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Department of the Interior Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Patricia Morrison and MMS Director Johnnie Burton to keynote Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Meeting

Who: Department of the Interior Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Patricia Morrison and Johnnie Burton, Director of the U.S. Department of the Interior's Minerals Management Service.

What: Keynote addresses at the three-day Special Institute on Federal and Indian Royalty Valuation and Management, sponsored in partnership by the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation and the Minerals Management Service.

When: Johnnie Burton, 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11 -- Patricia Morrison, 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11

Where: JW Marriott Hotel, 5150 Westheimer, Houston, Texas

Department of the Interior Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management Patricia Morrison and MMS Director Johnnie Burton will be in Houston, Texas, Wednesday, Feb. 11, to address the three-day Special Institute on Federal and Indian Royalty Valuation and Management. This is the fourth such Special Institute sponsored in partnership by the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation and the Minerals Management Service.

MMS is the federal agency in the U.S. Department of the Interior that manages the nation's oil, natural gas, and other mineral resources on the outer continental shelf in federal offshore waters. The agency also collects, accounts for, and disburses mineral revenues from Federal and American Indian lands. Between 1982 and 2003, MMS distributed over \$135 billion in revenues from onshore and offshore lands, an average of over \$6 billion per year, to the Nation, States and American Indians. Nearly \$1 billion from those revenues go into the Land and Water Conservation Fund annually for the acquisition and development of State and Federal park and recreation lands.

The Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, a non-profit Colorado corporation, is an educational institution dedicated to the study of the legal system and issues affecting mineral and water resources. The goals of the Foundation are to foster and encourage a scholarly and yet practical study of the law relating to oil and gas, mining, water, public land management, land use, conservation, environmental protection, and other related areas.