

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management****DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE****Forest Service**

[CA-668-1040 (P)]

Call for Nominations for the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior; Forest Service, Agriculture.

SUMMARY: Under the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Act of 2000, Public Law 106-351 (16 U.S.C. 431 note), the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management and the Department of Agriculture's U.S. Forest Service are opening nominations for five members of the public to serve on the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Advisory Committee. Nominations will be accepted for forty-five days following the publication date of this notice. The call for nominations is for representatives for the California Department of Fish and Game or the California Department of Parks and Recreation, the cities of Palm Springs and La Quinta, a representative of a local conservation organization, and a representative of a local developer or builder organization.

Committee members will be appointed to serve 3-year terms. The three-year term would begin November 2003. All members will serve without pay but will be reimbursed for travel and per diem expense at the current rates for government employees under 5 U.S.C. 5703. The Secretary of the Interior will make appointments to the Committee with the concurrence of the Secretary of Agriculture.

The Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Act of 2000 (Act) required that the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture establish a National Monument Advisory Committee (Committee) to advise them on resource management issues associated with the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument, specifically providing guidance on the National Monument Plan. This notice requests the public to submit nominations for five memberships on the Committee. The Committee is managed under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As directed by the Act, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture jointly established an advisory

committee for the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument (Monument). The Committee's purpose is to advise the Secretaries with respect to the preparation and implementation of a management plan for the Monument. The Committee meets every other month on a Saturday. The purpose of the Committee is to gather and analyze information, conduct studies and field examinations, hear public testimony, ascertain facts, and, in an advisory capacity only, develop recommendations concerning planning for the management and uses of the National Monument. The designated Federal officer, or his or her designee, in connection with special needs for advice, may call additional meetings. A Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will be elected by the Committee from among its' members annually.

Any individual or organization may nominate one or more persons to serve on the Committee. Individuals may nominate themselves for Committee membership. You may obtain nomination forms that each agency requires from the BLM or Forest Service by contacting the individuals listed in **ADDRESSES** below. To make a nomination, you must submit completed nomination forms, letters of reference from the represented interests or organization, and any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualification, to the offices listed above. You may make nominations for the following categories of interest, as specified in the Act: (1) a representative of the California Department of Fish and Game or the California Department of State Parks (2) a representative from each of the following cities: Palm Springs and La Quinta (3) a representative of a local conservation organization (4) a representative of a local developer or builder organization. Nominations to the Committee should describe and document the proposed member's qualifications for membership on the Advisory Committee. Nomination packets will include the nominee's legal name.

DATES: Submit nomination packets to the address listed below no later than 45 days after the publication of this notice to call for nominations in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Request nomination packets and send completed nomination packets to: Advisory Committee Nominations, Ms. Danella George, Bureau of Land Management, PO Box 581260, North Palm Springs, California, 92258-1260.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Danella George, Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument, (760) 251-4800.

Dated: February 25, 2003.

Danella George,

Designated Federal Official, Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Advisory Committee, and Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Manager, Bureau of Land Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management****Colorado: Filing of Plats of Survey**

April 8, 2003.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of the following described land will be officially filed in the Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Lakewood, Colorado, effective 10 am., April 8, 2003. All inquiries should be sent to the Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215-7093.

(33% to CO-956-1420-BJ-0000-241A)
(6.7% to CO-956-7130-BJ-7377-241A)
(6.7% to CO-956-7130-BJ-7378-241A)
(6.6% to CO-956-1910-BJ-4239-241A)
(47% to CO-956-9820-BJ-CO01-241A)

The plat representing the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 50 North, Range 8 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Group 1370, Colorado, was accepted January 6, 2003.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 50 North, Range 9 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Group 1370, Colorado, was accepted January 6, 2003.

The plat representing the corrective dependent resurvey for the ¼ sec. cor. of secs. 31 and 36, W. bdy. of T. 48 N., R. 8 W., New Mexico Principal, Group 1346, Colorado, was accepted February 7, 2003.

The plat representing the corrective dependent retracement, correcting the 1966-1990 tie to the section corner of sections 13, 18, 19 and 24, on the W. bdy. of T. 44 N., R. 13 W., New Mexico Principal Meridian, Group 937, Colorado, was accepted February 27, 2003.

The supplement plat, amending lots 9 and 12, in the E½NW¼ of section 30, to Parcels A and B of Lots 1 and 4, T. 38 N., R. 3 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian. Parcels A of Lots 1 and 4 are in government ownership and Parcels B

of Lots 1 and 4 are in Private ownership. This based upon the plats approved May 20, 1884 , October 28, 1996 and Warranty Deed, Serial No. CO184, Dated September 5, 1950, was accepted March 4, 2003.

These surveys and plats were requested by the Bureau of Land Management for administrative and management purposes.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the east boundary, and the dependent resurvey of certain mineral surveys in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 12, T. 1 S., R. 72 W, Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1337, Colorado, was accepted January 28, 2003.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of Mineral Survey Number 17116, the Leroy lode, in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 1, T. 1 S., R. 72 W, Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1337, Colorado, was accepted January 28, 2003.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of Mineral Survey Number 15850, the Zephyr and Cyclone lodes, in NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 1, T. 1 S., R. 72 W, Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1337, Colorado, was accepted January 28, 2003.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of Mineral Survey Number 15085, the Jack Pine and Orion lodes, in section 20, T. 1 S., R. 72 W, Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1337, Colorado, was accepted February 26, 2003.

The plat representing the subdivision survey of section 10, T. 1 S., R. 72 W, Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1337, Colorado, was accepted February 26, 2003.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ mile between section 1 and 2, and Mineral Survey Number 16383, Frederick and a portion of the Warrior lodes, in section 2, T. 1 S., R. 72 W, Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1337, Colorado, was accepted February 26, 2003.

These surveys and plats were requested by Zone Land Surveyor, Arapahoe-Roosevelt National Forest, for a pilot forest health partnership between the Forest Service and Boulder County, and for management purposes.

The plat (3 sheets), of the dependent resurvey of Track 37 and survey of Track 37 A and Track 37 B, in section 1, T. 24 S., R. 69 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1294, Colorado, was accepted February 12, 2003.

This survey and plats were requested by the Forest Supervisor, Pike and San Isabel Nation Forest, for boundary identification and management purposes.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey and survey in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 30, T. 5 S. R. 82 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1375, Colorado, was accepted February 19, 2003.

The supplemental plat , creating new lots 16 and 17, from old lot 5, in section 5, T. 1 S., R. 99 W., Sixth Principal Meridian Colorado, was accepted March 10, 2003.

This survey and plats requested by the White River National Forest for the purpose of land exchanges and management purposes.

The plat, representing the dependent resurvey and survey in section 4, T. 7 S., R. 74 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1380, Colorado, was accepted March 10, 2003.

This survey and plat were requested by the Federal Highway Administration for the the purpose of boundary identification for highway improvement projects.

Darryl A. Wilson,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Notice of Availability of the Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Exploration Activities in the Eastern Sale Area; Eastern Planning Area, Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a programmatic environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS) has prepared a programmatic environmental assessment (PEA) for exploration drilling and associated activities in the current sale area of the Eastern Planning Area (EPA) on the Gulf of Mexico (GOM) outer continental shelf (OCS). The MMS published notice in the **Federal Register** on June 3, 2002, that a PEA was in preparation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, Dr. Thomas W. Bjerstedt, telephone (504) 736-5743.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PEA considered the area-wide environmental impacts of exploration drilling in the current sale area of the Eastern Planning

Area. The PEA implements the tiering process for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation outlined in 40 CFR 1502.20, which encourages agencies to tier environmental documents to eliminate repetitive discussions of the same issue. The site-specific EA's that MMS prepares for an operator's Exploration Plan in this area can be tiered from the PEA and the EA analyses can focus on the specific activities proposed. The PEA itself tiers from the Final EIS for Lease Sale 181 (MMS 2001-051).

Public Comments: The June 3, 2002, **Federal Register** notice solicited comments on any new information or issues that should be considered in the PEA. No comments pertaining to this notice were received by MMS. On July 12, 2002, MMS sent letters to the Governors of Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida. This letter informed them that a PEA was in preparation that considered area-wide resources and impacts from exploratory drilling in the EPA sale area, and solicited new information or issues for consideration in the PEA. The State of Florida replied on August 26, 2002, stating a number of issues for consideration in the PEA. The State of Alabama replied on August 8, 2002, stating that the State's concerns were expressed in earlier letters to the GOM Regional Director dated September 26, 2001, and May 28, 2002, regarding the 2002-2007 Central and Western Planning Area Multisale Draft EIS (MMS-2002-056), and the Proposed Notice of Sale for the Eastern GOM Lease Sale 181, respectively. The State was concerned about visual impacts presented by OCS drilling or production structures less than 15 miles offshore Alabama's coastline and about the potential for mercury contamination in association with OCS platforms. The States of Louisiana and Mississippi did not reply to the GOM Regional Director's July 12, 2002, letter. The MMS considered or addressed all of the issues provided by the States in the preparation of the PEA.

Dated: March 20, 2003.

Chris C. Oynes,

Regional Director, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region.

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