

States: Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. The Gulf of Mexico Regional Panel will discuss several topics at this meeting including: status of coordination of aquatic invasive species prevention, control, research, and outreach efforts; an update from Panel working groups; status and discussion of national legislation regarding aquatic invasive species; updates on the development of State ANS Plans; and a discussion of the 2002 Annual Report.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 810, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

Dated: January 30, 2003.

Cathleen I. Short,

Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Assistant Director—Fisheries and Habitat Conservation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting, Carrizo Plain National Monument Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Carrizo Plain National Monument Advisory Committee will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held Saturday, March 8, 2003, at the Carrisa Plains School located approximately two miles west of the intersection of Soda Lake Road and Highway 58. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. The agenda calls for a discussion of the Charter which authorizes the committee to advise BLM on the management of the Carrizo Plain National Monument, and a general discussion of the committee's duties and function. The committee will be briefed on the status of the planning process to update the existing Carrizo Management Plan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry Mercer, Public Affairs Officer, Bureau of Land Management, 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308, telephone 661-391-6010.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 9 member Carrizo Plain Advisory Committee advises the Bureau of Land Management, through the Designated Federal Officer (Ron Fellows, BLM-Bakersfield Field Manager) on planning and management issues for the Carrizo Plain National Monument. At this meeting, topics to be discussed and business to be conducted include:

Orientation and future planning for Committee members.

Election of officers.

Briefing on BLM structure and issues.

Update on the planning process to date regarding the Carrizo Plain National Monument Resource Management Plan.

Discussion of Committee input on the planning process.

All meetings of the Committee are open to the public, and the public is invited to attend and participate. A time will be allocated for hearing public comments, and written comments may be submitted either at the meeting or to the address above. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and the time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited.

Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations should contact the BLM as indicated above.

Dated: February 4, 2003.

Ron Fellows,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

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

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Final notice of sale 185.

SUMMARY: On March 19, 2003, MMS will open and publicly announce bids received for blocks offered in Central GOM Oil and Gas Lease Sale 185, pursuant to the OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331-1356, as amended) and the regulations issued thereunder (30 CFR Part 256).

The Final Notice of Sale 185 Package (FNOS 185) contains information essential to bidders, and bidders are charged with the knowledge of the documents contained in the Package.

DATES: Public bid reading will begin at 9 a.m., Wednesday, March 19, 2003, in the Hyatt Regency Conference Center (Cabildo Rooms), 500 Poydras Plaza, New Orleans, Louisiana. All times referred to in this document are local New Orleans times, unless otherwise specified.

ADDRESSES: Bidders can obtain an FNOS 185 containing this Notice of Sale and several supporting and essential documents referenced herein from the MMS Gulf of Mexico Region Public Information Unit, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, (504) 736-2519 or (800) 200-GULF, or via the MMS Gulf of Mexico Region Internet site at <http://www.gomr.mms.gov>.

Filing of Bids: Bidders must submit sealed bids to the Regional Director (RD), MMS Gulf of Mexico Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on normal working days, prior to the Bid Submission Deadline of 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2003. If bids are mailed, the envelope containing all of the sealed bids must be marked as follows:

Attention: Mr. John L. Rodi
Contains Sealed Bids for Sale 185

If the RD receives bids later than the time and date specified above, he will return those bids unopened to bidders. Bidders may not modify or withdraw their bids unless the RD receives a written modification or written withdrawal request prior to 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2003. Should an unexpected event such as flooding or travel restrictions be significantly disruptive to bid submission, the MMS Gulf of Mexico Region may extend the Bid Submission Deadline. Bidders may call (504) 736-0557 for information about the possible extension of the Bid Submission Deadline due to such an event.

Areas Offered for Leasing: The MMS is offering for leasing all blocks and partial blocks listed in the document "Blocks Available for Leasing in Central Gulf of Mexico OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sale 185" included in the FNOS 185. All of these blocks are shown on the following Leasing Maps and Official Protraction Diagrams (which may be purchased from the MMS Gulf of Mexico Region Public Information Unit):