

Planning Analysis and Environmental Assessment (PA/EA) for public domain lands in Arkansas and Louisiana. The PA/EA describes and analyzes alternatives for future management of approximately 575 acres in Arkansas and 378 acres in Louisiana. These public lands are isolated tracts in seven counties in Arkansas and four parishes in Louisiana. The affected counties in Arkansas are: Baxter, Cleburne, Crawford, Fulton, Pike, Searcy and Van Buren. The affected parishes in Louisiana are: Desoto, Natchitoches, Rapides and St. Martin. Split-estate minerals are not included in this PA/EA. These documents were prepared to fulfill the requirements of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).

DATES: Written comments on the Draft PA/EA must be submitted or postmarked no later than September 5, 2001. Comments may also be presented at a public meeting to be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 23, 2001 at the Civic Center Gymnasium in Marshall, Arkansas. Copies of the draft PA/EA may be obtained from the Jackson Field Office, 411 Briarwood Drive, Suite 404, Jackson, MS 39206. Copies will be available for review at the public library in the seat of government in each county or parish with lands included in the PA/EA. Also, the document may be reviewed on the Internet at www.es.blm.gov/jfo/pages/lupj.html.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Attn: PA/EA Team, Bureau of Land Management, Jackson Field Office, 411 Briarwood Drive, Suite 404, Jackson, MS 39206.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Duane Winters, phone (601) 977-5400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The issues addressed in the Draft PA/EA are: (1) Land Ownership Adjustments and (2) Special Management Areas. All of the BLM-administered public domain tracts in Arkansas and Louisiana are small and isolated, and, therefore, might be considered suitable for disposal. On the other hand, these tracts may have resources of value that should be retained in public ownership and managed by BLM or other agencies. These resources would include sites eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, endangered species, threatened habitats, minerals, or potential for recreational use. The Draft PA/EA presents alternatives with different answers to the following questions: What tracts should be retained in public ownership? What tracts should BLM dispose through sale,

exchange, or other means? What tracts should be identified for special management to protect or enhance specific resources? And how should the resources be managed? The alternatives being considered can be summarized as: (1) No Action or Custodial Management, (2) Disposal, and (3) Management through Partnerships. Under the Custodial Management alternative, the BLM would retain the tracts, but would not pro-actively manage them. There would be no actions taken to manage habitats or other resources. When presented to BLM, applications for use would be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Because this alternative would essentially be a continuation of the current management approach, it is also referred to as the No Action alternative. With the Disposal alternative, BLM would pursue transfer of the tracts out of Federal ownership through various means including sale, exchange or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act. In a sale or exchange, priority would be given to transferring the tracts to adjacent land owners. Disposal of tracts with high resource values would be allowed, but only with restrictive easements to protect the resources. In the Partnership alternative, resource management objectives are developed for each tract. These objectives include the desired conditions, such as type of habitat and recreational opportunity. BLM would actively seek partners, and with their cooperation, develop site specific implementation plans to identify needed management actions. Transfer to other Federal agencies, or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act would be allowed, but only for uses primarily directed to attaining the management objectives. In the Draft PA/EA the preferred alternative for three of the tracts in Arkansas is (2) Disposal. The preferred alternative for all other tracts in Arkansas and all four tracts in Louisiana is (3) Management Through Partnerships.

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State Director, Eastern States.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability and Protest Period for the Proposed Planning Analysis To Acquire Land in Fairfax County, Virginia by the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and protest period.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Eastern States, has prepared a Proposed Planning Analysis (Proposed Plan), an Environmental Assessment (EA), and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) that address acquiring approximately 805 acres of land known as Meadowood Farm, located on Mason Neck in Fairfax County, Virginia. These documents were prepared to fulfill the requirements of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).

DATES: The Proposed Plan, EA, and FONSI can be reviewed Mondays through Fridays, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the BLM's Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Boulevard in Springfield, Virginia 22153, or by visiting the website at www.es.blm.gov. Protests to the Proposed Plan must be postmarked on or before August 27, 2001.

ADDRESSES: All protests must be filed only with the Director of the BLM and submitted by mail or overnight mail as follows: The address for regular mail is: Director, Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Ms. Brenda Williams, Protest Coordinator, WO 210/LS-1075, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240; The address for overnight mail is: Director, Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Ms. Brenda Williams, Protest Coordinator (WO 210); 1620 L Street, NW., Room 1075, Washington, DC 20036. Phone: (202) 452-5110.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Bush, BLM Eastern States, (703) 440-1745 or Horace Traylor at (703) 440-1509.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Proposed Plan, EA, and FONSI address acquiring approximately 805 acres of land known as Meadowood Farm, located on Mason Neck in Fairfax County, Virginia. This acquisition is provided for through PL 106-522, the DC Appropriations Act, 2001

(November 22, 2000). In accordance with the Act, the property would be managed by the BLM for public use and recreation purposes.

The Proposed Plan calls for acquisition of Meadowood Farm and continued interim use of the facility for boarding horses. The EA considered the following alternatives: The Proposed Action is for the BLM to acquire Meadowood Farm, and the No Action alternative is for the BLM not to acquire Meadowood Farm. The selected alternative, which is the Proposed Plan, would result in the BLM's acquiring Meadowood Farm. The planning process consisted of a public scoping period initiated by **Federal Register Notice**, publication in regional newspapers, and two public meetings.

The BLM planning process offers an opportunity for administrative review (43 CFR 1610.5-2). Any participant in the planning process who has an interest that is or may be adversely affected by the proposed decisions may file a protest in writing with the BLM Director. (See **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** sections above for the nonextendable deadline and specific addresses for filing protests on this Proposed Plan.) Only those persons or organizations that participated in the planning and analysis process may protest the proposed decisions in the Proposed Plan. Protests may raise only the issues that were previously submitted for the record during the planning and environmental analysis process by the protestor or another participant in the process.

To be considered complete, a protest must include, at a minimum, the following information:

1. The name, mailing address, telephone number, and interest of the person filing the protest.
2. A statement of the part or parts of the plan and the issues being protested. To the extent possible, this should be done by reference to specific pages, paragraphs, sections, tables, or maps included within the Proposed Plan and EA.
3. A copy of all documents addressing the issue(s) that the protesting party submitted during the planning process or a statement of the date they were discussed for the record.
4. A concise statement explaining why the protestor believes the proposed decision(s) is wrong. All relevant facts need to be included in the statement of reasons.

At the end of the 30-day protest period, a decision document can be issued and, excluding any portions under protest, the Proposed Plan will become final. Approval will be withheld

on any portion of the Proposed Plan under protest until final action has been completed on that protest.

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State Director, Eastern States.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submitted for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0058).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are submitting to OMB for review and approval an information collection request (ICR), titled "30 CFR 250, Subpart I, Platforms and Structures." We are also soliciting comments from the public on this ICR.

DATES: Submit written comments by September 5, 2001.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1010-0058), 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503. Mail or hand carry a copy of your comments to the Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service, Attention: Rules Processing Team, Mail Stop 4024, 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817. If you wish to e-mail comments, the e-mail address is: rules.comments@mms.gov. Reference "Information Collection 1010-0058" in your e-mail subject line. Include your name and return address in your e-mail message and mark your message for return receipt.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by the law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your

comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alexis London, Rules Processing Team, telephone (703) 787-1600. You may also contact Alexis London to obtain at no cost a copy of our submission to OMB, which includes the regulations that require this information to be collected.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR 250, Subpart I, Platforms and Structures.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0058.

Abstract: The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*, gives the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) the responsibility to preserve, protect, and develop oil and gas resources in the OCS in a manner that is consistent with the need to make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; balance orderly energy resource development with protection of human, marine, and coastal environments; ensure the public a fair and equitable return on offshore resources in the OCS; and preserve and maintain free enterprise competition. Specifically, the OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1356) requires the issuance of " * * * regulations which require that any vessel, rig, platform, or other vehicle or structure— * * * (2) which is used for activities pursuant to this subchapter, comply, * * * with such minimum standards of design, construction, alteration, and repair as the Secretary * * * establishes; * * *." The OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1332(6)) also states, "operations in the [O]uter Continental Shelf should be conducted in a safe manner * * * to prevent or minimize the likelihood of * * * physical obstruction to other users of the water or subsoil and seabed, or other occurrences which may cause damage to the environment or to property, or endanger life or health." These authorities and responsibilities are among those delegated to MMS under which we issue regulations to ensure that operations in the OCS will meet statutory requirements; provide for safety and protection of the environment; and result in diligent exploration, development, and production of OCS leases. This information collection request addresses the regulations at 30 CFR 250, subpart I, Platforms and Structures, and the associated supplementary notices to