

signed by Secretary of the Interior, Gale Norton, on August 15, 2002, and renewed on August 13, 2004. An announcement of committee initiation and call for nominations was published in the **Federal Register** on February 21, 2003, (68 FR 8522). PAWG members were appointed by Secretary Norton on May 4, 2004.

At their second business meeting, the PAWG established seven resource- or activity-specific Task Groups, including one for Transportation. Public participation on the Task Groups was solicited through the media, letters, and word-of-mouth.

The agenda for this meeting will include information gathering and discussion related to implementation and funding of the adopted transportation monitoring plan for the Pinedale Anticline gas field. At a minimum, public comments will be heard just prior to adjournment of the meeting.

Dated: February 2, 2005.

Priscilla E. Mecham,
Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-1310-01; WYW141360]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed reinstatement of terminated oil and gas lease.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188(d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3(a) and (b)(1), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease WYW141360 for lands in Sweetwater County, Wyoming. The petition was filed on time and was accompanied by all the rentals due since the date the lease terminated under the law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, Theresa M. Stevens, Land Law Examiner, at (307) 775-6167.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lessees have agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10.00 per acre or fraction thereof, per year and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively. The lessees have paid the required \$500 administrative fee and

\$166 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice. The lessees have met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Section 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease WYW141360 effective April 1, 2004, under the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above. BLM has not issued a valid lease affecting the lands.

Theresa M. Stevens,
Land Law Examiner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Availability of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Proposed Resource Management Plan (PRMP) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument (CSNM). This planning activity encompasses approximately 52,947 acres of public land located in Jackson County in southwestern Oregon. The BLM has and will continue to work closely with all interested parties to identify management decisions that best protect public lands in the monument. Final decisions will supercede the Medford District Resource Management Plan completed in 1995 for lands within the CSNM area and provide direction for management of these public lands.

DATES: Publication of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Notice of Availability initiates a 30 day protest period. BLM Planning Regulations (43 CFR 1610.5-2) states that any person who participated in the planning process, and has an interest that may be adversely affected, may protest. The protest must be filed within 30 days of the date that the EPA publishes this notice in the **Federal Register**. Instructions for filing of protests are described in the "Dear Interested Party" letter of the CSNM PRMP/FEIS and

included in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

Comments on the Proposed Plan and Final EIS may be submitted to Medford District Office, Attn: Howard Hunter, Project Manager, at the address listed below.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the CSNM PRMP/FEIS have been sent to affected Federal, state, and local government agencies and to known interested parties. The PRMP/FEIS is available for public inspection at the Medford District Office in Medford, Oregon, during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays). Interested persons may also review the PRMP/FEIS on the Internet at <http://www.or.blm.gov/Medford/CSNM>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Howard Hunter, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon, 97504, telephone (541-618-2256) or fax (541-734-2400).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed management described in the PRMP/FEIS was developed based on the four alternatives examined in the Draft RMP/EIS (2002) and subsequent public review and comment on the Draft RMP/EIS (June 2002-December 2002).

The proposed management detailed in the FEIS addresses vegetation management, transportation and access, livestock grazing, recreation, visitor use, facilities, and rights-of-way. The PRMP describes a management strategy for meeting the primary goals of the proclamation. An approved RMP/Record of Decision is expected to be available for the public by February 2005 after resolution of any protests.

Comments on the Draft RMP/EIS received from the public and internal BLM review comments were incorporated into the proposed plan where appropriate. Public comments resulted in some additional analysis and the addition of clarifying text, but did not significantly change proposed land use decisions.

Instructions for filing a protest with the Director of the BLM regarding the PRMP/FEIS may be found at 43 CFR 1610.5. A protest may only raise those issues which were submitted for the record during the planning process. E-mail and faxed protests will not be accepted as valid protests unless the protesting party also provides the original letter by either regular or overnight mail postmarked by the close of the protest period. Under these conditions, BLM will consider the e-mail or faxed protest as an advance copy and it will receive full consideration. If you wish to provide BLM with such

advance notification, please direct faxed protests to the attention of the BLM protest coordinator at 202-452-5112 and emails to Brenda_Hudgens-Williams@blm.gov. Please direct the follow-up letter to the appropriate address provided below. To be considered complete, your protest must contain (at minimum) the following information:

(1) Name, mailing address, telephone number and the affected interest of the person filing the protest(s).

(2) A statement of the part or parts of the proposed plan and issues being protested. To the extent possible, this should be done by reference specific pages, paragraphs, and sections of the FEIS.

(3) A copy of all documents addressing the issue or issues which were submitted during the planning process or a reference to the date the issue or issues were discussed by the person participating for the record.

(4) A concise statement explaining why the proposed decision is believed to be incorrect. This is a critical part of your protest. Document all relevant facts, as much as possible. A protest merely expressing disagreement with the State Director's proposed decision without providing any supporting data will not be considered a valid protest.

All protests must be in writing and mailed to the following address:

Regular Mail: Director, WO-210/LS-1075, Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Brenda Hudgens-Williams, Department of the Interior, P.O. Box 66538, Washington DC, 20240.

Overnight Mail: Director, WO-210/LS-1075, Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Brenda Hudgens-Williams, Department of Interior, 1620 L Street NW., Suite 1075, Washington, DC 20036.

To be considered timely, your protest must be postmarked no later than the last day of the protest period. Though not a requirement, we suggest you send your protest by certified mail, return receipt requested. You are also encouraged, but not required, to forward a copy of your protest to the Project Manager at the address listed below. This may allow us to resolve the protest through clarification of intent or alternative dispute resolution methods.

Please note that comments and protests, including names and street addresses, are available for public review and/or release under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Individual respondents may request confidentiality. Respondents who wish to withhold name and/or street address from public review or from disclosure under FOIA, must state this prominently at the beginning of the written comment. Such request will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or official organizations or business, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

The Director will promptly render a decision on the protest. This decision will be in writing and will be sent to the protesting party by certified mail, return receipt requested. The decision of the Director shall be the final decision of the Department of the Interior.

Timothy B. Reuwsaat,

Medford District Manager, Bureau of Land Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Central Gulf of Mexico (GOM) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 194

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Final Notice of Sale (FNOS) 194.

SUMMARY: On March 16, 2005, the MMS will open and publicly announce bids received for blocks offered in Central GOM Oil and Gas Lease Sale 194, pursuant to the OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331-1356, as amended) and the regulations issued thereunder (30 CFR part 256).

The Final Notice of Sale 194 Package (FNOS 194 Package) contains information essential to bidders, and bidders are charged with the knowledge of the documents contained in the Package.

DATES: Public bid reading will begin at 9 a.m., Wednesday, March 16, 2005, in the Hyatt Regency Conference Center (Cabildo Rooms), 500 Poydras Plaza, New Orleans, Louisiana. All times referred to in this document are local New Orleans times, unless otherwise specified.

ADDRESSES: Bidders can obtain an FNOS 194 Package containing this Notice of

Sale and several supporting and essential documents referenced herein from the MMS Gulf of Mexico Region Public Information Unit, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, (504) 736-2519 or (800) 200-GULF, or via the MMS Internet Web site at <http://www.mms.gov>.

Filing Of Bids: Bidders must submit sealed bids to the Regional Director (RD), MMS Gulf of Mexico Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on normal working days, and from 8 a.m. to the Bid Submission Deadline of 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2005. If the bids are mailed, please address the envelope containing all of the sealed bids as follows:

Attention: Supervisor, Sales and Support Unit (MS 5422), Leasing Activities Section, MMS Gulf of Mexico Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394.

Contains Sealed Bids for Oil and Gas Lease Sale 194.

Please Deliver to Ms. Jane Burrell Johnson, Room 311, Immediately.

Please note: Bidders mailing their bid(s) are advised to call Ms. Jane Burrell Johnson (504) 736-2811 immediately after putting their bid(s) in the mail.

If the Regional Director receives bids later than the time and date specified above, he will return those bids unopened to bidders. Bidders may not modify or withdraw their bids unless the RD receives a written modification or written withdrawal request prior to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2005. Should an unexpected event such as flooding or travel restrictions be significantly disruptive to bid submission, the MMS Gulf of Mexico Region may extend the Bid Submission Deadline. Bidders may call (504) 736-0557 for information about the possible extension of the Bid Submission Deadline due to such an event.

Areas Offered for Leasing: The MMS is offering for leasing all blocks and partial blocks listed in the document "Blocks Available for Leasing in Central GOM Oil and Gas Lease Sale 194" included in the FNOS 194 Package. All of these blocks are shown on the following Leasing Maps and Official Protraction Diagrams (which may be purchased from the MMS Gulf of Mexico Region Public Information Unit):

Outer Continental Shelf Leasing Maps—Louisiana Map Numbers 1 through 12 (These 30 maps sell for \$2.00 each.)

LA1	West Cameron Area (Revised November 1, 2000).
LA1A	West Cameron Area, West Addition (Revised November 1, 2000).
LA1B	West Cameron Area, South Addition (Revised November 1, 2000).