

Department of the Interior at 202-219-1285. Space is limited; if you plan to attend, please respond by November 14 to Angela Mathews at 202-208-5606. Please let us know if you have special needs.

Other Details

The AIA building is directly behind the Octagon House. The closest Metro stops are Farragut West (Blue and Orange Line) and Farragut North (Red Line). Exit the Metro on the 18th Street side and walk approximately 4 blocks south. Street parking is available, but parking in this area is limited. There is parking available for a fee at the Colonial parking garage at G and 18th St. There are also numerous coffee shops and restaurants in the area.

Dated: November 7, 2002.

Scott Cameron,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Performance and Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

National Wildlife Refuge System; Big Game Guide Permits; Solicitations and Extensions

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation of applications for refuge big game guide permits and extension of existing refuge permits.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service is soliciting proposals to conduct commercial big game guide services on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska for a 5-year period beginning in 2004. We are also providing a 6-month extension of existing big game guide permits.

DATES: The application period opens November 14, 2002. Applications must be received at the address indicated below by 4 p.m., Friday, February 28, 2003.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Tony Booth, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Visitor Services and Communications, 1011 East Tudor Road MS 235, Anchorage, Alaska, 99503; telephone (907) 786-3357; e-mail tony_booth@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Fish and Wildlife Service is requesting proposals to conduct commercial big game guide services within designated guide use areas in each of the National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska. The Service

will award special use permits to successful applicants authorizing them to provide commercial guide services to the public in specific refuge guide use areas for the period of January 1, 2004, through December 31, 2008. We will award the permits through a competitive selection process in which qualified big game guides may apply for specific refuge areas offered by the Service. Each application or proposal will be evaluated and scored/ranked according to evaluation criteria and selection factors developed by the Service.

The application period will begin on the date specified in the DATES section near the beginning of this notice. We will send a letter to all registered big game guides in the State of Alaska providing information on the guide areas being offered and application instructions. We are also publishing notices in Anchorage and Fairbanks newspapers that provide general circulation in Alaska. Applications are available to any interested party by calling or writing to the above address. Applicants must postmark their proposals or hand deliver them to the above address by Friday, February 28, 2003.

The Service is also providing notice that we are extending the expiration date of existing Alaska National Wildlife Refuge big game guide permits and the competitive guide selection process for 6 months. This 6-month extension will put all permits on a calendar year cycle. The big game guide permits currently in effect for the refuge use areas being offered will expire on June 30, 2003. We are extending the expiration date of these permits to December 31, 2003. We are moving the effective date for new guide permits from July 1, 2003, to January 1, 2004.

The Service issued 12 big game guide permits under the competitive selection process in 1999 to fill vacant guide use areas where we did not renew permits. These permits are slated to expire on June 30, 2004. This notice extends the terms of these permits to December 31, 2004, to make them consistent with the calendar year cycle as well. The new permit cycle will be consistent with most other State and Federal licensing and permitting requirements for Alaska big game guides. The State of Alaska Division of Occupational Licensing administers hunting guide and transporter licenses on a calendar year basis.

The extension in the selection process was also necessary to allow the Service to extend the public review period for the proposed revisions of the evaluation factors and guidance that we will use to

score and rank guide applications. This was done in response to public requests, and to provide a longer and more reasonable application period for big game guide permits. The extension of the permitting process will accommodate flexibility to extend the permit application deadline further into the winter, well after the fall hunting season, and thereby allow guides more reasonable time to prepare their applications during the slower time of year for the guiding industry.

Alaska refuge permit regulations (50 CFR part 36.41(e)(10)) require the Service to issue competitively awarded permits for 5-year terms (except where permits are issued to fill vacancies occurring during a scheduled award cycle). The regulations require the refuge manager to renew the permits noncompetitively for 5 additional years, if the permittee applies for the renewal, and has maintained a satisfactory record of performance and complied with all applicable permit terms and conditions. The regulations state that after one renewal the Service will not extend or noncompetitively renew another permit. We are providing 6-month extensions to all existing guide permits, in addition to the 5-year renewals cited above. Therefore, the 6-month extensions require a one time waiver of the Alaska refuge permit regulations.

Dated: August 29, 2002.

David B. Allen,

Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting: Resource Advisory Council to the Lower Snake River District, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Lower Snake River District Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held December 4, 2002, at the Lower Snake

River District Office, located at 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho, beginning at 9 a.m. The public comment periods will be held after each topic. The meeting is expected to adjourn at 4 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: MJ Byrne, Public Affairs Officer and RAC Coordinator, Lower Snake River District, 3948 Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705, Telephone (208) 384-3393.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in southwestern Idaho. At this meeting, the following topics for discussion will include:

- Subgroup reports on Sage Grouse Habitat Management, OHV Initiative, River Recreation and Resource Management Plans, and Fire and Fuels Management;
- RAC Members will discuss what they heard from the Secretary of Interior, the BLM Director, RAC Chairpersons and other RAC Members during the November 20 tele-video conference regarding issues and priorities for the RAC's to address across the nation;
- The LSRD RAC Chair, Don Weilmunster will provide a report to the Members of what he learned while attending the National RAC Conference in Phoenix, November 18-20, 2002;
- RAC Members will discuss how this direction from Washington, DC can be incorporated into their workplans for each sub-group for fiscal year 2003;
- An update will be given on the two Resource Management Plans under development in the District, and
- Each Field Office Manager will provide a brief update on current activities and issues in each of their field office areas.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, tour transportation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided below.

Dated: November 6, 2002.

Howard Hedrick,

Associate District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submitted for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension and revision of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0050).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are notifying the public that we have submitted to OMB an information collection request (ICR) to renew approval of the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 CFR part 250, subpart J, Pipelines and Pipeline Rights-of-Way and related documents. This notice also provides the public a second opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of these regulatory requirements and related form.

DATES: Submit written comments by December 16, 2002.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1010-0050), 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. Mail or hand-carry a copy of your comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Attention: Rules Processing Team; Mail Stop 4024; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817. If you wish to E-mail your comments to MMS, the address is: rules.comments@MMS.gov. Reference Information Collection 1010-0050 in your subject line. Include your name and return address, and mark your message for return receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alexis London, Rules Processing Team, telephone (703) 787-1600. You may also contact Alexis London to obtain a copy at no cost of the regulations and form MMS-2030 that require the subject collection of information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR part 250, Subpart J, Pipelines and Pipeline Rights-of-Way.

Form Number: MMS-2030, Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Right-of-Way Grant Bond.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0050, incorporating 1010-0134.

Abstract: The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.* and 43 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior

(Secretary) to prescribe rules and regulations to administer leasing of the OCS. Such rules and regulations will apply to all operations conducted under a lease. Section 1334(e) authorizes the Secretary to grant rights-of-way through the submerged lands of the OCS for pipelines "for the transportation of oil, natural gas, sulphur, or other minerals, or under such regulations and upon such conditions as may be prescribed by the Secretary, * * * including (as provided in section 1347(b) of this title) assuring maximum environmental protection by utilization of the best available and safest technologies, including the safest practices for pipeline burial. * * *

The Independent Offices Appropriations Act (31 U.S.C. 9701) authorizes Federal agencies to recover the full cost of services that provide special benefits. Under the Department of the Interior's (DOI) policy implementing the IOAA, MMS is required to charge the full cost for services that provide special benefits or privileges to an identifiable non-Federal recipient above and beyond those which accrue to the public at large. Pipeline rights-of-way and assignments are subject to cost recovery and MMS regulations specify filing fees for applications.

This notice concerns the reporting and recordkeeping elements of 30 CFR part 250, subpart J and related forms and NTLs. OMB approved the information collection requirements in current subpart J regulations under control numbers 1010-0050 and 1010-0134. The first is the primary collection for subpart J. The latter was approved in connection with a final rule amending § 250.1000(c) to clarify regulatory issues involving the 1996 Memorandum of Understanding between DOI and the Department of Transportation (DOT). Our submission will consolidate these two subpart J collections under 1010-0050. Responses are mandatory or are required to obtain or retain a benefit. No questions of a "sensitive" nature are asked. MMS will protect proprietary information according to 30 CFR 250.196 (Data and information to be made available to the public), 30 CFR part 252 (OCS Oil and Gas Information Program), and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2).

The lessees and transmission companies design the pipelines that they install, maintain, and operate. To ensure those activities are performed in a safe manner, MMS needs information concerning the proposed pipeline and safety equipment, inspections and tests,