

- T. 3 N., R. 15 E.,
Sec. 16, that portion lying southwesterly of
the Cadiz Dunes Wilderness Area.
- T. 5 N., R. 15 E.,
Sec. 16, all;
Sec. 36, all.

Northern Expansion Area

- T. 7 N., R. 7 E.,
Sec. 36, all.
- The areas described aggregate 7,779 acres,
more or less.

In the event that these non-federally owned lands return to public ownership in the future, they would be subject to the terms and conditions described above in "1. Federally owned surface and mineral estate."

The purpose of the proposed legislative withdrawal is to withdraw and reserve the lands for use as a military training range, involving live-fire exercises, necessary for national security. The legislative withdrawal would provide sufficient area for realistic integrated training to a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) sized Marine Air Ground Task Force, the USMC's premier force for responding to smaller scale contingencies. Effective training of MEBs is critical to ensuring the full spectrum of military operations. The withdrawal would be established by an Act of Congress, and approved by the President. The duration of the legislative withdrawal would be determined by Congress. The Department of the Navy has indicated that the use of a right-of-way or cooperative agreement would not provide adequate authorization for safety and control of access for the use of these lands due to the broad scope of military training exercises.

The USMC analyzed alternative sites in three regions of the United States (*i.e.*, Middle Atlantic Coast—North Carolina and Virginia; Gulf of Mexico—Florida and Louisiana; and Southwest—California and Arizona). The USMC concluded that expanding the USMC's MCAGCC, located in Twentynine Palms, California was the only reasonable and feasible option. The lands hereinabove described, have been selected by the USMC for the proposed legislative withdrawal, because they are located adjacent to the existing exterior boundaries of the USMC's MCAGCC, located in Twentynine Palms, California. The application and the records relating to the application can be examined by interested persons at the BLM Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, California 92311.

On or before December 15, 2008, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection

with the proposed legislative withdrawal may present their views in writing to the BLM, Field Manager, Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, California 92311.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM Barstow Field Office at the address above during regular business hours.

Before including your address, telephone number, e-mail 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 from public review your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

This withdrawal proposal will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

Until September 15, 2010, the lands will be segregated as specified above unless the withdrawal application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. Land uses currently authorized or permitted may continue during the segregation period. If the proposed legislative withdrawal has been submitted to Congress but not enacted into law by the end of the 2-year segregation period, consideration will be given to entertaining an application for a temporary withdrawal in aid of pending legislation.

During the segregation period, BLM may, after consulting with the USMC, allow uses of a temporary nature that are compatible with the military purposes for which the land is being withdrawn.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2310.3–1(b)(1))

Dated: September 9, 2008.

Thomas Pogacnik,

Acting Deputy State Director, Natural Resources (CA-930), Bureau of Land Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-920-1310-08; TXNM 118200]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease TXNM 118200

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease.

SUMMARY: Under the Class II provisions of Title IV, Public Law 97-451, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease TXNM 118200 from the lessee, Woodward Development LLC, for lands in Houston County, Texas. 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: Lourdes B. Ortiz, BLM, New Mexico State Office, at (505) 438-7586.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: No valid lease has been issued that affect the lands. The lessee agrees to new lease terms for rentals and royalties of \$10.00 per acre or fraction thereof, per year, and 16⅔ percent, respectively. The lessee paid the required \$500.00 administrative fee for the reinstatement of the lease and \$166.00 cost for publishing this Notice in the **Federal Register**. The lessee met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Sections 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188). We are proposing to reinstate lease TXNM 118200, effective the date of termination, June 1, 2008, under the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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.

Dated: September 9, 2008.

Lourdes B. Ortiz,

Land Law Examiner, Fluids Adjudication Team.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-920-1310-08; TXNM 118211]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease TXNM 118211

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.