

to the implementation of a management plan and park operations. Efforts have been made locally to ensure that the interested public is aware of the meeting dates.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of February 28, 2013, Teleconference Meeting of the National Park System Advisory Board

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Meeting Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix, that the National Park System Advisory Board will conduct a teleconference meeting on February 28, 2013. Members of the public may attend the meeting in person in Washington, DC.

DATES: The teleconference meeting will be held on February 28, 2013, from 3:00 p.m., to 4:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, inclusive.

ADDRESSES: The teleconference meeting will be conducted in Conference Room 3121 of the Stewart Lee Udall Department of the Interior Building, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240, telephone (202) 208-3818. Photo identification is required for entry to this Federal building.

Agenda: During this teleconference, the Board will deliberate the report of its National Historic Landmarks Committee, *American Latinos and the Making of the United States: A Theme Study*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information concerning the National Park System Advisory Board or to request to address the Board, contact Shirley Sears Smith, National Park Service, 1201 I Street NW., 12th Floor, Washington, DC 20005, telephone (202) 354-3955, email shirley_s_smith@nps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Due to the limited scope of this meeting, the National Park Service has determined that a teleconference will be the most efficient way to convene the Board members. The Board meeting will be open to the public in the same way that

other Board meetings have been open to the public. Space and facilities to accommodate the public are limited and attendees will be accommodated on a first-come basis. Opportunities for oral comment will be limited to no more than 3 minutes per speaker and no more than 15 minutes total. The Board's Chairman will determine how time for oral comments will be allotted. Anyone may file with the Board a written statement concerning matters to be discussed. Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Draft minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection about 12 weeks after the meeting in the 12th floor conference room at 1201 I Street NW., Washington, DC.

Dated: February 5, 2013.

Alma Ripps,

Acting Chief, Office of Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Gulf of Mexico, Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Central Planning Area (CPA) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 227

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA) of a Record of Decision (ROD) for CPA Lease Sale 227 in the Gulf of Mexico OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sales: 2012-2017 Western Planning Area Lease Sales 229, 233, 238, 246, and 248; and Central Planning Area Lease Sales 227, 231, 235, 241, and 247; Final Environmental Impact Statement (Multisale FEIS).

Authority: This NOA is published pursuant to the regulations (40 CFR 1506) implementing the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.* (1988)).

SUMMARY: BOEM has prepared a ROD for oil and gas CPA Lease Sale 227 scheduled for March 20, 2013. CPA Lease Sale 227 is the first CPA lease sale in the 2012-2017 OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program. The proposed lease sale is in the Gulf of Mexico's CPA off

the States of Louisiana, Alabama, and Mississippi. In making its decision, BOEM considered alternatives to the proposed action and the potential impacts as presented in the Multisale FEIS and all comments received throughout the NEPA process. The Multisale FEIS evaluated the environmental and socioeconomic impacts for CPA Lease Sale 227.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Multisale FEIS, BOEM evaluated three alternatives, which are summarized below:

Alternative A—The Proposed Action: This is BOEM's preferred alternative. This alternative would offer for lease all unleased blocks within the CPA for oil and gas operations with the following exceptions:

(1) Whole and portions of blocks deferred by the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006;

(2) Blocks that are beyond the United States Exclusive Economic Zone in the area known as the northern portion of the Eastern Gap; and

(3) Whole and partial blocks that lie within the 1.4 nautical mile buffer zone north of the maritime boundary between the United States and Mexico.

The proposed CPA lease sale area encompasses about 63 million acres of the total CPA area of 66.45 million acres. As of October 2012, approximately 38 million acres of the CPA lease sale area are currently unleased. The estimated amount of resources projected to be developed as a result of proposed CPA Lease Sale 227 is 0.460-0.894 billion barrels of oil and 1.939-3.903 trillion cubic feet of gas.

Alternative B—The Proposed Action Excluding the Unleased Blocks Near Biologically Sensitive Topographic Features: This alternative would offer for lease all unleased blocks in the CPA, as described for the proposed action (Alternative A), with the exception of any unleased blocks subject to the Topographic Features Stipulation.

Alternative C—No Action: This alternative would cancel the proposed CPA Lease Sale 227 and is identified as the environmentally preferred alternative.

After careful consideration, BOEM has selected a subset of the proposed action, identified as BOEM's preferred alternative (Alternative A) in the Multisale FEIS with a change to exception 2 above to read, blocks that are adjacent to the southern extent of or beyond the United States Exclusive Economic Zone. BOEM's selection of this alternative balances the need for orderly resource development with protection of the human, marine, and