

Lake area; and (2) traffic associated with oil and gas operations may impact road conditions in the Mosquito Creek Lake vicinity. These issues will be addressed in the analysis process, but no decisions resulting from the PA/EA will be specific to these two issues.

Resource objectives were developed to address specific issues or concerns. Management actions developed through the planning process will strive to meet the outlined resource objectives. The specific objectives, as they relate to oil and gas leasing and development, are:

- Maintain or minimize the impacts to the aesthetic values present at the Mosquito Creek Lake area.
- Sustain and/or improve current safety levels for recreational users and residents.
- Maintain or enhance wetland values in the Mosquito Creek Lake watersheds.
- Maintain existing surface and ground water quality in the Mosquito Creek Lake watersheds.
- Maintain or enhance the historical, archaeological, and traditional cultural resource values.
- Maintain and enhance special status species populations and suitable habitat.
- Minimize impact to farm cooperative leases and associated forage area.
- Maintain current outdoor recreational opportunities and facilities and minimize impacts to future opportunities and facilities.
- Maintain the assigned visual resource management class as determined through the planning process.
- Maintain the integrity of the reservoir pool zones.
- Maintain and/or enhance current and future uses of the Lakeview Local School District property.

Additional issues and resource objectives may be identified as a result of public input.

The PA/EA will be developed by an interdisciplinary team (IDT) composed of specialists in air quality, archaeology, forestry, geographic information systems, hazardous and solid waste, minerals, paleontology, recreation, socio-economics, soils, visual resources, water resources, and wildlife and special status species. Additional technical support will be provided by other specialists as needed.

Public participation will be an important part of the PA/EA process. It is intended that all interested or affected parties be involved. The IDT will seek input by direct mailings, media coverage, person to person contacts, and coordination with local, State, and other Federal agencies throughout the

process. Written and oral comments will be accepted at an open house and public meeting to be held in the multi purpose room of the Cortland Elementary School, 264 Park Avenue in Cortland, Ohio on May 8, 1996. An informal open house will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Resource specialists will be available to discuss specific areas of interest with the public. A formal meeting will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with registration beginning at 6:30 p.m. Agency personnel will accept oral or written comments on the preliminary issues and resource objectives.

Complete records of all phases of the planning process will be available for public review at the Milwaukee District Office. The draft, proposed, and the final PA/EA will be available upon request.

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Notice of Intent for Planning Analyses

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

SUMMARY: The Jackson District Office, Eastern States, will prepare Planning Analyses (PA) for consideration of leasing ten scattered tracts of Federal mineral estate for oil and gas exploration and development. The PAs will be prepared in concert with Environmental Analyses (EA).

This notice is issued pursuant to Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1501.7 and Title 43 CFR 1610.2(c). The planning effort will follow the procedures set forth in 43 CFR Part 1600.

The public is invited to participate in this planning process, beginning with the identification of planning issues and criteria.

DATES: Comments relating to the identification of planning issues and criteria will be accepted through May 30, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Bureau of Land Management, Jackson District, 411 Briarwood Drive, Suite 404, Jackson, Mississippi 39206.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sid Vogelpohl, Assistant District Manager for Mineral Resources, Jackson District, (601) 977-5400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM has responsibility to consider applications to lease Federal mineral

estate for oil and gas exploration and development. An interdisciplinary team will be used in the preparation of the PA/EAs. Preliminary issues, subject to change as a result of public input, are (1) potential impacts of oil and gas exploration and development on the surface resources and (2) consideration of restrictions on lease rights to protect surface resources.

Due to the scattered nature of the ten tracts proposed for leasing, a separate analysis will be prepared for each tract. Tract locations, along with acreages, are listed below.

Arkansas; Sebastian County, Fifth Meridian
T 7 N, R 31 W, Sec. 36;

T 7 N, R 30 W, Sec. 31 & 32; 970 acres.

Arkansas, Yell County, Fifth Meridian

T 5 N, R 25 W, Sec. 10; 511 acres.

Louisiana, Bienville Parish, LA Meridian

T 16 N, R 7 W, Sec. 15; 40 acres.

Louisiana, Livingston Parish, LA Meridian

T 5 S, R 4 E, Sec. 39; 636 acres.

Louisiana, Vermillion Parish, LA Meridian

T 12 S, R 1 E, Sec. 26 & 27; 295 acres.

Mississippi, Covington County, St. Stephens Meridian

T 6 N, R 14 W, Sec. 21; 88 acres.

Mississippi, Hancock County, St. Stephens Meridian

T 7 S, R 16 W, Sec 31;

T 8 S, R 16 W, Sec. 8 & 17; 1,404 acres.

Mississippi, Jones County, St. Stephens Meridian

T 7 N, R 13 W, Sec. 33; 29 acres.

Mississippi, Monroe County, Huntsville Meridian

T 15 S, R 17 W, Sec. 1; 120 acres.

Mississippi, Pearl River, St. Stephens Meridian

T 4 S, R 18 W, Sec. 37; 26 acres.

Due to the limited scope of this PA/EA process, public meetings are not scheduled.

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District Manager, Jackson.

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Public Land Order No. 7193; Withdrawal of Public Lands and Reserved Minerals for Protection of Yakima Firing Center Expansion; Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.