

physically suited for a landfill, 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.

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

Comments received on the classification will be answered by the State Director with the right to further comment to the Secretary. Comments on the application will be answered by the State Director with the right of appeal to the Interior Board of Land Appeals.

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, including the general mining laws, except for conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act. The segregative effect shall terminate upon issuance of a patent, upon final rejection of the application, or two years from the date of this notice, whichever occurs first.

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 or conveyance of the lands to: Bureau of Land Management, Western Slope Center, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado, 81506, ATTN: Alan Kraus. 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**.

**For Further Information:** Detailed information concerning this action is available at the Bureau of Land Management, Glenwood Springs Field Office, 50629 Highway 6 and 24, Glenwood Springs, Colorado, or the Bureau of Land Management, Western Slope Center/Grand Junction Field Office, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado, or contact Mr. Alan Kraus at (970)244-3078.

**Public Meeting:** A public open house will be held on February 15, 2001 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm, at the Garden Level Classroom, Eagle County Building, 500 Broadway, Eagle, Colorado. The purpose of the open house will be to allow interested persons to view information regarding the proposed sale and the proposed landfill expansion, and to discuss the proposals with Bureau of Land Management and Eagle County

personnel. Persons wishing to submit formal comments may do so at that time.

Dated: January 23, 2001.

**Anne Huebner,**

*Glenwood Springs Field Office Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Florida

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Fish and Wildlife Services proposes to withdraw 1.13 acres of public lands as an addition to the National Key Deer Refuge. This notice closes the lands for up to 2 years from surface entry and mining. The lands will remain open to mineral leasing.

**DATES:** Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by May 7, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Field Manager, BLM, 411 Briarwood Drive, Suite 404, Jackson, Mississippi 39206.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Weaver, Jackson Field Office, 601-977-5400.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 17, 2001, a petition was approved allowing the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to file an application to withdraw the following described public lands from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

#### Tallahassee Meridian

T. 66 S., R. 32 E.,

Sec. 10, lot 6.

T. 67 S., R. 27 E.,

Sec. 14, lot 38.

The areas described aggregate 1.13 acres in Monroe County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect the National Key Deer Refuge.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the Jackson Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the Jackson Field Office within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the schedule date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The temporary uses which will be permitted during this segregative period are leases or permits.

The temporary segregation of the lands in connection with a withdrawal application or proposal shall not affect administrative jurisdiction over the lands, and the segregation shall not have the effect of authorizing any use of the lands by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Bruce Dawson,**

*Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Announcement of Posting of Invitation for Bids on Crude Oil From Federal Leases and State of Wyoming Properties in Wyoming

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

**ACTION:** Notice of invitation for bids on Federal and State of Wyoming crude oil in the State of Wyoming.

**SUMMARY:** The Minerals Management Service (MMS), in cooperation with the State of Wyoming (State), will post on MMS's Internet Home Page and make available in hard copy a public competitive offering of approximately 5,100 barrels per day (bpd) of crude oil, to be taken as royalty-in-kind (RIK) from a combination of Federal and State properties in Wyoming's Bighorn and Powder River Basins through an

Invitation For Bids (IFB), Number 1435-02-01-RP-40342.

**DATES:** The IFB will be posted on MMS's Internet Home Page on or about January 30, 2001. Bids will be due for both MMS and the State at the posted receipt location on or about February 15, 2001. MMS and the State will notify successful bidders on or about February 20, 2001. The Federal Government and the State will begin actual taking of awarded royalty oil volumes for delivery to successful bidders for a 6-month period beginning April 1, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** The IFB will be posted on MMS's Home page at <http://www.mrm.mms.gov> under the navigation button "Royalty In Kind". The IFB may also be obtained by contacting Mr. Todd Leneau at the address in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below. Bids should be submitted to the address provided in the IFB.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information concerning the IFB document, terms, and process for Federal leases, contact Mr. Todd Leneau, Minerals Management Service, MS 2730, P.O. Box 25165, Denver, CO 80225-0165; telephone number (303) 275-7385; fax (303) 275-7303; e-mail [Todd.Leneau@mms.gov](mailto:Todd.Leneau@mms.gov). For additional information concerning the IFB document, terms, and process for State of Wyoming properties, contact Mr. Harold Kemp, Office of State Lands and Investments, Herschler Building, 3rd Floor West, 122 West 25th Street, Cheyenne, WY 82002-0600; telephone number (307) 777-6643; fax: (307) 777-5400; Email: [hkemp@misc.state.wy.us](mailto:hkemp@misc.state.wy.us).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The offering in this IFB continues the ongoing RIK program in Wyoming. The State and MMS believe that taking oil royalties as a share of production, or RIK, from the properties offered in the IFB is a viable alternative to the agencies' usual practice of collecting oil royalties as a share of the value received by the lessee for sale of the production. Both agencies will continue to monitor the effectiveness of the RIK approach to taking crude oil royalties in Wyoming.

In the current sale under IFB No. 1435-02-00-RP-40329, the number of properties offered was a three-fold increase over properties offered in the prior sale. The new sale involves approximately 5,100 bpd of crude oil from 60 Federal and State properties

located in Wyoming's Bighorn and Powder River Basins. The 60 properties in the new sale represent approximately 20 percent of the properties in the current sale. However, the volume represents approximately 90 percent of the crude oil currently being delivered to purchasers under the current sale for production months October 2000 through March 2001. The production is pipeline-connected.

The properties will be identified in the IFB by specific pipeline subgroups of Wyoming sweet crude oil, Wyoming general sour crude oil, or Wyoming asphaltic sour crude oil. Purchasers must bid on a property basis. Bids will be due as specified in the IFB on or about February 15, 2001, and successful bidders will be notified on or about February 20, 2001. Successful bidders will be required to obtain Letters of Credit, unless they can self certify to the requirements in the IFB. Details will be available in the IFB.

The following are some of the additional details regarding the offerings that will be posted in the IFB on or about January 30, 2001:

- List of specific properties;
- For each property—tract allocations, royalty rate(s), estimated average daily royalty volume, quality, current transporter, and operator;
- Bid basis;
- Reporting requirements;
- Terms and conditions; and
- Contract format.

The internet posting and availability of the IFB in hard copy are being announced in oil and gas trade journals as well as in this **Federal Register** notice.

Dated: January 26, 2001.

**Lucy Querques Denett,**  
Associate Director for Minerals Revenue Management.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Minerals Management Service**

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**Major Portion Prices and Due Dates for Additional Royalty Payments on Indian Gas Production in Designated Areas Not Associated With an Index Zone**

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of major portion prices.

**SUMMARY:** Final regulations for valuing gas produced from Indian leases, published on August 10, 1999, require MMS to determine major portion values and notify industry by publishing the values in the **Federal Register**. The regulations also require MMS to publish a due date for industry to pay additional royalty based on the major portion value. This notice provides the major portion values and due dates for July and August 2000 production months.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** January 1, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** See **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Barder, Indian Oil and Gas Compliance Asset Management, MMS; telephone, (303) 275-7234; FAX, (303) 275-7470; E-mail, [John.Barder@mms.gov](mailto:John.Barder@mms.gov); mailing address, Minerals Management Service, Minerals Revenue Management Indian Oil and Gas Compliance Asset Management, P.O. Box 25165, MS 396G3, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 10, 1999, MMS published a final rule titled "Amendments to Gas Valuation Regulations for Indian Leases," (64 FR 43506) with an effective date of January 1, 2000. The gas regulations apply to all gas production from Indian (tribal or allotted) oil and gas leases (except leases on the Osage Indian Reservation).

The rule requires that MMS publish major portion prices for each designated area not associated with an index zone for each production month beginning January 2000 along with a due date for additional royalty payments. See 30 CFR 206.174(a)(4)(ii)(64 FR 43520, August 10, 1999). If additional royalties are due based on a published major portion price, the lessee must submit an amended Form MMS-2014, Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance, to MMS by the due date. If additional royalties are not paid by the due date, late payment interest under 30 CFR 218.54 (1999) will accrue from the due date until payment is made and an amended Form MMS-2014 is received. The table below lists the major portion prices for all designated areas not associated with an Index Zone and the due date for payment of additional royalties.

**GAS MAJOR PORTION PRICES AND DUE DATES FOR DESIGNATED AREAS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH AN INDEX ZONE**

MMS-designated areas	July 2000	August 2000	Due date
Alabama—Coushatta .....	\$4.51/MMBtu .....	\$4.04/MMBtu .....	02/28/2001
Blackfeet Reservation .....	3.23/MMBtu .....	2.82/MMBtu .....	02/28/2001