

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****[MT-924-1430-ET; MTM 95626]****Public Land Order No. 7676;  
Revocation of the Withdrawal  
Established by Executive Order Dated  
July 19, 1912; Montana****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Public land order.

**SUMMARY:** This order revokes a withdrawal of approximately 42,477 acres of public and National Forest System lands for coal classification purposes. The lands are no longer needed for the purpose for which they were withdrawn. This order will open the public lands to surface entry and nonmetalliferous mining subject to other segregations of record. The lands located within the National Forest will be opened to such forms of disposition as may by law be authorized on National Forest System lands and to nonmetalliferous mining subject to other segregations of record.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* July 27, 2007.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Sandra Ward, BLM Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-3131, 406-896-5052.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The lands have been and will continue to be open to mineral leasing and metalliferous mining. Copies of the Executive Order showing the complete legal description are available from the BLM Montana State Office at the above address.

**Order**

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (2000), it is ordered as follows:

1. The withdrawal established by the Executive Order dated July 19, 1912, which withdrew public and National Forest System lands for Coal Reserve Montana No. 9, is hereby revoked in its entirety. The area comprises approximately 42,477 acres in Missoula County.

2. At 9 a.m. on July 27, 2007, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law, the public lands referenced in Paragraph 1 shall be opened to the operation of the public land laws generally and the National Forest System lands shall be opened to such forms of disposition as may by law be made of National Forest System

lands. All valid applications received at or prior to 9 a.m. on July 27, 2007, shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing.

3. At 9 a.m. on July 27, 2007, the lands referenced in Paragraph 1 shall be opened to location and entry under the United States mining laws for nonmetalliferous minerals, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. Appropriation of the lands under the general mining laws for nonmetalliferous mining prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38 (2000), shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts.

Dated: April 20, 2007.

**C. Stephen Allred,***Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.*

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**BILLING CODE 4310-SS-P****DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management, Interior****[CA-190-1232-FU]****Notice of Intent To Collect Fees on  
Public Land in San Benito and Fresno  
Counties, California Under the Federal  
Lands Recreation Enhancement Act****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Collect Fees in the Clear Creek Special Recreation Management Area in San Benito and Fresno Counties, California.

**SUMMARY:** To meet increasing demands for service and maintenance, the Bureau of Land Management intends to implement a fee collection program for the Clear Creek Special Recreation Management Area in San Benito and Fresno Counties, California, beginning in January 2008. The fees will be based on a fixed weekly fee rate or a fixed seasonal rate, as explained in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

**DATES:** Written comments of interested persons must be postmarked not later than July 27, 2007. Collection of fees will start in January 2008, when notice thereof is posted in the Bureau of Land Management, Hollister Field Office, and at vehicle entry areas for the Clear Creek Special Recreation Management Area.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons may submit written comments to the Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Hollister Field Office, 20 Hamilton Court, Hollister, California 95023. The relevant BLM records are available for review at the above address during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rick Cooper, Field Manager, Hollister Field Office; or George Hill, Assistant Field Manager; 20 Hamilton Ct., Hollister, CA 95023. (831) 630-5000. E-mail: *Rick.Cooper@blm.gov/ca*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** To meet increasing demands for services and maintenance of existing facilities, routes, and trails, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)'s Hollister Field Office proposes to begin collecting fees January 2008 in the Clear Creek Special Recreation Management Area (CCMA) in San Benito and Fresno Counties, California, under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) of 2005. The primary recreation opportunity in the CCMA is off-highway vehicle use; however, more and more outdoor enthusiasts are engaging in other recreation activities in the CCMA with less surface impact, including hunting, hiking, backpacking, hang gliding, peak climbing, and rock hounding. Since the area offers recreation users both motorized and non-motorized recreation opportunities, the CCMA qualifies as a site wherein visitors can be charged a "Standard Amenity Recreation Fee" authorized under Section 3(f) and a "Special Recreation Permit Fee" authorized under section 3(h) of the REA. After receiving support, guidance, and recommendations from the Central California Resource Advisory Council (RAC), the BLM California State Office, and considerable public input, the BLM Hollister Field Office proposes a fee structure that would consist of charging a Standard Amenity Recreation (SAR) Fee of \$5.00 per vehicle upon arriving at the site. This SAR Fee will only apply to users who use facilities at the Clear Creek Management Area and not for members of the public passing through the CCMA. For those visitors who would be participating in OHV use (e.g. ATVs, motorcycles, quads, dune

buggies), a Special Recreation Permit Fee (SRP) of \$10.00 per OHV would be charged upon arriving at the site. Both the SAR and SRP fees would be good for a weekly pass covering a period from Wednesday through Tuesday regardless of day of purchase. An SRP season pass in the amount of \$80.00 would also be available for purchase.

BLM plans to seek review and a recommendation from the Pacific Southwest Region Resources Advisory Committee being established under the authority of the REA. The CCMA is a popular off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation area and also offers excellent opportunities for hunting, hang gliding, rock hounding, hiking, backpacking, and peak climbing activities. The CCMA qualifies as an area where fees can be charged based on the significant opportunities for outdoor recreation, substantial Federal investment, the ability to collect fees efficiently, has designated developed parking, permanent toilets, permanent trash receptacles, interpretive signs, picnic tables, and security. The BLM's commitment is to find the proper balance between public use and the protection of sensitive resources. It is BLM's policy to "collect fees at all specialized recreation sites, or where the BLM provides facilities, equipment or services, at federal expense, in connection with outdoor recreation use." The Clear Creek Special Recreation Management Area Fee Collection Project is intended to provide funding to maintain existing facilities and recreational opportunities, to provide for law enforcement presence, to develop additional services, and to protect unique and sensitive resources in the area.

The rationale for charging recreation fees was established in the Clear Creek Special Recreation Management Area Business Plan and in a manner consistent with the following criteria: (1) The amount of the recreation fee shall be commensurate with the benefits and services provided to the visitor; (2) The aggregate effect of recreation fees on recreation users and recreation service providers were considered; (3) Comparable fees charged elsewhere and by other public agencies and by nearby private sector operators were considered; (4) Public policy or management objectives served by the recreation fee were considered; (5) Recommendations and guidelines regarding initiating fee sites from the Central California Resource Advisory Council (RAC) was considered and incorporated into the Business Plan; and (6) Other factors or criteria as

determined by the Secretary were considered.

The public has been notified and heavily involved since the inception of the idea to collect fees in the CCMA. The RAC; government officials; tribal, Federal, State, county, and local government agencies; environmentalists, recreationists, private in-holders and right-of-way holders have been notified of the Hollister Field Office's proposal to collect fees in the CCMA through direct mailings, bulletins, fee brochures, public meetings, and on-site information and public contact. The Clear Creek Management Area Resource Management Plan Amendment and Route Designation Record of Decision was issued January 2006 and allows for recreation opportunities and the charging of fees for use.

All recreation fee receipts would be retained at the site. Of this amount, at least 85% would be used for repair and maintenance projects, interpretation, signage, habitat or facility enhancement, resource preservation, maintenance, law enforcement directly related to recreation use, support volunteer projects, Challenge Cost Share projects, and similar partnership authorities directly relating to visitor enjoyment, visitor access, and health and safety at recreation fee projects. The Hollister Field Office would not use more than 15% of total fees collected for administration, overhead, and indirect costs related to the recreation fee program except in the case of SRPs where this amount can not be exceeded for overhead and indirect costs relating to issuing and administering the SRP.

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 in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

(Authority: 43 CFR 1824.10)

Dated: June 20, 2007.

**Rick Cooper,**

*Field Manager, Hollister Field Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### **Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sale 206 in the Central Gulf of Mexico (2008)**

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Preparation of an environmental assessment.

**SUMMARY:** The Minerals Management Service (MMS) is issuing this notice to advise the public, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, that MMS intends to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for proposed Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas Lease Sale 206 in the Central Gulf of Mexico (GOM) scheduled for March 2008. The MMS is issuing this notice to facilitate public involvement. The preparation of this EA is an important step in the decision process for Lease Sale 206. The proposal for Lease Sale 206 was identified by the Call for Information and Nominations published in the **Federal Register** on April 28, 2006, and was analyzed in the Gulf of Mexico OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sales: 2007-2012; Western Planning Area Sales 204, 207, 210, 215, and 218; Central Planning Area Sales 205, 206, 208, 213, 216, and 222—Final Environmental Impact Statement; Volumes I and II (Multisale EIS, OCS EIS/EA MMS 2007-018).

The proposal does not include approximately 5.8 million acres located in the southeastern part of the Central Planning Area (CPA) which the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 opened to leasing after many years of appropriations Acts containing leasing moratoria. Because of the limited geological and geophysical data available to industry and the limited environmental review for this area, the MMS has decided that it would be premature to offer this area in proposed Lease Sale 206. Before this area is offered for lease, the MMS will conduct a separate NEPA review to reevaluate the expanded CPA sale area.

This EA for proposed Lease Sale 206 will reexamine the potential environmental effects of the proposed lease sale and its alternatives (excluding the unleased blocks near biologically sensitive topographic features; excluding the unleased blocks within 15 miles of the Baldwin County, Alabama, coast; use of a nomination and tract selection leasing system; and no action)