

filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest(s). A plat will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

The plat(s) will be placed in the open files of the Oregon State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1515 S.W. 5th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97201, and will be available to the public as a matter of information only. Copies of the plat(s) may be obtained from the above office upon required payment. A person or party who wishes to protest against a survey must file with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Portland, Oregon, a notice that they wish to protest prior to the proposed official filing date given above. A statement of reasons for a protest may be filed with the notice of protest to the State Director, or the statement of reasons must be filed with the State Director within thirty (30) days after the proposed official filing date.

The above-listed plats represent dependent resurveys, survey, and subdivision.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, (1515 S.W. 5th Avenue) P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208.

Dated: April 6, 1999.

Sherrie L. Reid,

Acting Chief, Branch of Realty and Records Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Notice on Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sales

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Revision to List of Restricted Joint Bidders.

In accordance with the joint bidding provisions of 30 CFR 256.41, the Minerals Management Service published in the **Federal Register** on March 26, 1999, at 64 FR 14751, the List of Restricted Joint Bidders covering Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas lease sales to be held during the period from May 1, 1999, through October 31, 1999.

That List of Restricted Joint Bidders inadvertently omitted from Group IV two new entities resulting from the merger of the BP group of companies and the Amoco group of companies.

The list of companies published under Group IV of the List of Restricted

Joint Bidders is, by this Notice, revised to include these two additional companies:

BP Amoco Corporation; and
Amoco Production Company.

Dated: April 13, 1999.

Ralph V. Ainger,

Chief, Leasing Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Availability of Plan of Operations and Environmental Assessment for Proposed 3-D Seismic Survey; Cobra Exploration Company, Big Thicket National Preserve, Hardin County, TX

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 9.52(b) of Title 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 9, Subpart B, that the National Park Service has accepted a Plan of Operations from Cobra Exploration Company for Three Dimensional Seismic Survey within Big Thicket National Preserve, Hardin County, Texas.

The Plan of Operations and corresponding Environmental Assessment are available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days from the publication date of this notice. Both documents can be viewed during normal business hours at the Office of the Superintendent, Big Thicket National Preserve, 3785 Milam Street, Beaumont, Texas. Copies can be requested from the Superintendent, Big Thicket National Preserve, 3785 Milam Street, Beaumont, TX 77701.

Dated: April 7, 1999.

Richard R. Peterson,

Superintendent, Big Thicket National Preserve.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Scoping for Environmental Analysis of a Study Recommending a Timbisha Shoshone Tribal Homeland in and Around Death Valley National Park Inyo County, California and Esmeralda and Nye Counties, NV

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et. seq.*) that public scoping is being initiated for an environmental

impact analysis process for a Draft Secretarial Report to Congress regarding a proposal to establish a permanent Timbisha Shoshone Tribal land base in and around Death Valley National Park. The purpose of this scoping effort is to identify public issues and concerns, and to assess the nature and extent of potential environmental impacts which should be addressed.

Background

During 1994 Congress enacted the California Desert Protection Act (Pub. L. 103-433), which in part addressed the need of the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe for a recognized land base. The Secretary of the Interior was directed (in Section 705(b) of the act) to conduct a study to identify lands suitable for a reservation for the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe.

As a direct result, a joint Federal-Tribal negotiating team was convened for the purposes of drafting a suitability study. In drafting their proposal, the factors scrutinized to date include: basic tribal needs for a land base (for housing, tribal administration, economic development, and cultural restoration); mandates prescribing federal land stewardship; complementary interests of the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe and the Federal government; geographical constraints; climate and availability of water; mining claims; special resource limitations such as Congressionally designated Wilderness and also Areas of Critical Environmental Concern; and availability of infrastructure such as roads, power, and other services. With due diligence the efforts of this government-to-government team have culminated in a comprehensive integrated draft proposal to establish a permanent Homeland for the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe.

Comment and Approval

As noted, the Department of the Interior including the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Bureau of Reclamation have undertaken government-to-government negotiations with the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe to address suitable strategies and actions for establishing a permanent Timbisha Shoshone Tribal land base in and around Death Valley National Park. At this time, it has not been determined whether an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared; however, this scoping process will aid in the preparation of either document.

As part of this effort, a series of public scoping meetings will be held during May, 1999. California and Nevada cities