

Merrill, Glendive, Montana and continuing at 8:00 a.m. on May 7. The meeting is called primarily to discuss off-highway vehicle issues, land exchanges, and to share information on Makoshika State Park. The meeting is expected to last until noon on May 7.

The meeting is open to the public and the public comment period is set for 4:00 p.m. on May 6. The public may make oral statements before the Council or file written statements for the Council to consider. Depending on the number of persons wishing to make an oral statement, a per person time limit may be established. Summary minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marilyn Krause, Public Affairs Specialist, Miles City District, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana 59301, telephone (406) 233-2831.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management. The 15 member Council includes individuals who have expertise, education, training or practical experience in the planning and management of public lands and their resources and who have a knowledge of the geographical jurisdiction of the Council.

Dated: March 27, 1998.

Janet L. Edmonds,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ES-020-03-4210-05, FL-ES-41957 and FL-ES-41958]

Realty Action; Classification of Public Lands for Recreation and Public Purposes; Walton County, FL

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action for the classification of public lands for lease/conveyance pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purposes Act.

SUMMARY: The following described public lands in Walton County, Florida have been examined and found suitable for lease or conveyance pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*, and the regulations promulgated thereunder,

title 43 Code of Federal Regulation, part 2912:

Tallahassee Meridian, Florida

T. 3 S., R. 18 W.

Sec. 19, Lot 34 (1.28 acres)

T. 3 S., R. 20 W.

Sec. 4, Lot 37 (1.65 acres)

Totalling 2.93 acres.

The Board of County Commissioners plan to use these lands for recreational areas. The lands are not needed for Federal purposes. Lease/conveyance is consistent with current Bureau of Land Management land use planning and conveyance is deemed to be in the public interest.

The lease/patent, when issued, shall be subject to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and to the following reservations to the United States:

1. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.

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

3. Any other reservations that the authorized officer determines appropriate to ensure public access and proper management of Federal lands and interests herein.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice, interested persons or parties may submit comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance or classification of the lands to the Field Manager, Jackson Field Office, 411 Briarwood Drive, Suite 404, Jackson, Mississippi 39206. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the Field manager. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Weaver, Realty Specialist, Jackson Field Office, 411 Briarwood Drive, Suite 404, Jackson, Mississippi 39207 (601) 944-5435.

Dated: March 5, 1998.

Bruce Dawson,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-050-1610-00; GP8-0139]

Criterion/Tenmile Creek Resource Management Plan Amendment for the Two Rivers Resource Management Plan, Wasco County, OR

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an amendment to the Two Rivers Resource Management Plan.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 43 CFR 1610.2, the Deschutes Resource Area of the Prineville District, announces that a proposed plan amendment and associated environmental impact statement to address management options for the Criterion Ranch area is being prepared. The proposed management plan will provide long term direction, allocate resources and provide a basis for authorizing, restricting or prohibiting land use on approximately 15,000 acres of Bureau managed lands. Public comments on the scope of the analysis, planning issues, alternatives to be considered, analysis techniques and further public participation activities and forums will be accepted for 60 days from the date of this notice at the address shown below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Description of the proposed planning action:* To amend the 1986 Two Rivers Resource Management Plan (RMPA). The planning amendment will be based on existing statutory requirements and policies, and will carry out the requirements of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA). The Criterion RMPA and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will provide a basis for modifying the Two Rivers RMP to provide specific management direction for approximately 13,000 acres of newly acquired land adjacent to or associated with the lower Deschutes River. The actual plan amendment planning area will also address management options on an additional 2,000 acres of public land contiguous with the acquired tracts. The amendment will include identification of closed vehicular areas; clarification of the type and seasons of livestock use, if any; management for diverse and healthy ecosystems; and identification for the types of recreational use that will be authorized and restrictions of the same. In addition, portions of the consolidated federal lands will be evaluated for potential suitability as areas of special designation, such as Wilderness Study

Areas or Areas of Critical Environmental Concern.

2. *Identification of the geographic area involved:* The planning area involved within the Two Rivers RMP amendment includes approximately 13,000 acres of public lands near the Criterion Summit, midway between Shaniko Junction (junction of Highways 197 and 97) and the City of Maupin, and approximately 2,000 acres along Tenmile Creek, just west of Shaniko Junction in southern Wasco and northern Jefferson counties.

3. *General types of issues anticipated:* Issues expected to be addressed in the plan amendment would include access, vegetation management, and areas of special designation.

4. *Disciplines to be represented and used to prepare the RMP amendment will include:* botany, cultural resources, range, fire management, fisheries, recreation, noxious weeds, wildlife, hydrology, economics, and land use planning.

5. *The kind and extent of public opportunities provided:* Several public scoping meetings will be held in the spring of 1998 and will be announced through news media and a mailed scoping document. Two field tours of the acquisition are also planned for the spring of 1998 and will be announced through the media. Public participation will be carried out through document and public review periods to be announced through the **Federal Register** and local newspapers. Interested parties will receive a scoping mailer. Estimated mailing time is April 1998. Additional copies will be available at: Prineville District Office, 3050 NE 3rd St., Prineville, Oregon 97754, phone 541-416-6700.

6. *Times, dates and locations for anticipated public meetings and field tours:* When scheduled, pertinent information will be published in local newspapers such as The Bend Bulletin, The Central Oregonian, The Oregonian, The Redmond Spokesman, The Dalles Chronicle and others. Public input through written comments and public workshops will be emphasized.

7. *Name, title, address and telephone number of the Bureau of Land Management official who may be contacted for further information:* J.C. Hanf, Project Lead, 3050 NE 3rd St., P.O. Box 550, Prineville, Oregon 97754, phone 541-416-6700. The responsible line official is Jim Kenna, Deschutes Resource Area Manager, who may be reached at the same address and phone number.

8. *Location and availability of documents relevant to the planning process:* Many, if not all, of the planning

documents and supporting records are expected to be available in both paper and an electronic format, including a District Internet address (to be determined). Additional copies of published documents and the supporting record will be available at: Prineville District Office, 3050 NE 3rd St., Prineville, Oregon 97754, phone 541-416-6700 during normal working hours. Published documents will also be available for public review in the Public Room at the Oregon State Office, 1515 SW 5th Ave., Portland, Oregon 97201, phone 503-952-6000. Public and interagency comments on the plan amendment and associated analysis, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address as part of the supporting record. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions for organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or business, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Date: March 26, 1998

James L. Hancock,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of a new information collection.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, MMS invites the public and other Federal agencies to comment on a proposal to request approval of the new collection of information discussed below. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

DATES: Submit written comments by June 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to the Rules Processing Team, Minerals Management Service, Mail Stop 4024, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alexis London, Rules Processing Team, telephone (703) 787-1600. You may contact Alexis London to obtain a copy of the proposed collection of information at no cost.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Survey—Recreational Usage of Oil and Gas Rigs by Fishermen and Divers

Abstract: The Outer Continental Shelf (CS) Lands Act (at U.S.C. 1346, Environmental Studies), instructs the Secretary of the Interior, subsequent to the leasing and developing of any area or region, to conduct additional studies to establish environmental information as he deems necessary and to monitor the human, marine, and coastal environments of such area or region in a manner designed to provide time-series and data trend information which can be used for comparison with previously collected data for the purpose of identifying any significant changes in the quality and productivity of such environments, for establishing trends in the areas studied and monitored, and for designing experiments to identify the causes of such changes.

Biological studies have shown that there are between 20 and 50 times more fish found under and near oil platforms than in nearby soft bottom areas of the Gulf of Mexico. Therefore, in order to make decisions regarding the conversion of existing rigs to artificial reefs, MMS needs statistically accurate information on the extent to which oil and gas structures are used by recreational fishers and divers and the economic impact of the continued availability of these structures on local communities.

A data collection survey is being proposed to obtain statistically reliable estimates of the level of fishing and diving activity at oil and gas structures in the Gulf of Mexico from Alabama through Texas and to determine the levels of economic activity associated with this fishing and diving.

Frequency: This is a one time survey. Data collection will occur over a one year period (January 1, 1999—December 31, 1999).

Estimated number and description of respondents and reporting and recordkeeping "hour" burden: The estimated hour burden is shown in