

portions of land within the San Buenaventura Land Grant within the Bottomlands area are closed to hunting. Hunting is defined as the lawful pursuit or take of birds and mammals under regulations adopted by the California Fish and Game Commission under the authority of the California Fish and Game Code.

All current and future BLM land located within the Cloverdale Canyon area that are located south of Placer Road and east of Clear Creek within portions of M.D.M. Township 31 North, Range 6 West, sections 25 and 26 are closed to hunting. Hunting is defined as the lawful pursuit or take of birds and mammals under regulations adopted by the California Fish and Game Commission under the authority of the California Fish and Game Code.

All current and future BLM land located west of Clear Creek within the Cloverdale Canyon area within portions of M.D.M. Township 31 North, Range 6 West, sections 26, 27, 34, 35 and 36 (west of Clear Creek and north of Clear Creek Road) are closed to firearm hunting except for shotgun hunting. Maps showing the exact boundaries of the restriction areas are available at the BLM office in Redding, California.

BACKGROUND: The BLM prepared an environmental assessment (EA) and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) which analyzed the impacts of firearm use on BLM lands within the Lower Clear Creek Greenbelt. The EA and FONSI were prepared in response to a request for action from a Firearm-Use Subcommittee of the Lower Clear Creek Coordinated Resource Management Plan. The Subcommittee was composed of a diverse group of citizens including landowners, sportsmen, and other recreational users.

Restrictions analyzed within the EA are necessary to improve consistency with adjoining Federal lands and City of Redding restrictions under Redding City Code 7.04.090 and 10.58.010 which prohibit firearm shooting and hunting within the Redding City limits. The authority for these closures and rule makings is 43 CFR 8364.1. Any person who fails to comply with a closure order or rule making is subject to arrest and fines of up to \$100,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

DATES: These restrictions will take effect March 26, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles M. Schultz, Field Manager,

Bureau of Land Management, 355 Hemsted Drive, Redding, CA 96002.

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Redding Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT080-09-1060-00]

Bonanza Herd Area, UT; Wild Horse Maintenance; Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to establish a Herd Management Area (HMA) for wild horses including establishing the appropriate management level (AML) of wild horses within the Bonanza Herd Area (HA) and notice of intent to amend the Book Cliffs Resource Management Plan (RMP).

SUMMARY: This notice is intended to inform the public of an intent to establish an HMA within the Bonanza HA for the maintenance of wild horses. The number or AML of wild horses to be managed will also be determined and any adjustments in forage allocation. Forage allocation adjustments shall take into consideration the needs of wildlife and livestock. These proposed actions would require an amendment to the Book Cliffs Resource Management Plan (RMP).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The May, 1985, Record of Decision for the Book Cliffs Resource Management Plan called for gathering and removing all wild horses within the Bonanza HA. In 1986, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) conducted a roundup to completely remove all of the horses. Ownership of the gathered wild horses was challenged by members of the Ute Tribe. Wild Horse Organized Assistance (WHOA) also challenged BLM's action to remove all wild horses from the Bonanza HA and pending a resolution, wild horses were returned to the range. Since 1986, the HA has been evaluated to determine its potential for long-term management of wild horses in terms of existing land ownership pattern, present, and planned uses. This data indicates that the HA is capable of supporting a viable wild horse population. The RMP amendment will be prepared under 43 CFR part 1610 to meet the requirement of section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, and section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act. This revision

is necessary to update the decisions in the existing land use plan. Decisions generated during this planning process will supersede affected land use planning decisions presented in the 1985 Book Cliffs RMP that affects public lands within the Bonanza HA.

Public participation is being actively sought at this time to ensure the analysis address all issues, problems, and concerns from those interested and affected in the management of these public lands. The RMP amendment is a public process and the public is invited and encouraged to assist in the identification of issues and the scope of the planning amendment. A public open house will be held on April 9, 1999, from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Vernal Field Office, 170 S. 500 E., Vernal, Utah to discuss planning issues. Written comments may also be submitted to: Bureau of Land Management, Vernal Field Office, 170 S. 500 E., Vernal, Utah 84078-2799, web site <http://ww.blm.gov/utah/vernal>, or Fax: (435) 781-4410.

Written comments will be received through April 30, 1999. The open house also will be announced in local newspapers and through other local media.

Planning amendment documents will be prepared by an interdisciplinary team which includes specialists in rangeland, wild horses, minerals, vegetation, riparian values, cultural resources, recreation, wildlife habitats and special status animal and plant species. Other disciplines may be represented as necessary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dean L. Evans, Resource Advisor, Vernal Field Office, 170 South 500 East, Vernal, Utah 84078. Business hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, telephone (435) 781-4430, fax (435) 781-4410.

Douglas M. Koza,

Acting State Director, Utah.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-01; N-61315]

Cancellation of Proposed Withdrawal; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers has cancelled its

application (N-61315) to withdraw public lands in Clark County, Nevada, for flood control facilities. The application was filed on October 4, 1996. This application has been replaced by an application (N-63039) that was filed on November 19, 1998.

EFFECTIVE DATES: March 26, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis J. Samuelson, BLM Nevada State Office, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520, 775-861-6532.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Notice of Proposed Withdrawal was published as FR Doc. 96-30580 in the **Federal Register**, 61 FR 63858-63860, on December 2, 1996, for the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers to withdraw approximately 2,370 acres of public lands for flood control facilities in Clark County, Nevada. This application has been cancelled and replaced by the application published as FR Doc. 98-31758 in the **Federal Register**, 63 FR 65811, on November 30, 1998.

The lands described in FR Doc. 96-30580, 61 FR 63858-63860, December 2, 1996, will remain closed to surface entry and mining in accordance with the provisions of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998, Public Law 105-263, 111 Stat. 2343 *et seq.* and the lands are hereby made available for disposal pursuant to said Act.

Dated: March 22, 1999.

Dennis J. Samuelson,
Acting Lands Team Lead.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Notice on Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sales

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: List of restricted joint bidders.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Minerals Management Service by the joint bidding provisions of 30 CFR 256.41, each entity within one of the following groups shall be restricted from bidding with any entity in any other of the following groups at Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas lease sales to be held during the bidding period from May 1, 1999, through October 31, 1999. The List of Restricted Joint Bidders published October 2, 1998, in the **Federal Register** at 63 FR 53097 covered

the period of November 1, 1998, through April 30, 1999.

Group I. Exxon Corporation; Exxon San Joaquin Production Co.

Group II. Shell Oil Co.; Shell Offshore Inc.; Shell Western E&P Inc.; Shell Frontier Oil & Gas Inc.; Shell Consolidated Energy Resources Inc.; Shell Land & Energy Company; Shell Onshore Ventures Inc.; Shell Deepwater Development Inc.; Shell Deepwater Production Inc.; Shell Offshore Properties and Capital II Inc.

Group III. Mobil Oil Corp.; Mobil Oil Exploration and Producing Southeast Inc.; Mobil Producing Texas and New Mexico Inc; Mobil Exploration and Producing North America Inc.

Group IV. BP America Inc.; The Standard Oil Co.; BP Exploration and Oil Inc.; and BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc.

Dated: March 19, 1999.

Thomas R. Kitsos,

Acting Director, Minerals Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Royalty Computation of Phosphate Production on Western Public Lands

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of adoption of method for determining value used to compute royalty payments on Federal phosphate ore mined on western public lands.

SUMMARY: This final notice provides a new method of determining the value of production used to compute royalties on phosphate ore produced from Federal leases on western public lands. The new method uses a weighted composite of two published indices and a price survey that are more closely related to the phosphate industry. This new method replaces the current method of valuation, which utilizes the Gross Domestic Product—Implicit Price Deflator (GDP-IPD) to annually adjust phosphate value.

DATES: Effective April 26, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries about this notice should be sent to: David S. Guzy, Chief, Rules and Publications Staff, Royalty Management Program, Minerals Management Service, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3021, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165; or e-Mail RMP.comments@mms.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Herbert B. Wincentsen, Chief, Solid

Minerals Valuation and Reporting Branch, Minerals Management Service, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3153, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165, telephone (303) 275-7210.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 16, 1997, the Secretary of the Interior approved an April 16, 1997, recommendation from the Royalty Policy Committee (RPC) to revise the current method of adjusting the value used to compute royalty payments on Federal phosphate production. RPC is a committee of the Minerals Management Service Advisory Board (Board). The Board was created under the authority of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The Board's purpose includes, in relevant part, providing advice to the Secretary, the Director, MMS, and other Department of the Interior officials on royalty management of Federal and Indian leases. RPC includes representatives of States which share in mineral revenues from Federal lands, Indian tribes and allottees whose mineral revenues MMS collects in trust, oil and gas and solid minerals producing industries who pay royalties, and the public.

The approved valuation changes based on the RPC recommendations were the following:

1. Discontinue the current indexing procedure that utilizes the GDP-IPD to annually adjust the phosphate value for royalty calculation purposes.
2. Determine phosphate value using a weighted composite index methodology with the following indices, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), and weights:

- The Chemical and Fertilizer Minerals Mining Index, Standard Industry Code (SIC) 147, weighted at 50 percent;

- The Phosphatic Fertilizers Index (SIC 2874), weighted at 25 percent; and

- The Phosphate Rock Index (SIC 1475), weighted at 25 percent.

Lessees would recalculate the phosphate unit value annually, as under the existing indexing procedure.

3. Continue using the weighted composite index methodology for 5 years, at which time MMS will examine the methodology and the values determined to assure there is a continued relationship to the marketplace.

4. Apply the composite index valuation methodology only to Federal phosphate production; there is no Indian phosphate production. State or fee phosphate leases are also unaffected unless the parties to a State or fee lease elect to use the Federal valuation methodology.