

Statement must be received by December 21, 2002.

ADDRESSES: You may mail or hand carry written comments to Jonathan Martin, Regional Forester, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Navajo Regional Office, PO Box 1060, Gallup, New Mexico 87305.

Copies of the FPEIS have been sent to all agencies and individuals who participated in the scoping process or public hearings, and to those who commented on the Draft FPEIS. To get a copy of the FPEIS, please write to the Navajo Nation Forestry Department, PO Box 230, Fort Defiance, Arizona 86504, or call (928) 729-4007. The FPEIS is available for review at two locations: (1) The Branch of Environmental Services, Navajo Regional Office, Federal Building, 301 West Hill, Gallup, New Mexico; and (2) the Branch of Forestry, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1 mile north on Route 12, Fort Defiance, Arizona.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan Martin, (928) 729-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed action is to adopt a ten-year forest management plan for the Navajo Forest. The Navajo Forest lies in the Chuska Mountains and Defiance Plateau areas of the Navajo Nation, along the Arizona-New Mexico border. The area encompasses nearly 600,000 acres.

The FPEIS presents a preferred alternative, the no action alternative and three other alternatives. The preferred alternative uses even-aged and uneven-aged management for timber harvesting, with consideration for Special Management Areas (SMAs) that would be excluded from commercial timberland to protect critical wildlife habitat and vital watershed areas. The other alternatives are (1) No action, which would continue current levels of timber harvesting with even-aged management and without consideration for SMAs; (2) even-aged management for timber harvesting, with consideration for SMAs; (3) uneven-aged management for timber harvesting, without consideration for SMAs; and (4) no timber harvesting or SMAs. All of the alternatives include timber protection plus monitoring and/or mitigation measures.

Areas of environmental concern addressed in the FPEIS include timber resources, other forest resources, water resources, biological resources, air quality, cultural resources and socio-economics.

Public Comment Availability

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the mailing address shown in the

ADDRESSES section, during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Authority

This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR part 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Dated: October 25, 2002.

Neal A. McCaleb,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service (MMS)

Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Central Gulf of Mexico (GOM), Oil and Gas Lease Sale 185

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Availability of the proposed notice of sale.

SUMMARY: Gulf of Mexico OCS; Notice of Availability of the proposed Notice of Sale for proposed Oil and Gas Lease Sale 185 in the Central GOM. This Notice is published pursuant to 30 CFR 256.29(c) as a matter of information to the public.

With regard to oil and gas leasing on the OCS, the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to section 19 of the OCS Lands Act, provides the affected States the opportunity to review the proposed Notice. The proposed Notice sets forth the proposed terms and conditions of

the sale, including minimum bids, royalty rates, and rentals.

The proposed Notice of Sale 185 and a "Proposed Sale Notice Package" containing information essential to potential bidders may be obtained from the Public Information Unit, Gulf of Mexico Region, Minerals Management Service, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, Telephone: (504) 736-2519.

The final Notice of Sale will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days prior to the date of bid opening. Bid opening is currently scheduled for March 19, 2003.

Dated: October 31, 2002.

Johnnie Burton,

Director, Minerals Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of data collection submission.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 20, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this information collection should be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. A copy of your comments should also be directed to the Bureau of Reclamation, Office of Policy, Attention: Diana Trujillo, D-5300, PO Box 25007, Denver, Colorado 80225.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or a copy of the proposed collection of information form, contact Diana Trujillo at (303) 445-2914.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of