

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

[WY-060-1610-00]

**Notice of Availability**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of the second draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Newcastle Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Public Lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in the Wyoming portion of the Newcastle Resource Area.

**SUMMARY:** The first draft EIS for the Newcastle RMP was issued in September, 1993. It has been decided to update and reissue a second draft for further comment because some public comments were inappropriately accepted on the first draft after the comment period ended. All public comments received on the first draft EIS have been considered and changes in the second draft document have been made based on those comments. When published, the final EIS will contain the proposed Newcastle Resource Management Plan, the comments on the second draft EIS, and the BLM responses to them.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** Written comments concerning the analysis will be accepted for 90 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes a notice of availability and filing of the draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. The EPA notice of availability is expected to be published on April 24, 1998.

Public meetings will be held in Sundance, Newcastle, and Lusk, Wyoming, to provide opportunities for the public to meet with representatives from the BLM and to comment on the draft EIS. A court reporter will be in attendance to record all comments for the record. When the times, dates, and places for these meetings are established, the public will be notified in advance through **Federal Register** or other notices, news releases, or mailings. Persons who wish to be placed

on the mailing list or participate in the Newcastle RMP planning process should contact the person(s) identified below at the Newcastle Resource Area Office.

The draft EIS may be viewed at the following locations: Newcastle Resource Area BLM Office, 1101 Washington Blvd., Newcastle, Wyoming; Wyoming BLM State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming; and county and city libraries in Crook, Niobrara and Weston counties. Copies of the draft EIS may be obtained from the address below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Johnson, Area Manager, or Project Leaders, Jack Hanson or Shelley Peele, Bureau of Land Management, Newcastle Resource Area, 1101 Washington Blvd., Newcastle, Wyoming 82701, phone 307-746-4453.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published with the final EIS. 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 from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Bureau of Land Management Newcastle Resource Area administers all public lands and minerals (as defined by the Federal Land Management Policy Act (FLPMA)) in Crook, Niobrara, and Weston counties. The draft EIS for the Newcastle RMP presents four alternative multiple use management plans (or four alternative RMPs) for those public lands that were analyzed in detail: Alternative A (continuation of existing management direction) and three other alternatives

that provide a variety of land use and resource management options for the public lands.

Issues addressed in the draft EIS include split-estate lands and the related limitations of BLM management responsibilities (particularly those involving non-Federal land surface over Federally owned minerals), the control of prairie dogs on intermingled public and private land ownerships, whether or not public lands in the Lance Creek Fossil Area should be designated an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), and clarification of several maps in the first draft EIS to distinguish between public and non-Federal lands.

Dated: April 27, 1998.

**Alan L. Kesterke,**

*Associate State Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Minerals Management Service****Environmental Documents Prepared for Proposed Oil and Gas Operations on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of the Availability of Environmental Documents Prepared for OCS Mineral Proposals on the Gulf of Mexico OCS.

**SUMMARY:** The Minerals Management Service (MMS), in accordance with Federal Regulations (40 CFR 1501.4 and 1506.6) that implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), announces the availability of NEPA-related Site-Specific Environmental Assessments (SEA's) and Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI's), prepared by the MMS for the following oil and gas activities proposed on the Gulf of Mexico OCS. This listing includes all proposals for which the FONSI's were prepared by the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region in the period subsequent to publication of the preceding notice.

Activity/Operator	Location	
PGS Reservoir (U.S.), Inc., G&G Activity, SEA No. L98-3 .....	Green Canyon Area, 130 miles south of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.	02/13/98
ARN Pipeline Company, Pipeline Activity, SEA No. G-17713 ...	Eugene Island Area, Blocks 63, 62, 55, 40, 34, and 33, Lease OCS-G 17713, 63 miles southwest of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.	02/20/98

Activity/Operator	Location	
Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation, Pipeline Activity, SEA Nos. G-18794A and G-18795.	Main Pass Area, South and East Addition, Blocks 261, 247, 226, 216, 195 and 191; Viosca Knoll Area, Blocks 428, 427, 383, 339, 295, 251, 207, 208, 163, 119, 75, and 31; Mobile Area, Blocks 999, 955, 954, 910, 866, and 822; Leases OCS-G 18794A and 18795; 61 miles south of Dauphin Island, Alabama.	02/02/98
Poseidon Oil Pipeline Company, L.L.C., and Amerada Hess Corporation; Pipeline Activity; SEA Nos. G-18837, G-18838, and P-11615.	Garden Banks Area, Blocks 260, 259, 215, 216, 172, 128, 84, and 85; South Marsh Island Area, South Addition, Blocks 204 and 205; Leases OCS-G18837, 18838, and 7462; 93 to 110 miles south-Southwest of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.	01/28/98
Shell Gas Gathering Company, Pipeline Activity, SEA No. G-19668.	Viosca Knoll Area, Blocks 780, 736, and 692; Main Pass Area, South and East Addition, Blocks 282 and 260; Lease OCS-G 19668; 60 to 68 miles south of Mobile County, Alabama.	03/20/98
Phillips Petroleum Company, Pipeline Activity, SEA Nos. G-19662 and G-19663.	Ship Shoal Area, South Addition, Blocks 361, 260, 259, and 349, Leases OCS-G19662 and 19663, 69 to 71 miles south of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.	01/26/98
Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc., Pipeline Activity, SEA No. G-19672.	Viosca Knoll Area, Blocks 786, 742, 698, and 697; Main Pass Area, South and East Addition, Blocks 225, 256, and 252; Lease OCS-G 19672; 56 to 67 miles south of Baldwin County, Alabama.	03/09/98
Zilkha Energy Company, Exploration Activity, SEA No. N-5931A.	High Island Area, East Addition, South Extension, Block A-355, Lease OCS-G 17213, 102 miles southeast of the nearest coastline of Galveston Island, Texas.	01/09/98
Amoco Exploration and Production, Development Activity, SEA No. N-5963A.	Mississippi Canyon Area, Blocks 173 and 217; Desoto Canyon Area, Blocks 133 and 177; Leases OCS-G 9789, 9790, 10444, and 10445; 100 miles south of Dauphin Island, Alabama.	02/05/98
Chevron U.S.A., Exploration Activity, SEA No. N-5997 .....	Mobile Area, Block 873, Lease OCS-G 16527, 4.7 miles south of Baldwin County, Alabama.	02/04/98
Coastal Oil & Gas Corporation, Exploration Activity, SEA No. N-5696A.	Garden Banks Area, Block 139, Lease OCS-G 17295, 123 miles southeast of Galveston Island, Texas.	12/22/97
Oryx Energy Company, Temporary Mooring System Request, SEA No. TMS-1-98.	Main Pass Area, South and East Addition, Blocks 284 and 285, Lease OCS-G 16514, 50 miles east of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.	02/26/98
Ensearch Exploration, Inc., Development Activity, SEA No. S-4581UA.	Garden Banks Area, Blocks 344 and 388, Leases OCS-G 8232 and 7486, 125 miles south of Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.	02/09/98
Mobil Exploration & Producing U.S. Inc.'s, Development Activity, SEA No. S-4554U.	Mobile Area, Block 823, Lease OCS-G 5057, 4 miles south of Dauphin Island, Alabama.	12/22/97
Chevron U.S.A., Exploration Activity, SEA No. S-4619 .....	Viosca Knoll Area, Block 69, Lease OCS-G 7877, 20 miles south of Gulf Island National Seashore, Jackson County, Mississippi.	03/04/98
Exxon Company, U.S.A., Development Activity, SEA No. R-3182.	West Delta Area, Block 30, Lease OCS 026, 9 miles south of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.	03/18/98
Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc., Exploration, Exploration Activity, SEA No. R-3189.	Green Canyon Area, Blocks 416 and 460, Leases OCS-G 9932 and 9934, 104 miles south of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.	03/12/98
Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-003.	South Timbalier Area, Block 24, Lease OCS 0387, 10 miles offshore the Louisiana coast.	02/12/98
North Central Oil Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-008.	South Timbalier Area, Block 136, Lease OCS-G 8720, 33 miles offshore the Louisiana coast.	02/05/98
Murphy Exploration & Producing Co., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-009.	Matagorda Island Area, Block 604, Lease OCS-G6037, 18 miles southeast of Calhoun County, Texas.	01/28/98
Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-010.	Viosca Knoll Area, Block 24, Lease OCS-G 8763, 18 miles south of Jackson County, Mississippi.	03/19/98
Vastar Resources, Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-013.	South Marsh Island Area, Block 24, Lease OCS-G 14437, 46 miles south of the Louisiana coast.	02/23/98
Walter Oil & Gas Corporation, Structure Removal Operation, SEA Nos. ES/SR 98-011 and 98-012.	Galveston Area, Blocks 350 and 228, Leases OCS-G 4721 and 9040, 38 miles south of Galveston County, Texas.	03/27/98
The Houston Exploration Company, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-014.	Eugene Island Area, Block 48, Lease OCS-G 7727, 28 miles south of the Louisiana coast.	02/19/98
Kerr-McGee Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-015.	Main Pass Area, Block 90, Lease OCS-G 9704, 6 miles east of Brenton National Wildlife Refuge and Wilderness Area, south of the state of Mississippi.	03/05/98
Kerr-McGee Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-016.	High Island Area, Block 34, Lease OCS-G 6137, 9 miles south of Jefferson County, Texas.	03/27/98
Samedan Oil Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-026.	East Cameron Area, Block 226, Lease OCS-G 10633, 66 miles south of Cameron Parish, Louisiana.	04/13/98
Linder Oil Company, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-029.	Eugene Island Area, Block 133, Lease OCS-G 4445, 32 miles South-southwest of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.	03/30/98
Walter Oil & Gas Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-030.	West Cameron Area, Block 254, Lease OCS-G 7608, 52 miles south of Cameron Parish, Louisiana.	04/13/98

Activity/Operator	Location	
Taylor Energy Company, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-031.	South Marsh Island Area, Block 69, Lease OCS-G 1201, 52 miles south of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.	04/02/98
LL&E, Structure Removal Operations, SEA Nos. ES/SR 98-032 and 98-033.	Eugene Island Area, Blocks 108 and 364, Leases OCS-G 3811 and 9600, 68 miles south of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.	04/02/98
Kerr-McGee Corporation, Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-034.	Ship Shoal Area, Block 241, Lease OCS-G 14505, 40 miles south of Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.	04/14/98
Burlington Resources Offshore, Inc., Structure Removal Operations, SEA No. ES/SR 98-037.	Eugene Island Area, Block 93, Lease OCS 0228, 37 miles southwest of St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.	04/03/98

Persons interested in reviewing environmental documents for the proposals listed above or obtaining information about EA's and FONSI's prepared for activities on the Gulf of Mexico OCS are encouraged to contact the MMS office in the Gulf of Mexico OCS Region.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Public Information Unit, Information Services Section, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Minerals Management Service, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, Telephone (504) 736-2519.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The MMS prepares EA's and FONSI's for proposals which relate to exploration for and the development/production of oil and gas resources on the Gulf of Mexico OCS. The EA's examine the potential environmental effects of activities described in the proposals and present MMS conclusions regarding the significance of those effects. Environmental Assessments are used as a basis for determining whether or not approval of the proposals constitutes major Federal actions that significantly affect the quality of the human environment in the sense of NEPA Section 102(2)(C). A FONSI is prepared in those instances where the MMS finds that approval will not result in significant effects on the quality of the human environment. The FONSI briefly presents the basis for that finding and includes a summary or copy of the EA.

This notice constitutes the public notice of availability of environmental documents required under the NEPA Regulations.

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*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Boundary Revision: Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of boundary revision.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the National Park Service is revising the boundary of Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park to include one additional tract of land.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Chief, Acquisition Division, National Park Service, AT/LAFO, PO Box 908, Martinsburg, WV 25402, (304) 263-4943.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Public Law 91-664, enacted January 8, 1971 authorizes the acquisition of certain lands for the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park. Section 7(c)(ii) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, as amended by Pub. L. 104-333, authorizes minor boundary revisions of areas within the National Park System. Such boundary revisions may be made, when necessary, after advising the appropriate Congressional Committees and following publication in the **Federal Register**.

In order to properly interpret and preserve the historic character of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park it is necessary to revise the existing boundary to include one additional tract of land comprising approximately 115.24 acres. The property is being acquired by donation.

Notice is hereby given that the exterior boundary of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park is hereby revised to include the following tract of land: All of the same land acquired by Adele C. Charpentier and Cleopatra Charpentier, from the Mount Vernon Trust Company, by deed dated December 1, 1941 and recorded December 8, 1941 in Deed Book 217, Page 322 in the Land Records of Washington County, State of Maryland.

Subject to existing easements for public roads and highways, public utilities, railroads and pipelines.

This tract of land is depicted on Segment Map 81, identified as P81-1 dated June, 1971. The maps are on file and available for inspection in the office of the National Park Service, Appalachian Trail Land Acquisition

Field Office, 1314 Edwin Miller Boulevard, P. O. Box 908, Martinsburg, West Virginia 25401

Dated: April 1, 1998.

**Terry R. Carlstrom,**

*Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Fort Baker Comprehensive Plan, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Marin County, California; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), Golden Gate National Recreation Area is undertaking a conservation planning and impact analysis process to identify and assess potential impacts of alternate management concepts for future activities at the Fort Baker area. Notice is hereby given that the National Park Service will prepare a draft environmental impact statement and comprehensive plan.

#### Background

Fort Baker is within the boundary of Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), a unit of the National Park System comprised of coastal lands in Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo Counties, California. Fort Baker (just north of the Golden Gate Bridge) is a historic district on the National Register of Historic Places. It has over one and one-half miles of San Francisco Bay shoreline, and habitat for the endangered Mission Blue Butterfly is found on hillsides above developed portions of the site. More than 170,000 visitors annually use the Bay Area Discovery Museum (a Fort Baker educational opportunity created within several rehabilitated historic buildings which were transferred to the National Park Service in 1986). Portions of the site still under the jurisdiction of the