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BLM Alaska Public Information Center, James M. Fitzgerald Federal Building, 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99513, telephone: (907) 271-5960.

Alaska Resources Library & Information Services, 3211 Providence Drive, Suite 111, Anchorage, AK 99508, telephone: (907) 272-7547.

Printed copies can be provided upon request by contacting the BLM Alaska Public Information Center listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** At the BLM: Serena Sweet, Branch Chief of Planning and Project Management; telephone: 907-271-4345; email: [ssweet@blm.gov](mailto:ssweet@blm.gov), or Stephanie Kuhns, Acting District Manager, Arctic District; telephone: 907-474-2310; email: [skuhns@blm.gov](mailto:skuhns@blm.gov).

At the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS): Bobbie Jo Skibo, Strategic Conservation and Coastal Plain Coordinator; telephone: 907-441-1539; email: [bobbiejo\\_skibo@fws.gov](mailto:bobbiejo_skibo@fws.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 20001 of Public Law 115-97 (<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/PLAW-115publ97/pdf/PLAW-115publ97.pdf>) requires the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the BLM, to establish and administer a competitive oil and gas program for the leasing, development, production, and transportation of oil and gas in and from the Coastal Plain area within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The BLM was directed to manage the oil and gas leasing program on the Coastal Plain in a manner similar to lease sales under the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 (including regulations). Section 20001 also requires the BLM to offer two lease sales by December 22, 2021 and 2024, respectively, and for each sale to offer at least 400,000 acres containing those areas that have the highest potential for discovery of hydrocarbons.

The ROD approves a program to carry out this statutory directive. By determining where and under what terms and conditions leasing will occur, the ROD takes into account the

requirements of Public Law 115-97 and other applicable law. To inform this Decision, the BLM and United States Fish and Wildlife Service, as joint lead agencies, prepared the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program SEIS (Leasing SEIS). The ROD supersedes the original Coastal Plain leasing program ROD, issued in August 2020.

The ROD adopts Alternative D2 from the November 2024 Leasing SEIS to govern BLM's further administration of the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program. The ROD determines which lands to make available for leasing under the Coastal Plain program and the terms and conditions (*i.e.*, lease stipulations and required operating procedures) to be applied to leases and authorizations for specific oil and gas activities.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.9(c)(5)(ii))

**Steven Cohn,**

*State Director, Alaska.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Public Meeting of the Western Montana Resource Advisory Council

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Western Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as follows.

**DATES:** The RAC will meet virtually on January 14, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mountain Time. The meeting will be open to the public. Attendees must register with the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice at least 7 business days prior to the meeting date.

**ADDRESSES:** The final agenda and virtual participation instructions will be confirmed for the public via BLM online announcement, social media, on the RAC's web page at <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/montana-dakotas/western-montana-rac>, and through personal contact at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chelsea Lair, BLM Montana/Dakotas State Office, 106 N Parkmont, Butte, MT 59701; telephone: (406) 876-0994; email: [clair@blm.gov](mailto:clair@blm.gov). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, blind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

Please make requests in advance for sign language interpreter services, language translation services, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodations. We ask that you contact the person listed above at least 14 business days prior to the meeting to give the Department of the Interior sufficient time to process your request. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case-by-case basis.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The RAC provides recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior concerning the planning and management of the public land resources located within the BLM's Western Montana District. Agenda topics will include a discussion about the Tribal Partnership and Reserved Treaty Rights Program, updates from field managers, a public comment period at 3:30 p.m., and other resource management issues the RAC may raise. While the meeting is scheduled to conclude at 4 p.m., it may end earlier or later depending on the needs of RAC members. Therefore, members of the public interested in a specific agenda item or discussion should schedule their arrival accordingly.

Written comments to the RAC can be emailed in advance to the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak and the time available, the amount of time for oral comments may be limited. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in written comments, 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.

Detailed minutes for RAC meetings are maintained in the BLM Western Montana District Office. Minutes will also be posted to the RAC's web page at:

<https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/montana-dakotas/western-montana-rac>.

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**Kathryn Stevens,**

*Western Montana BLM District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Call for Nominations to the Western Montana Resource Advisory Council

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

**ACTION:** Notice of call for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to request public nominations for the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Western Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) to fill existing vacancies, as well as for member terms that are scheduled to expire. The RAC provides advice and recommendations to the BLM on land use planning and management of the National System of Public Lands within the Western Montana District.

**DATES:** All nominations must be received no later than January 13, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations and completed applications should be sent to the BLM office listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ann Boucher, BLM Montana/Dakotas State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, MT 59101; telephone: (406) 896–5255; email: [aboucher@blm.gov](mailto:aboucher@blm.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to involve the public in planning and issues related to the management of lands administered by the BLM. Section 309 of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1739) directs the Secretary to establish 10- to 15-member citizen-based advisory councils that are consistent with the Federal Advisory

Committee Act (FACA). As required by FACA, RAC membership must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands. The rules governing RACs are found at 43 CFR part 1780 subpart 1784 and include the following three membership categories:

*Category One*—Holders of Federal grazing permits or leases within the area for which the RAC is organized; represent interests associated with transportation or rights-of-way; represent developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation activities; represent the commercial timber industry; or represent energy and mineral development.

*Category Two*—Representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations; dispersed recreational activities; archaeological and historical interests; or nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups.

*Category Three*—Hold State, county, or local elected office; are employed by a State agency responsible for the management of natural resources, land, or water; represent Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized; are employed as academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences; or represent the affected public-at-large.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees must be residents of the State of Montana. The BLM will evaluate nominees based on their education, training, experience, and knowledge of the geographic area of the RAC. Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to collaborative resource decision-making.

The following must accompany all nominations:

- A completed RAC application, which can either be obtained through the nominee’s BLM office or online at: [https://www.blm.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2022-05/BLM-Form-1120-19\\_RAC\\_Application.pdf](https://www.blm.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2022-05/BLM-Form-1120-19_RAC_Application.pdf).
- Letters of reference from represented interests or organizations; and
- Any other information that addresses the nominee’s qualifications.

Simultaneous with this notice, the BLM Montana/Dakotas office will issue an online announcement providing additional information for submitting nominations.

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**Kathryn Stevens,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

[Docket No. BOEM–2023–0046]

#### Notice of Availability of a Gulf of Mexico Regional Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Consistent with the regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) announces the availability of the Gulf of Mexico (GOM) Regional Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sales: Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (Draft GOM Oil and Gas EIS). The Draft GOM Oil and Gas EIS analyzes the potential impacts of a representative oil and gas lease sale in available OCS areas of the Western, Central, and Eastern Planning Areas and the associated potential site- and activity-specific approvals resulting from an OCS oil and gas lease sale. This notice of availability (NOA) announces the release of the Draft GOM Oil and Gas EIS, start of the public review and comment period, and dates and times for public meetings. After the public comment period, BOEM will address the comments received and publish the Final GOM Oil and Gas EIS.

**DATES:** BOEM will consider comments received by January 27, 2025. BOEM will hold three virtual public meetings for the Draft GOM Oil and Gas EIS.

Dates, times, registration and additional information for the public meetings may be found at <https://www.boem.gov/environment/environmental-assessment/gulf-mexico-regional-ocs-oil-and-gas-programmatic> or by calling 1–800–200–4853.

**ADDRESSES:** Detailed information can be found on BOEM’s website at <https://www.boem.gov/environment/environmental-assessment/gulf-mexico-regional-ocs-oil-and-gas-programmatic>.

Written comments can be submitted through the [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) web portal: Navigate to [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and search for Docket No. BOEM–2023–0046. Select the document in the search