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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.

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.

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.
- 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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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

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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 and search for Docket No. BOEM–2023–0046. Select the document in the search