

Continental Shelf Offshore Delaware and New Jersey (OCS EIS/EA MMS 2009–025) (Interim Policy EA), which addressed similar activities.

BOEMRE will incorporate the environmental and socioeconomic analyses of site characterization and assessment activities from the Programmatic EIS, Interim Policy EA, and other public information to inform its analysis in the EA. The EA will be developed using many of the principles of coastal and marine spatial planning, such as comprehensive interagency coordination, to identify information needs for COP submittals necessary for future decisionmaking regarding wind energy development.

4. Description of the Call Area

BOEMRE has identified an area for consideration for potential future wind energy leasing in consultation with other Federal agencies and the Rhode Island and Massachusetts Renewable Energy Task Forces. The area identified in the Call and this notice is located within the AMI, as described by a MOU between the Governors of Rhode Island and Massachusetts. The Call Area is divided into two areas separated by an existing traffic separation scheme. A detailed description of the area can be found in the Call that is published concurrently with this notice.

Map of the Call Area

A map of the area can be found at the following URL: <http://www.boemre.gov/offshore/RenewableEnergy/StateActivities-RhodeIsland.htm>.

A large-scale map of the Call Area showing boundaries of the area with numbered blocks is available from BOEMRE at the following address: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, Office of Offshore Alternative Energy Programs, 381 Elden Street, Mail Stop 4090, Herndon, Virginia 20170, Phone: (703) 787–1320.

Based on the information submitted in response to this notice and the aforementioned Call, BOEMRE would identify an area in which interest exists, and which will be subject to environmental analysis, in consultation with appropriate Federal agencies, states, local governments, tribes and other interested parties. The area identified will constitute a WEA under the “Smart from the Start” initiative, which will be the area analyzed in the EA.

5. Cooperating Agencies

BOEMRE invites other Federal agencies and state, tribal, and local governments to consider becoming

cooperating agencies in the preparation of this EA. CEQ regulations implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA define cooperating agencies as those with “jurisdiction by law or special expertise” (40 CFR 1508.5). Potential cooperating agencies should consider their authority and capacity to assume the responsibilities of a cooperating agency and to remember that an agency’s role in the environmental analysis neither enlarges nor diminishes the final decisionmaking authority of any other agency involved in the NEPA process.

Upon request, BOEMRE will provide potential cooperating agencies with a draft Memorandum of Agreement that includes a schedule with critical action dates and milestones, mutual responsibilities, designated points of contact, and expectations for handling predecisional information. Agencies should also consider the “Factors for Determining Cooperating Agency Status” in Attachment 1 to CEQ’s January 30, 2002, Memorandum for the Heads of Federal Agencies: Cooperating Agencies in Implementing the Procedural Requirements of the NEPA. A copy of this document is available at: <http://ceq.hss.doe.gov/nepa/regs/cooperating/cooperatingagenciesmemorandum.html> and <http://ceq.hss.doe.gov/nepa/regs/cooperating/cooperatingagencymemofactors.html>.

BOEMRE, as the lead agency, will not provide financial assistance to cooperating agencies. Even if an organization is not a cooperating agency, opportunities will exist to provide information and comments to BOEMRE during the normal public input phases of the NEPA/EA process.

6. Comments

Federal, state, local government agencies, tribal governments, and other interested parties are requested to send their written comments regarding environmental issues and the identification of reasonable alternatives related to the proposed actions described in this notice in one of the following ways:

1. *Electronically:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the entry titled “Enter Keyword or ID,” enter BOEM–2011–0063, then click “search.” Follow the instructions to submit public comments and view supporting and related materials available for this document.

2. In written form, delivered by hand or by mail, enclosed in an envelope labeled “Comments on Rhode Island and Massachusetts EA” to Program Manager, Office of Offshore Alternative

Energy Programs (MS 4090), Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, Virginia 20170. Comments should be submitted no later than October 3, 2011.

Dated: July 27, 2011.

Robert P. LaBelle,

Acting Associate Director for Offshore Energy and Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Wright Area South Porcupine Coal Lease-by-Application and Environmental Impact Statement, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the South Porcupine Coal Lease-by-Application (LBA) included in the Wright Area Coal Lease Applications Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

ADDRESSES: The document is available electronically on the following Web site: <http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/HighPlains/Wright-Coal.html>. Paper copies of the ROD are also available at the following BLM office locations:

- Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009; and
- Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming High Plains District Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, Wyoming 82604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Tyson Sackett, Acting Wyoming Coal Coordinator, at (307) 775–6487, or Ms. Sarah Bucklin, EIS Project Manager, at (307) 261–7541. Mr. Sackett’s office is located at the BLM Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009. Ms. Bucklin’s office is located at the BLM High Plains District Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, Wyoming 82604. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf

(TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ROD covered by this Notice of Availability is for the South Porcupine Coal Tract and addresses leasing Federal coal in Campbell County, Wyoming, administered by the BLM Wyoming High Plains District Office. The BLM approves Alternative 2, which is the preferred alternative for this LBA in the Wright Area Coal Final EIS. Under Alternative 2, the South Porcupine Coal LBA area, as modified by the BLM, includes approximately 3,243 acres. The BLM estimates that it contains approximately 401,830,508 tons of mineable Federal coal reserves under the selected configuration.

The BLM will announce a competitive coal lease sale in the **Federal Register** at a later date. The Environmental Protection Agency published a **Federal Register** notice announcing that the Final EIS was publicly available on July 30, 2010 (75 FR 44951).

This decision is subject to appeal to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), as provided in 43 CFR part 4, within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The ROD contains instructions for filing an appeal with the IBLA.

Donald A. Simpson,
State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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DRAFT General Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Biscayne National Park, FL

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Draft General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the General Management Plan (GMP) for Biscayne National Park (Park), Florida.

Consistent with NPS laws, regulations, and policies and the purpose of the Park, the Draft EIS/GMP describes the NPS preferred alternative—Alternative 4—to guide the management of the Park over the next 20 to 30 years. The preferred alternative incorporates various management prescriptions to ensure protection, access and enjoyment of the park's resources.

An up-to-date GMP is needed to address how visitors access and use the park and the facilities needed to support those uses, how resources are managed, and how the NPS manages its operations. Recent studies have enhanced the NPS's understanding of resources, resource threats, and visitor use in the park.

DATES: The NPS will accept comments from the public on the Draft EIS/GMP for at least 60 days, starting from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes this Notice of Availability. The date, time, and location of the public meetings on the Draft EIS/GMP will be announced through the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) Web site: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/BISC> and media outlets.

ADDRESSES: Electronic copies of the Draft EIS/GMP will be available online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/BISC>. To request a copy, contact Biscayne National Park Superintendent Mark Lewis, 9700 SW 328 Street, Homestead, FL 33033-5634.

Comments may be submitted by several methods. The preferred method is commenting via the internet on the PEPC Web site above. An electronic public comment form is provided on this Web site. You may also mail comments to Superintendent, Biscayne National Park, 9700 SW 328 Street, Homestead, FL 33033-5634. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to the park. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, please 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. We will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety. A

limited number of compact disks and printed copies of the Draft GMP/EIS will be made available at Biscayne National Park headquarters, 9700 SW 328 Street, Homestead, FL.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public meetings, newsletters, and internet updates have kept the public informed and involved throughout the planning process. The draft GMP provides a framework for management, use, and development of the national park for the next 20 or more years. It presents and analyzes five alternatives: Alternative 1 (no action) provides a baseline for evaluating changes and impacts of the four action alternatives. Alternative 2 provides the highest level of visitor services in the form of increased facilities and access to areas of the park. Alternative 3 adds a visitor permit system and marine reserve zone. Alternative 4 is the NPS Preferred Alternative. It was crafted to emphasize strong natural and cultural resource protection while providing a diversity of visitor experiences. Visitor opportunities in this alternative would range from the challenges of exploring the natural environment alone to the conveniences of built surroundings. A limited amount of moderate resource impacts would be tolerated in high-use areas of the park. While the majority of the park would be open for public enjoyment and appreciation, some areas would be closed to visitors to protect sensitive resources and allow wildlife a respite from people. Alternative 5 provides the highest protection of natural and cultural resources on the park, including a larger marine reserve zone.

The five alternatives are described in detail in chapter 2 of the draft plan. The key impacts of implementing the five alternatives are detailed in chapter 4 and summarized in chapter 2.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Biscayne National Park Superintendent Mark Lewis, 9700 SW 328 Street, Homestead, FL 33033-5634 or telephone at (305) 230-1144. The authority for publishing this notice is contained in 40 CFR 1506.6

The responsible official for this Draft EIS is the Regional Director, NPS Southeast Region, 100 Alabama Street SW., 1924 Building, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Dated: August 8, 2011.

Gordon Wissinger,

Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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