

have until April 19, 2012 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

3. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as facsimile or email, will not be accepted as timely filed.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The BLM by phone at 907-271-5960 or by email at ak.blm.conveyance@blm.gov. Persons who use a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the BLM during normal business hours. In addition, the FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the BLM.

The BLM will reply during normal business hours.

Dina L. Torres,

Land Transfer Resolution Specialist, Branch of Land Transfer Adjudication II.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meetings: Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

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) Nevada Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will hold three meetings in Nevada in fiscal year 2012. All meetings are open to the public.

DATES AND TIMES: April 19 at the California Trail Interpretive Center, 8 miles west of Elko, Nevada at Hunter exit of Interstate 80; July 19 and 20 at

the BLM Ely District Office, 702 N. Industrial Way, Ely, Nevada; and September 20, at the BLM Battle Mountain District Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada. Approximate meeting times are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. However, meetings could end earlier if discussions and presentations conclude before 4 p.m. All meetings will include a public comment period at approximately 10 a.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lesli Ellis-Wouters, Public Affairs Officer, Elko District Office, 3900 E. Idaho St., Elko, NV 89801. Telephone: (775) 753-0386. Email: lellis@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Nevada. Topics for discussion at each meeting will include, but are not limited to:

- April 19 (Elko)—Rangeland Health Assessments, Battle Mountain Resource Management Plan, greater sage-grouse conservation, and recreation;
- July 19 and 20 (Ely)—field tour to Spring Valley Wind/Falcon-Gonder/Online (SWIP) transmission lines and greater sage-grouse leks;
- September 20 (Battle Mountain)—tour of Shoshone Off-Highway Vehicle trail and wild horse and burro program.

Managers' reports of field office activities will be given at each meeting. The Council may raise other topics at any of the three planned meetings.

Final agendas will be posted on-line at the BLM Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council Web site at http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/res/resource_advisory.html and will be published in local and regional media sources at least 14 days before each meeting.

Individuals who need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, or who wish to receive a copy of each agenda, may contact Lesli Ellis-Wouters no later than 10 days prior to each meeting.

Erica Haspiel-Szlosek,
Chief, Office of Communications.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting, John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below:

DATES: The business meeting will be held on May 17, 2012. On May 18, 2012, there will be a field trip to the Denny Flat area.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Geiser Grand Hotel, located at 1996 Main Street, Baker City, Oregon, on May 17, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Wilkening, Public Affairs Specialist, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, Oregon 97918, (541) 473-6218 or email mwilkeni@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The May 17, 2012, meeting will be held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) at the Geiser Grand Hotel, in Baker City, Oregon. Topics may include: Blue Mountain Forest Plan, John Day Basin Final, Step-down BLM Vegetation Environmental Impact Statement, Malheur Travel Management, potential update of Deschutes/Ochoco/Crooked River Grassland vegetation plan, updates by Federal managers on litigation, energy projects, and other issues affecting their districts/units and other matters as may reasonably come before the RACs. All RAC meetings are open to the public; time is set aside for oral comments at 1 p.m. on May 17, 2012. Those who verbally address the RAC are asked to provide a *written* statement of their presentation. Unless otherwise approved by the RAC Chair, the public comment period will last no longer than 15 minutes; each speaker may address the RAC for a maximum of five minutes. If reasonable

accommodation is required, please contact the BLM Vale District Office at (541) 473-6218 as soon as possible. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, please 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.

The field trip on May 18 will start at 8 a.m. PDT, and members will be looking at grazing parcels in the Denny Flat area. The field trip should end by 2 p.m.

Donald N. Gonzalez,

BLM Vale District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Notice of Public Scoping Meetings on an Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Gulf of Mexico Eastern Planning Area Oil and Gas Lease Sales 225 and 226

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public scoping meetings and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Proposed Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2012-2017 (Proposed Program) schedules two potential lease sales, Proposed Lease Sales 225 and 226, to accommodate anticipated industry interest in the portion of the Gulf of Mexico (GOM) Eastern Planning Area (EPA) that is not currently subject to the Congressionally-mandated leasing moratorium. This notice describes the public scoping process that BOEM is initiating in preparation for completing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) relating to these two proposed sales. While it is necessary to commence the presale information gathering process before finalizing the Five-Year OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2012-2017 in order to conform to the schedule in the Proposed Program, this scoping and EIS process will be terminated in the event that Lease Sales 225 and 226 are not included in the Final Program.

Pursuant to the regulations implementing the procedural provisions of the NEPA of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.* [1988]), BOEM will hold public scoping meetings to solicit information to assist in a determination of the significant issues to be addressed and their scope, and to identify mitigating measures and alternatives. This information will be used in the preparation of an EIS to evaluate the potential environmental effects of proposed Lease Sales 225 and 226. BOEM has planned five scoping meetings in April 2012 to provide opportunities for public participation and comment as part of the process for evaluating proposed Lease Sales 225 and 226. BOEM also will use and coordinate the NEPA public comment process to satisfy the requirement for public involvement under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f), as provided for in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3).

Throughout the scoping process, Federal, State, Tribal, and local governments and the general public have the opportunity to aid BOEM in determining the significant issues, reasonable alternatives, and potential mitigating measures to be analyzed in the EIS, as well as to provide additional information. Possible alternatives for analysis may represent a range of levels of activities, including: (1) The proposed action (holding the Lease Sale); (2) taking no action (canceling or postponing the sale); (3) defining appropriate restrictions on oil and gas activities based on environmental resources that are present; and/or (4) defining temporal or spatial work windows to accommodate the existing use of OCS space important to other critical national missions. Additional alternatives developed through scoping and NEPA evaluation will be considered and may also be evaluated. BOEM will receive statements, oral and written, at the venues listed below. All persons wishing to speak will have the opportunity to do so. Time limits may be set on speakers to allow time for all speakers to participate. The following public scoping meetings are planned for proposed Lease Sales 225 and 226:

- *Tuesday, April 3, 2012, Tallahassee, Florida:* Tallahassee Community College, 444 Appleyard Drive, Tallahassee, Florida; at 1 p.m. EDT;
- *Wednesday, April 4, 2012, Panama City Beach, Florida:* Wyndham Bay Point Resort, 4114 Jan Cooley Drive, Panama City Beach, Florida; two meetings, the first beginning at 1 p.m. CDT and the second beginning at 6 p.m. CDT;

- *Thursday, April 5, 2012, Mobile, Alabama:* Five Rivers—Alabama's Delta Resource Center, 30945 Five Rivers Boulevard, Spanish Fort, Alabama; at 1 p.m. CDT; and

- *Monday, April 9, 2012, New Orleans, Louisiana:* BOEM, GOM OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana; at 1 p.m. CDT.

Procedures for submitting written comments via mail and electronically are also detailed below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Proposed Lease Sales 225 and 226 are tentatively scheduled for 2014 and 2016 under the Proposed Program. The previous lease sale in the EPA, Lease Sale 224, was held on March 19, 2008. The EIS that will be prepared subsequent to this scoping process will analyze an area in the EPA that was addressed in *Gulf of Mexico OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sale 224: Eastern Planning Area, Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement* (OCS EIS/EA MMS 2007-060), plus a 109,977-acre triangular area located immediately south of the Lease Sale 224 area. The area for proposed Lease Sales 225 and 226 covers approximately 657,905 acres in the EPA and is south of eastern Alabama and western Florida; the nearest point of land to the lease sale area is 125 miles north to Florida. The Call for Information and Nominations/Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on November 18, 2011. This **Federal Register** notice is not an announcement to hold the proposed lease sales, but it is a continuation of information gathering and an early step in the environmental review process required by NEPA. The comments received during the scoping meetings and public comment period will help form the content of the EIS and will be summarized in the presale documentation prepared prior to holding a lease sale.

Comments: In addition to, or in lieu of participation in the scoping meetings listed above, all interested parties, including Federal, State, Tribal, and local governments and the general public, may submit written comments on the scope of the EIS, significant issues that should be addressed, alternatives that should be considered, potential mitigating measures and the types of oil and gas activities of interest in the proposed lease sale area.

Written scoping comments may be submitted in one of the following two ways:

1. In written form enclosed in an envelope labeled "Scoping for Proposed EPA Lease Sales 225 and 226" and mailed (or hand delivered) to Mr. Gary