

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Approved RMP was developed with public participation through a collaborative planning process in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. The Approved RMP addresses the management of resources and resource uses on about 1,371,000 acres of public land surface; 1,497,000 acres of Federal mineral estate; and 1,463,000 acres of livestock grazing (including 1,371,000 acres of public land surface and an additional 92,000 acres on the US Air Force Saylor Creek Training Range) in Elmore, Owyhee, and Twin Falls Counties in Idaho and Elko County in Nevada. The Approved RMP describes the landscape-level conservation and management actions needed to meet desired resource conditions and regional mitigation objectives for vegetation, wild horses, livestock grazing, recreation, energy development, and Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs).

In the Draft RMP/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Alternative IV-B was selected as the BLM's Preferred Alternative. As a result of public comment, internal review, and cooperating agency coordination on the Draft RMP/EIS, Alternative IV-B was adjusted to become Alternative VI (Proposed RMP) and analyzed in the Proposed RMP/Final EIS. The Proposed RMP/Final EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on August 22, 2014 (79 FR 49774).

The BLM received 8 protest letters during the 30-day protest period. The BLM Director denied all protest issues as reported in the Director's Protest Resolution Report, which can be reviewed at the following Web site: http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/planning/planning_overview/protest_resolution/protestreports.html.

While the Approved RMP contains some conservation management measures for greater sage-grouse habitat, final decisions on how to manage habitat within the Jarbidge Field Office will be made in the Records of Decision for the Idaho/Southwest (SW) Montana Greater Sage-Grouse Plan Amendment and the Nevada/Northeast (NE) California Greater Sage-Grouse Plan Amendment. The Idaho/SW Montana and Nevada/NE California Greater Sage-grouse Plan Amendment EISs will fully analyze applicable greater sage-grouse conservation measures, consistent with BLM Instruction Memorandum No. 2012-044. The BLM expects to make a comprehensive set of decisions for managing greater sage-grouse on lands

administered by the Jarbidge Field Office in the Records of Decision for the Idaho/SW Montana and Nevada/NE California Greater Sage-Grouse Plan Amendments.

During the Governor's consistency review process, the Idaho Governor's Office identified discrepancies between the Jarbidge Proposed RMP and laws, plans, policies and programs of the State of Idaho. The discrepancies mostly concerned greater sage-grouse direction and conservation actions in the Proposed RMP and Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter's "Alternative for Federal Lands for Greater Sage-grouse Management in Idaho" and the Idaho Department of Lands Greater Sage-grouse Conservation Plan for State Endowment Lands. The issues raised by the State of Idaho were responded to by letter from the BLM Idaho State Director. The Governor's Office did not appeal the State Director's decision to the BLM Director. The Nevada Governor's Office did not submit a response to the BLM during the Governor's consistency review period.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

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Notice of Availability of the Proposed Notice of Sale for Central Gulf of Mexico Planning Area Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sale 241

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

ACTION: Notice of availability of the proposed notice of sale for CPA sale 241.

SUMMARY: BOEM announces the availability of the Proposed Notice of Sale (NOS) for the proposed Central Gulf of Mexico Planning Area (CPA) Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 241 (CPA Sale 241). This Notice is published pursuant to 30 CFR 556.29(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 affected States the opportunity to review the Proposed NOS. The Proposed NOS sets forth the proposed terms and conditions of the

sale, including minimum bids, royalty rates, and rental rates.

DATES: Affected States may comment on the size, timing, and location of proposed CPA Sale 241 within 60 days following their receipt of the Proposed NOS. The Final NOS will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days prior to the date of bid opening. Bid opening currently is scheduled for March 23, 2016.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Proposed NOS for CPA Sale 241 and a Proposed NOS Package containing information essential to potential bidders may be obtained from the Public Information Unit, Gulf of Mexico Region, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394. Telephone: (504) 736-2519. The Proposed NOS and Proposed NOS Package also are available on BOEM's Web site at <http://www.boem.gov/Sale-241/>.

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Notice of Availability of the Proposed Notice of Sale for Eastern Gulf of Mexico Planning Area Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sale 226

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

ACTION: Notice of availability of the proposed notice of sale for EPA sale 226.

SUMMARY: BOEM announces the availability of the Proposed Notice of Sale (NOS) for the proposed Eastern Gulf of Mexico Planning Area (EPA) Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 226 (EPA Sale 226). This Notice is published pursuant to 30 CFR 556.29(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 affected States the opportunity to review the Proposed NOS. The Proposed NOS sets forth the proposed terms and conditions of the