ana County.

NMSU proposes to develop the land to construct a new satellite campus to meet the educational needs of the rapidly growing community. The site would be leased for a period of 5 years with the option to purchase after the sites are developed according to NMSU. Conveying title to the affected public land is consistent with current BLM land use planning.

The lease or conveyance, when issued, would be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations.

1. Provisions of the R&PP Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

3. The United States will reserve all minerals together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.

4. All valid existing rights documented on the official public land records at the time of lease/patent issuance.

5. Any other reservations that the authorized officer determines appropriate to ensure public access and proper management of Federal land and interests therein.

Additional detailed information concerning this Notice of Realty Action, including environmental documents, is available for review at the address above. On October 3, 2008, the lands described above will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining and mineral leasing laws, except for lease or conveyance under the R&PP Act. On or before November 17, 2008, comments may be submitted regarding the proposed classification lease or conveyance of the land to the District Manager, BLM Las Cruces District Office, at the address above.

Only written comments will be accepted. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you

should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

*Classification Comments:* Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for the proposed satellite campus. Comments on the classification is restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, where the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

*Additional Comments:* Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for a satellite campus. The State Director will review any adverse comments. In the absence of adverse comment, the classification will become effective on December 2, 2008. The land will not be offered for lease or conveyance until after the classification becomes effective.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2741.5)

**Bill Childress,**

*District Manager, Las Cruces.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

**[CO-160-1430-EQ; COC-73222]**

**Notice of Realty FLPMA Section 302 Permit/Lease, Gunnison County, CO**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Realty Action.

**SUMMARY:** Gunnison Aggregate Resources has submitted a proposal for a land use authorization to operate an asphalt batch plant and other materials processing and temporary storage pursuant to Section 302 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and regulations at Title 43 CFR 2920. The land consists of approximately 1.25 acres of public lands approximately 5 miles southwest of Gunnison in Gunnison County,

Colorado, within a portion of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 17, T.49N., R.1W., New Mexico Principal Meridian. The land is within a 50-acre parcel of public land designated as the McCabe Lane community gravel pit. The proponent is a permit holder authorized to extract gravel from the McCabe Lane pit.

**DATES:** Interested parties may submit comments concerning the proposed permit/lease until November 17, 2008. Only written comments will be accepted.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all written comments concerning this notice to the Field Manager, BLM Gunnison Field Office, 216 N. Colorado St., Gunnison, Colorado 81230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marnie Medina, Realty Specialist, at the above address, or call (970) 642-4457.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a notice of a proposal for a land use authorization. No additional proposals will be accepted. After review, the BLM has determined that the proposed use is in conformance with the Gunnison Resource Area Resource Management Plan, and that the above described land is available for that use. Therefore, pursuant to section 302(b) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1732(b)) and the implementing regulations at Title 43 CFR 2920, the BLM will accept for processing an application to be filed by Gunnison Aggregate Resources, or its duly qualified designee, for a noncompetitive permit/lease of the above described lands, to be used, occupied, and developed as stated above. It is the judgment of the authorized officer that, as provided for in 43 CFR 2920.5-4(b), no competitive interest exists, or competitive bidding would represent unfair competitive and economic disadvantage to the originator of the unique land use concept that is compatible with the public interest. The rental for the noncompetitive permit/lease shall not be less than fair market value.

The BLM will estimate the costs of processing the permit/lease application. Before the BLM begins to process the application, the applicant must pay the full amount of the estimated costs to the United States. If a lease is not granted, the applicant must pay to the United States, in addition to the estimated costs, the reasonable costs incurred by the BLM in processing the application in excess of the estimated costs. Rent, payable annually or otherwise in advance, will be determined by the BLM, if and when a lease application is

granted and periodically thereafter. If a permit or lease is granted, the permittee/lessee shall reimburse the United States for all reasonable administrative and other costs incurred by the United States in processing the application and for monitoring construction, operation, maintenance and rehabilitation of the land and facilities authorized. The reimbursement of costs shall be in accordance with the provisions of 43 CFR 2920.6.

The permit/lease application must include a reference to this notice and comply in all respects with the regulations pertaining to land use authorization applications at 43 CFR 2920.5-2 and 2920.5-5(b). If authorized, the permit/lease would be subject to valid existing rights.

Comments must be received by the BLM Gunnison Field Manager, at the above address, on or before the date stated above. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the BLM Gunnison Field Manager, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any objections or adverse comments, this proposed realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2920.4)

**Kenny McDaniel,**

*Field Manager, Gunnison.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### **Gulf of Mexico (GOM), Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Central Planning Area (CPA), and Western Planning Area (WPA), Oil and Gas Lease Sales for Years 2009-2012**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS).

**SUMMARY:** The MMS has prepared a SEIS on oil and gas lease sales tentatively scheduled in 2009-2012 in

the CPA and WPA offshore the States of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. As mandated in the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (GOMESA) (Pub. L. 109-432, December 20, 2006), MMS shall offer, as soon as practicable, approximately 5.8 million acres located in the southeastern part of the CPA ("181 South Area"). The CPA Sale 208 (March 2009) will be the first sale to include the "181 South Area." The SEIS analyzed newly available information for the potential environmental effects of oil and natural gas leasing, exploration, development, and production in the "181 South Area."

**Authority:** This NOA is published pursuant to the regulations (40 CFR 1503) implementing the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.* (1988)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As mandated in GOMESA, MMS shall offer the "181 South Area" for oil and gas leasing pursuant to the OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*). In March 2009, proposed Lease Sale 208 would be the first CPA sale to offer the "181 South Area." The SEIS supplements the *Gulf of Mexico OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sales: 2007-2012; Western Planning Area Sales 204, 207, 210, 215, and 218; Central Planning Area Sales 205, 206, 208, 213, 216, and 222, Final Environmental Impact Statement* (OCS EIS/EA MMS 2007-018, Multisale EIS). The Multisale EIS did not analyze the "181 South Area"; therefore, MMS has prepared a SEIS to address the addition of the "181 South Area" to the proposed CPA sale area. Also, an extensive search was conducted for new information published since completion of the Multisale EIS, including various Internet sources, scientific journals, interviews with personnel from academic institutions, and Federal, State, and local agencies.

Based on new information and the expanded CPA sale area, MMS has reexamined potential impacts of routine activities and accidental events associated with the proposed CPA and WPA lease sales, and a proposed lease sale's incremental contribution to the cumulative impacts on environmental and socioeconomic resources. Like the Multisale EIS, the resource estimates and scenario information for the SEIS analyses are presented as a range that would encompass the resources and activities estimated for any of the seven proposed lease sales.

**Final SEIS Availability:** To obtain a single, printed or CD-ROM copy of the final SEIS, you may contact the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Public Information

Office (MS 5034), 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 114, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394 (1-800-200-GULF). An electronic copy of the Final EIS is available at the MMS's Internet Web site at <http://www.gomr.mms.gov/homepg/regulate/environ/nepa/nepaprocess.html>. Several libraries along the Gulf Coast have been sent copies of the SEIS. To find out which libraries, and their locations, have copies of the SEIS for review, you may contact the MMS's Public Information Office or visit the MMS Internet Web site at <http://www.gomr.mms.gov/homepg/regulate/environ/libraries.html>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For more information on the SEIS or the public hearings, you may contact Dennis Chew, Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard (MS 5412), New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, or by e-mail at [environment@mms.gov](mailto:environment@mms.gov). You may also contact Mr. Chew by telephone at (504) 736-2793.

Dated: September 25, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### **Notice of Availability of the Proposed Notice of Sale for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 208 in the Central Planning Area (CPA) in the Gulf of Mexico**

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of the Proposed Notice of Sale for Proposed Sale 208.

**SUMMARY:** The MMS announces the availability of the proposed Notice of Sale for proposed Sale 208 in the CPA. This Notice is published pursuant to 30 CFR 256.29(c) as a matter of information to the public. With regard to oil and gas leasing on the OCS, the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to section 19 of the OCS Lands Act, provides the affected States the opportunity to review the proposed Notice. The proposed Notice sets forth the proposed terms and conditions of the sale, including minimum bids, royalty rates, and rentals.

**DATES:** Comments on the size, timing, or location of proposed Sale 208 are due from the affected States within 60 days