

All persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the BLM Las Cruces District Manager at the address listed above by June 9, 2008. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM Las Cruces District Office at the address listed during regular business hours, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. 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 us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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 BLM Las Cruces District Manager at the address listed above by June 9, 2008. If the authorized officer determines a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** and a local newspaper at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, and other discretionary land use authorizations may be allowed during the segregative period, but only with the approval of a BLM official and with the concurrence of an authorized officer of the DHS, Border Patrol.

This withdrawal proposal will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or cancelled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2310.3–1)

**Bill Childress,**

*District Manager, Las Cruces.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[CO–05–1220–EB–CO–]

**Notice To Establish Special Recreation Permit Application, Renewal and Transfer Fees for Commercial, Competitive, or Organized Group Activities and Events; Colorado**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Office.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Colorado State Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) plans to implement Special Recreation Permit (SRP) fees. The fees will establish standard statewide application, transfer, and renewal fees for SRPs. The fees apply to commercial, competitive, or organized group activities and events on BLM lands, and revenues will be used to help offset the cost of processing SRPs. Field offices will also be allowed to keep more revenues that would benefit on-the-ground work, including an increased law enforcement presence, hiring seasonal employees, and site improvements. Currently, there is no statewide SRP fee. This new fee will not affect cost recovery charges when the 50-hour cost recovery threshold is anticipated to be exceeded. The fees are:

- New SRP—\$100
- SRP Renewal (re-issuance of expired permits)—\$50
- SRP Transfer from one person to another person—\$100

These fees do not apply to individual SRPs authorizing use of designated Special Use Areas. Also, no fees are charged for annual operating authorizations.

Future adjustments in the fee amount will be made based on inflation and local market trends. Consultation will be made with Colorado's three Resource Advisory Committees and appropriate public notices will be posted prior to a fee increase.

**DATES:** The SRP Application Fee Proposal was published in the **Federal Register** on September 11, 2007, as a proposed supplementary rule. The comment period was open through November 13, 2007. The new fees will go into effect on March 10, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jack Placchi, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, (303) 239–3832.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

All commercial, competitive or organized group activities, special events, and special area use on BLM public lands require a Special Recreation Permit (SRP). The BLM Colorado manages over 800 commercial, competitive, and organized group activity and event SRPs annually.

BLM Colorado is implementing a new SRP application fee for the issuance of new permits, and for the transfer and renewal of existing permits. The new administrative fees are \$100 for a new permit, \$50 for a permit renewal, and \$100 for a permit transfer. The average cost to existing permit holders will be \$10 per year, as most permits are renewed every 5 years. This fee does not apply to individual SRPs issued for special area use.

A statewide application fee will make the cost of applying for and receiving a commercial, competitive, or organized group activity and event SRP consistent at all the BLM Colorado field offices..

The fees collected under statewide application will be kept at the site to augment recreation opportunities for the public. Both public and private outfitters will benefit from the fee through the BLM's increased law enforcement capabilities, additional funds for signing and interpretive education, and a greater BLM field presence to control illegal operations on BLM-managed public lands.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 2932.31(d)(1)–(4), and BLM Manual, H–2930–1 Recreation Permit Administration Page 27 paragraph f. (1), the State Director has the authority to set and adjust fees for SRPs. Direction from the BLM's "Priorities for Recreation and Visitor Services (Purple Book), Goal 3: Provide for and Receive Fair Value in Recreation" also encourages the implementation of such fees.

**Comments Received on Proposed Supplementary Rule**

Only one comment was received regarding the proposed fee. The commenter had two concerns:

1. That the fee should be \$250.00

To determine an appropriate fee structure, the BLM interviewed BLM SRP managers across Colorado. Those interviewed included recreation permit and license managers of local and regional recreational programs including Arkansas Headwaters State Recreation Area, Colorado Department of Regulatory Affairs, and Colorado State Parks River Outfitter Licensing Program. The BLM also interviewed the Executive Director of the Colorado

Outfitters Association. As a result of these consultations, we believe the proposed fee structure is appropriate.

2. That the BLM not sanction any animal abuse in permitted events

The BLM does not sanction the abuse of animals and complies with all state and Federal laws regarding livestock and other animals. There is no need to change the fee structure based on this comment.

**Sally Wisely,**

*Colorado State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Headquarters, Cape Wind Energy Project 2008

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of public comment period.

**DATES:** Comments must be received no later than April 21, 2008.

**SUMMARY:** The Minerals Management Service hereby gives notice that it is extending the public comment period for the Cape Wind Energy Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), which was published in the **Federal Register** on January 18, 2008, (Volume 73, No. 13) for an additional 30 days. Please see the Notice of Availability of the DEIS (73 FR 3482) for more detailed information related to the Cape Wind Energy Project. In response to requests for additional time, the MMS will extend the comment period from March 20, 2008, to April 21, 2008.

Federal, State, tribal, and local governments and other interested parties are requested to comment on the DEIS. Comments will be accepted through the MMS Web site, by mail or in person at the public hearings as stated below.

1. Electronically using MMS's on-line commenting system at: <http://occonnect.mms.gov/pcs-public/>. This is the preferred method for commenting.

2. In written form, mailed or delivered to MMS Cape Wind Energy Project, TRC Environmental Corporation, Wannalancit Mills, 650 Suffolk Street, Lowell, Massachusetts 01854.

3. In person at the public hearings. **Public Hearings:** The MMS will hold public hearings to receive comments on the DEIS. The public hearings are scheduled as follows:

- Monday, March 10, 2008 at Mattacheese Middle School Auditorium, 400 Higgins-Crowell Road, West Yarmouth, Massachusetts, 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at Nantucket High School Auditorium, 10 Surfside Road, Nantucket, Massachusetts, 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Auditorium, 100 Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road, Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts, 5 p.m.
- Thursday, March 13, 2008 at Campus Center Ballroom, University of Massachusetts, Boston, 100 Morrissey Boulevard, South Boston, Massachusetts, 6 p.m.

*Correction:* The January 18, 2008, **Federal Register** Notice indicated that pre-registration would be available prior to the public hearings. There is no pre-registration for the public hearings. Registration for the public hearings will begin one hour before each hearing starts.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Rodney E. Cluck, Minerals Management Service, Alternative Energy Program, 381 Elden Street, Mail Stop 4080, Herndon, Virginia 20170, or by phone at (703) 787-1300.

Dated: March 4, 2008.

**Chris C. Oynes,**

*Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Meeting for the Denali National Park and Preserve Aircraft Overflights Advisory Council Within the Alaska Region

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.  
**ACTION:** Notice of meeting for the Denali National Park and Preserve Aircraft Overflights Advisory Council within the Alaska Region.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service (NPS) announces a meeting of the Denali National Park and Preserve Aircraft Overflights Advisory Council. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss mitigation of impacts from aircraft overflights at Denali National Park and Preserve. This meeting is open to the public and will have time allocated for public testimony. The public is welcomed to present written or oral comments. The meeting will be recorded and a summary will be

available upon request from the Superintendent for public inspection approximately six weeks after each meeting. The Aircraft Overflights Advisory Council is authorized to operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**DATES:** The Denali National Park and Preserve Aircraft Overflights Advisory Council meeting will be held on Thursday, April 10, 2008, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Alaska Standard Time. The meeting may end early if all business is completed.

*Location:* Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, Mile 12.5 Talkeetna Spur Road, Talkeetna, Alaska 99676. Telephone: (907) 733-9500.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Miriam Valentine, Denali Planning. E-mail: [Miriam\\_Valentine@nps.gov](mailto:Miriam_Valentine@nps.gov). Telephone: (907) 733-9102 at Denali National Park, Talkeetna Ranger Station, P.O. Box 588, Talkeetna, AK 99676. For accessibility requirements please call Miriam Valentine (907) 733-9102.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Meeting location and dates may need to be changed based on weather or local circumstances. If the meeting dates and location are changed, notice of the new meeting will be announced on local radio stations and published in local newspapers.

The agenda for the meeting will include the following, subject to minor adjustments:

1. Call to order.
2. Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum.
3. Chair's Welcome and Introductions.
4. Review and Approve Agenda.
5. NPS report on FACA parameters.
6. Member Reports.
7. Agency and Public Comments.
8. Superintendent and NPS Staff Reports.
9. Agency and Public Comments.
10. Updating Priorities for Advisory Council Work.
12. Agency and Public Comments.
13. Other New Business.
14. Agency and Public Comments.
16. Set time and place of next Advisory Council meeting.
17. Adjournment.

Dated: February 14, 2008.

**Marcia Blaszk,**

*Regional Director, Alaska Region, National Park Service.*

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