

provided assistance during the development of this draft plan.

#### Public Comments Solicited

We solicit written comments on the recovery plan described. We will consider all comments received by the date specified above prior to approval of the plan.

Please submit electronic comments as an ASCII file format and avoid the use of special characters and encryption. Please also include "Attn: [RIN number]" and your name and return address in your e-mail message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your e-mail message, contact us directly by calling our Jacksonville Field Office (see **ADDRESSES** section).

Our practice is to make all comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the rulemaking record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. In some circumstances, we would withhold also from the rulemaking record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish for us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

**Authority:** The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: June 6, 2001.

**David L. Hankla,**

*Field Supervisor.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Bureau of Land Management

[MT-060-1220DH-01]

#### Notice of Intent

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to amend the West HiLine Resource Management Plan (RMP) for

public lands in an area known as Loma/Vimy Ridge located in Chouteau County, Montana. The BLM is proposing to amend the off-road vehicle (ORV) designation for the public lands that are currently open seasonally or yearlong to motorized cross-country travel and designate the area as limited yearlong and also designate the roads and trails open to motorized vehicles. An environmental assessment will be prepared by the Havre Field Station to analyze the impacts of this proposal and any alternatives.

**DATES:** Comments and recommendations on this notice should be received on or before August 9, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments concerning this notice to: Bureau of Land Management, Attention: Jody Peters, Havre Field Station, 1704 2nd Street West, Drawer 911, Havre, MT 59501.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jody Peters, 406-262-2832.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Loma/Vimy Ridge Watershed planning effort would implement decisions of the West HiLine RMP, the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River Plan, the Wood River Ranch Habitat Management Plan, and the Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management. The Loma/Vimy Ridge Watershed consists of two large blocks of public land located on or adjacent to Rowe Bench and Vimy Ridge, in Chouteau County, Montana. These lands are the high grounds between the Missouri, Teton, and Marias Rivers, where they converge. The land is in north central Montana about ½ mile west of Loma and 11 miles northeast of Fort Benton. Surface ownership consists of approximately 11,450 acres of public land.

About 850 acres of public land are currently designated as open to ORV use, 7,950 acres are designated as limited seasonally, and 2,650 acres are within the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument where all motorized vehicle use off road is prohibited except for emergency or authorized purposes. Through the watershed planning for this area the BLM is proposing to change the open and limited seasonally designations to limited yearlong. The watershed plan will include a map showing the transportation network of roads and trails available for use under the terms and conditions set forth in the plan amendment.

(Authority: Sec. 202, Pub. L. 94-579, 90 Stat. 2747 (43 U.S.C. 1712)).

Dated: April 23, 2001.

**Owen Billingsley,**

*Bureau of Land Management.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Dakotas Advisory Council Meeting

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, North Dakota Field Office, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** A meeting of the Dakotas Resource Advisory Council will be held August 20 & 21, 2001, at the Travel Lodge, Dickinson, North Dakota. The session will convene at 8 a.m. on August 20th. A field trip to the Coteau Mine is scheduled for the 21st. Agenda items will include off highway vehicles, energy activities on public lands, Homestake exchange, discussion on Payment-In-Lieu of Taxes, and Fire and Fuel Reductions.

The meeting is open to the public and a public comment period is set for 4 pm on August 20, 2001. The public may make oral statements before the Council or file written statements for the Council to consider. Depending on the number of persons wishing to make an oral statement, a per-person time limit may be established. Summary minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection and copying.

The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in the Dakotas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Douglas Burger, Field Office Manager, North Dakota Field Office, 2933 3rd Ave. W., Dickinson, North Dakota. Telephone (701) 227-7700.

Dated: June 21, 2001.

**Douglas Burger,**

*Field Office Manager.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Bureau of Land Management

[MT-090-1430-ES; MTM-90869]

#### Notice of Realty Action: Recreation and Public Purposes Act Classification; Montana

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The following public lands in Phillips County, Montana, have been examined and classified for lease to Phillips County under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U. S. C. 869 *et seq.*). The lands were examined and classified in response to a Recreation and Public Purposes Act application, MTM-90869, filed on April 9, 2001, by Phillips County, who is proposing to use the lands to construct and maintain an amphitheater to be known as the Lewis and Clark Amphitheater.

#### Principal Montana Meridian

T. 25 N., R. 25 E.,  
Sec. 17, block 8, lot 10.  
Containing 2.62 acres more or less.

The lands are located within the townsite of Zortman, Montana, which is currently segregated from all forms of mineral entry. Issuance of a Recreation & Public Purposes lease is consistent with the Phillips Resource Area Resource Management Plan, dated September 1994, and is in the public interest.

The lease, when issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.
2. All valid existing rights documented on the official public land records at the time of lease issuance.
3. The rights-of-way for telephone and electrical power purposes granted to Triangle Telephone Cooperative Inc., MTM-00999, and Big Flat Electric Cooperative Inc., MTM-00997.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Malta Field Office, 501 South 2nd Street East, HC 65, Box 5000, Malta, Montana 59538-0047.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, except for lease under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed classification and lease of the lands to the Field Office Manager, Malta Field Office 501 South 2nd Street East, HC 65, Box 5000, Malta, Montana 59538-0047.

**Classification Comments:** Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for use as an amphitheater. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether

the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

Public comments submitted for this notice of realty action, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Malta Field Office during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holiday. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

**Application Comments:** Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the Bureau of Land Management followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for amphitheater.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

**Bruce W. Reed,**

*Malta Field Office Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Eastern Gulf of Mexico Region (GOM), Proposed Sale 181

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the final EIS on proposed eastern GOM Sale 181.

**SUMMARY:** The MMS has prepared a final EIS on a proposed OCS oil and gas lease sale in the Eastern GOM. This proposed

sale is the only Eastern GOM sale scheduled during the current 5-Year Oil and Gas Leasing Program and the first proposed sale in the Eastern GOM since 1988.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions concerning the final EIS should be directed to Mr. Archie Melancon, Minerals Management Service, Branch of Environmental Assessment, 381 Elden Street, MS-4042, Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817. He may be reached by telephone at (703) 787-1547.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This EIS addresses a proposed Federal action that offers for lease areas on the GOM OCS that may contain economically recoverable oil and gas resources. Proposed 2001 Eastern Gulf Sale 181 includes lease blocks in the Eastern Planning Area (EPA). The proposed sale is scheduled for December 2001 and would offer for lease 256 blocks in the EPA. At present, 23 blocks within this area are under lease. This area includes about 1.475 million acres located 100 to 200 miles offshore in water depths ranging from 1,600 to 2,926 meters (5,075 to 9,600 feet). The blocks in the EPA outside of the proposed Lease Sale 181 area are excluded from consideration. It is estimated that the proposed action could result in the production of 15 to 115 million barrels of oil and 225 to 750 billion cubic feet of gas. The MMS does not expect all offered blocks to be leased. Of the blocks that will be leased, only a portion would be expected to be drilled and result in subsequent production.

#### EIS Availability

You may obtain single copies of the final EIS from the Minerals Management Service, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, Attention: Public Information Office MS-5034, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Room 114, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394 or by calling 1-800-200-GULF.

You may look at copies of the final EIS in the following libraries:

#### Alabama

Auburn University at Montgomery Library, 7300 University Drive, Montgomery;  
Dauphin Island Sea Lab, Marine Environmental Science Consortium, Library, Bienville Boulevard, Dauphin Island;  
Gulf Shores Public Library, Municipal Complex, Route 3, Gulf Shores;  
Mobile Public Library, 701 Government Street, Mobile;  
Montgomery Public Library, 445 South Lawrence Street, Montgomery;