

appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

*Applicant:* University of Massachusetts, Lowell, MA, PRT-156390.

The applicant requests a permit to take wild and captive manatees (*Trichechus manatus latirostris*) in Florida using a DIDSON sonar device for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

*Applicant:* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management, Anchorage, AK, PRT-041309.

The applicant requests an amendment of their permit to collect carcasses of Northern sea otters (*Enhydra lutris kenyoni*) in Alaska for the purpose of scientific research to identify patterns of mortality and issues of population health. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Division of Management Authority is forwarding copies of the above applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Dated: July 20, 2007.

**Lisa J. Lierheimer,**

*Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[MT-921-07-1320-EL-P; NDM 96918]

#### Notice of Invitation—Coal Exploration License Application NDM 96918

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Members of the public are hereby invited to participate with Dakota Westmoreland Corporation in a program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in lands located in Mercer County, North Dakota, encompassing 640.00 acres.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen Van Matre, Mining Engineer, or Connie Schaff, Land Law Examiner, Branch of Solid Minerals (MT-921), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669,

telephone (406) 896-5082 or (406) 896-5060, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The lands to be explored for coal deposits are described as follows:

T.143N., R.88W., 5th P.M.

14: S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

20: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

22: S $\frac{1}{2}$

Any party electing to participate in this exploration program shall notify, in writing, both the State Director, BLM, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669, and Dakota Westmoreland Corporation, P.O. Box 39, Beulah, North Dakota 58523. Such written notice must refer to serial number NDM 96918 and be received no later than 30 calendar days after publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register** or 10 calendar days after the last publication of this Notice in the Bismarck Tribune newspaper, whichever is later. This Notice will be published once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the *Bismarck Tribune*, Bismarck, North Dakota.

The proposed exploration program is fully described, and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the Bureau of Land Management. The exploration plan, as submitted by Dakota Westmoreland Corporation, is available for public inspection at the BLM, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana, during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

Dated: August 15, 2007.

**Edward L. Hughes,**

*Acting Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[OR-957-00-6334-BJ; GP07-0176]

#### Filing of Plats of Survey: Oregon/Washington; In Reply Refer to: 1550 (130)P

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The plat of survey of the following described lands is scheduled to be officially filed in the Bureau of Land Management Oregon/Washington State Office, Portland, Oregon, 30 days from the date of this publication.

**Willamette Meridian**

*Washington*

T. 11 N., R. 19 E., accepted July 12, 2007.

A copy of the plat may be obtained from the Land Office at the Oregon/Washington State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 333 SW. 1st Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204, upon required payment. A person or party who wishes to protest against a survey must file a notice that they wish to protest (at the above address) with the Oregon/Washington State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Portland, Oregon.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chief, Branch of Geographic Sciences, Bureau of Land Management, (333 SW., 1st Avenue) P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208.

Dated: August 10, 2007.

**Fred O'Ferrall,**

*Branch of Lands and Minerals Resources.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Environmental Documents Prepared for Proposed Oil and Gas Operations on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of the availability of environmental documents prepared for OCS Mineral Proposals on the Gulf of Mexico OCS.

**SUMMARY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), in accordance with Federal Regulations that implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), announces the availability of NEPA-related Site-Specific Environmental Assessments (SEA) and Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI), prepared by MMS for the following oil and gas activities proposed on the Gulf of Mexico OCS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Public Information Unit, Information Services Section at the number below. 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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** MMS prepares SEAs and FONSI for proposals that relate to exploration for and the development/production of oil and gas resources on the Gulf of Mexico OCS. These SEAs examine the potential environmental effects of activities described in the proposals and present MMS conclusions regarding the