

SRMA is limited to the seasonal and yearlong routes listed in section (9) below (exceptions (a), (b), and (d) apply). OHV travel within the Tower Creek portion of the SRMA is limited to the seasonal and yearlong routes listed in section (10) below (exception (b) applies). (5) OHV travel within the 1,060-acre Sevenmile ACEC, located about seven miles south of Salmon, Idaho, is limited yearlong to two designated routes in the upper portion of the ACEC: The route which accesses the Sunset Heights Water District Spring and the route which accesses the upper portion of the Sevenmile watershed (exceptions (a) and (b) apply). This use limitation is implemented to help ensure public safety and resource protection in areas with steep slopes and highly erosive soils, while allowing motorized access in more stable areas. (6) OHV use within the following recreation sites and use areas is limited to designated routes and use areas yearlong to ensure visitor safety and reduce conflicts between motorized and non-motorized recreation use (no exceptions for off-road use apply): The Shoup Bridge, Morgan Bar, Williams Lake, Tower Creek, Smokey Cubs, McFarland, and Agency Creek Recreation Sites, as well as several access points along the Salmon River: Eightmile River Access, Elevenmile River Access, Lime Creek Trailhead, and Kilpatrick River Access. (7) OHV use on about 29,599 acres in the Hayden, Basin, and Muddy creek areas west of Lemhi, Idaho, is limited to designated routes in order to address erosion concerns and the potential for sedimentation impacts to occupied threatened/endangered fish habitat (exceptions (a), (b), and (c) apply). The Hayden Creek Road and Basin Creek Road may be used by motorized vehicles yearlong. OHV use on the following designated routes is only allowed from June 16 to February 28: Muddy Creek Road, Colson Cutoff, Roostercomb Mountain Road, and several additional unnamed routes between Basin Creek and Muddy Creek. (8) No vehicle travel is allowed on the following roads constructed for previous timber sales, unless specifically authorized by the BLM: Baldy Basin, Sawmill Canyon, Birch Creek, and McDevitt Creek. These restrictions are implemented to reduce water quality impacts. (9) OHV use on about 25,904 acres in the Kenney, Pattee, and Agency creek drainages (located approximately 15 miles southeast of Salmon, Idaho) is limited to designated routes and/or closed seasonally (exceptions (a), (b), and (d) apply). These limitations are implemented to improve habitat

security in big game winter range and to protect cultural and scenic resources in the Lewis and Clark Trail SRMA. Motorized travel is allowed yearlong on the Alkali Flat Road, Warm Springs Wood Road, Agency Creek Road, Divide Road (excepting about four miles beginning at the Copper Queen Road intersection south to the Cow/Yearian hydrologic divide), Copper Queen Road, and about four miles of the Pattee Creek Road. OHV use on several routes in the Agency, Pattee, and Warm Springs Creek drainages is only permitted from May 1 through December 15. The following route is designated for snowmobile use: The Divide Road from Lemhi Pass south to the Copper Queen Road to the Agency Creek Road. Vehicle travel is permitted on existing roads, vehicle ways, and trails from May 1 through December 15 on about 1,260 acres south of Kenney Creek and 2,325 acres south of the SRMA boundary (exceptions (a) and (b) apply); the remainder of the year these areas are closed to OHV use to protect wintering big game. (10) OHV use on about 5,192 acres in the Tower Creek area located about 11 miles north of Salmon, Idaho, is limited to designated routes to protect wildlife habitat and cultural and scenic resources along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (exception (b) applies). Travel is allowed yearlong on the Kriley Gulch Road and Tower Creek Road. From May 1 through December 15, travel is also allowed on the ridge route (from U.S. Highway 93 to a point about 2.9 miles from the highway) and the route that bears west off the ridge route about 1.5 miles from the highway. (11) OHV use on about 7,805 acres in the Badger Springs area (located about seven miles north of Salmon, Idaho) is prohibited from December 16 through April 30 to protect big game winter habitat. The remainder of the year vehicle use is limited to existing roads, vehicle ways, and trails. (12) In the Henry Creek area (approximately 4,046 acres) located about nine miles south-southwest of Salmon, Idaho, OHV use is only allowed on existing roads, vehicle ways, and trails from April 11 through September 19; during this time, motorized access is limited to vehicles 48 inches in width or narrower (exception (b) applies). These limitations are implemented to address safety and erosion concerns. (13) OHV use on all remaining public lands not affected by the above limitations or closures (about 402,385 acres) is limited to the existing roads, vehicle ways, and trails visible on 1993–1994 aerial photos and/or 1992 digital orthophotos, as verified through on-the-ground review

(exceptions (a), (b), and (c) apply). Vehicle travel on single-track vehicle ways is limited to two-wheeled vehicles and will not promote expansion of those ways into two-track routes. These limitations are implemented to reduce impacts to cultural resources, visual resources, native vegetation, and fisheries and wildlife habitat.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Scientific Committee of the Minerals Management Advisory Board; Announcement of Plenary Session

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Minerals Management Advisory Board OCS Scientific Committee will meet at the Hilton Anchorage Hotel in Anchorage, Alaska.

**DATES:** Tuesday, April 22, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, April 23, from 7:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., and Thursday, April 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Hilton Anchorage Hotel, 500 West Third Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, telephone (907) 272–7411.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A copy of the agenda may be requested from MMS by calling Ms. Carolyn Beamer at (703) 787–1211. Other inquiries concerning the OCS Scientific Committee meeting should be addressed to Dr. James Kendall, Executive Secretary to the OCS Scientific Committee, Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, Mail Stop 4043, Herndon, Virginia 20170–4817 or by calling (703) 787–1656.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OCS Scientific Committee is an outside group of non-Federal scientists which advises the Director, MMS, on the feasibility, appropriateness, and scientific merit of the MMS OCS Environmental Studies Program as it relates to information needed for informed OCS decisionmaking.

The Committee will meet in plenary session on Tuesday, April 22. Presentations will be made by the Deputy Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management and the Director,