trails are open to public use in accordance with such limits and restrictions as are, or may be, specified in the resource management plan (RMP) or TMP, or in future decisions implementing the RMP. This definition excludes any road or trail with BLM-authorized restrictions that prevent use of the road or trail. Restrictions may include signs or physical barriers such as gates, fences, posts, branches, or rocks.

Existing travel routes means immediately-recognizable motor vehicle travel routes or two-track trails that are not identified as closed to motorized vehicle use by a BLM sign or map and are recognized by the BLM as existing on the ground as of January 12, 2001.

Public land means any land or interest in land owned by the United States and administered by the Secretary of the Interior through the BLM without regard to how the United States acquired ownership.

Mechanized vehicle means a human-powered mechanical device, such as a bicycle, not powered by a motor.

Motorized vehicle means a vehicle that is propelled by a motor or engine, such as a car, truck, off-highway vehicle, motorcycle, or snowmobile.

Prohibited Acts

1. Except as provided by Rule 2 below, you must not operate or possess a motorized or mechanized vehicle in an area designated as closed to such use by a BLM sign or map.

2. You must not operate or possess a mechanized or motorized vehicle except in areas designated or routes identified for such use by a BLM sign or map, unless:

- You are using a mechanized game cart for the purpose of retrieving a large game animal with a valid carcass tag outside of Congressionally-designated wilderness areas or wilderness study areas; or
- You are using a motorized vehicle for the purpose of parking or camping within 30 feet of the edge of a designated travel route or on existing travel routes within 300 feet of a designated travel route.

3. You must not operate or possess a motorized vehicle from March 15 to May 15 in specific areas of identified priority sage-grouse habitat as designated by a BLM sign or map.

Exceptions

These supplementary rules do not apply to emergency, law enforcement, and Federal or other government vehicles while being used for official or other emergency purposes, or to any other vehicle use that is expressly authorized or otherwise officially approved by the BLM.

Penalties

Under Section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733(a)) and 43 CFR 8360.0–7, any person who violates any of these supplementary rules may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than $1,000 or imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.

Ruth Welch,

BLM Colorado State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

[Docket No. BOEM–2015–0001]

Notice of Availability Environmental Assessment for Commercial Wind Lease Issuance and Site Assessment Activities on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf Offshore North Carolina; MMAA104000

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment.

SUMMARY: BOEM is announcing the availability of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for commercial wind lease issuance, site characterization activities (geological, geotechnical/archeological and biological surveys) and site assessment activities (including the installation and operation of a meteorological tower and/or buoys) on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf offshore North Carolina. The EA considers the potential impacts of the proposed action and analyzes reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. This Notice of Availability (NOA) also serves to announce the beginning of the public comment period on the EA. The EA and associated information are available on BOEM's Web site at *http://www.boem.gov/State-Activities-North-Carolina/.*

Authority: This NOA for an EA is in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4231 *et seq.*), and is published pursuant to 43 CFR 46.305.

DATES: Comments should be submitted no later than February 23, 2015. BOEM will conduct public information meetings to explain the proposed activities analyzed in the EA and provide additional opportunity for public comment on the EA. The meetings will be held on the following dates:

- Monday, February 9, 2015, in the Northern Outer Banks, NC
- Wednesday, February 11, 2015, in Wilmington, NC
- Thursday, February 12, 2015, in Carolina Shores or Sunset Beach, NC

Additional information on specific times and venues will be posted online at: *http://www.boem.gov/State-Activities-North-Carolina/.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Morin, BOEM Office of Renewable Energy Programs, 381 Elden Street, HM 1328, Herndon, Virginia 20170–4817, (703) 787–1340 or *michelle.morin@boem.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Federal, state, tribal, and local governments and/or agencies and the public may submit written comments on this EA through the following methods:

1. Federal eRulemaking Portal: *http://www.regulations.gov.* In the field entitled ''Enter Keyword or ID,'' enter BOEM–2015–0001, and then click ''search.'' Follow the instructions to submit public comments and view supporting and related materials available for this notice;

2. In written form, delivered by hand or by mail, enclosed in an envelope labeled ''Commercial Wind Lease Issuance and Site Assessment Activities on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf Offshore North Carolina Environmental Assessment'' and addressed to Program Manager, Office of Renewable Energy, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 381 Elden Street, HM 1328, Herndon, Virginia 20170– 4817.

Before including your address, phone number, email address or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comments to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: December 31, 2014.

Walter D. Cruickshank,

Acting Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

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