

take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with surveys throughout each species' range in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before March 14, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief—Endangered Species, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 NE. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181; Fax: (503) 231-6243. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 20 days of the date of publication of this notice to the address above; telephone: (503) 231-2063. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents.

Dated: January 31, 2001.
Rowan W. Gould,
Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. § 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the *Federal Register*, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Tribal-State Compact between the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana and the State of Louisiana,

which was executed on December 11, 2000, except for Section 12(C) which has been disapproved pursuant to the severability clause in Section 2(F).

DATES: This action is effective February 12, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

Dated: January 25, 2001.
James H. McDivitt,
Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs (Management).
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-SJFO-01-0001EIS]

Draft Environmental Impact Statement Oil and Gas Development on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Extension of comment period and notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management published a Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement Oil and Gas Development on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation on January 5, 2001, (FR Vol. 66, No. 4, page 1152). Included in the notice was that comments would be received until March 6, 2001. This notice extends the comment period from March 6, 2001, until March 20, 2001. This notice also serves as notice of a public meeting to be held on the DEIS on February 27, 2001.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement until March 20, 2001. The public meeting on the DEIS will be held on February 27, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at Rolling Thunder Hall, 14826 Hwy 172, Ignacio, Colorado, from 6-8 pm (MST). Please address questions, comments, or request for copies of the DEIS to the Bureau of Land Management, San Juan Field Office, Attn: Donald Englishman, 15 Burnett Court, Durango, CO 81310.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald Englishman at the above address or phone: 970-385-1346.

Dated: January 30, 2001.

Calvin N. Joyner,
San Juan Field Office Manager, Colorado,
Bureau of Land Management, USDI.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-920-01-1310-FI-P; NDM 87298, NDM 87300, NDM 87301, NDM 87303]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Leases

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Per Pub. L. 97-451, the lessee timely filed a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas leases NDM 87298, NDM 87300, NDM 87301, and NDM 87303, McKenzie County, North Dakota. The lessee paid the required rentals accruing from the dates of termination.

We haven't issued any leases affecting the lands. The lessee agrees to new lease terms for rentals and royalties of \$10 per acre and 16-2/3 percent or 4 percentages above the existing competitive royalty rate. The lessee paid the \$500 administration fee for the reinstatement of each lease and \$148 cost for publishing this Notice.

The lessee has met the requirements for reinstatement of the leases per Section 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188). We are proposing to reinstate the leases, effective the date of termination subject to:

- The original terms and conditions of the leases;
- The increased rental of \$10 per acre;
- The increased royalty of 16 2/3 percent or 4 percentages above the existing competitive royalty rate; and
- The \$148 cost of publishing this Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen L. Johnson, Chief, Fluids Adjudication Section, BLM Montana State Office, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107, (406) 896-5098

Dated: January 22, 2001.
Karen L. Johnson,
Chief, Fluids Adjudication Section.
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Honorable Lovelin Poncho
Chairman
Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
P.O. Box 818
Elton, Louisiana 70532

Dear Chairman Poncho:

We have completed our review of the Tribal-State Compact for the conduct of Class III Gaming between the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana (Tribe) and the State of Louisiana (State), executed on December 11, 2000. For the following reasons, we are approving the Compact in its entirety, with the exception of Section 12(C). Section 12(C) provides that the "Tribe shall make quarterly financial contributions of six percent (6%) of the Tribe's net revenues from the conduct of Class III gaming to the local governmental authorities of Allen Parish, Louisiana. These contributions shall be used to offset and defray the expenses of those local governmental authorities resulting from the conduct of Class III gaming."

As we indicated in our letter dated December 14, 2000, in order for us to approve such a provision, the amount of payments must be based on either an accounting that establishes the local government's actual costs, or a reasonable estimate of the costs of the programs or services necessitated as a direct result of the Class III gaming activities under the Compact. If costs are estimated, then the extent to which the estimated costs are the result of a bilateral tribal-state negotiation process may be considered.

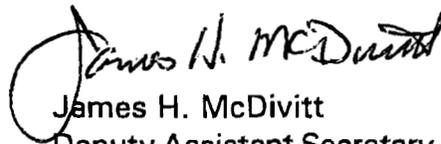
The Allen Parish Gaming Revenue Distribution Commission (Commission) has submitted a Analysis of Allen Parish Cost Impacts (Report), dated January 17, 2001, as requested in our December 14, 2000 letter. The Report does not include an accounting, but includes an analysis of estimated impact costs. Although the Report provides documentation that meets the requirements of our December 14 letter, the Tribe, by letter dated January 19, 2001, (copy enclosed), has challenged the reliability of the information provided, and has questioned the credibility of the entire section of the Report on cost impacts.

Although we are not in a position to verify the accuracy of the Tribe's allegations in the time we have left to approve or disapprove the Compact under IGRA, it is clear to us that the estimated costs in the Commission's Report are not the result of a bilateral negotiation process.

For these reasons, we believe that the best course of action is to afford the parties the opportunity to mediate this issue in the next 180 days, as provided in Section 2(F) of the Compact. Section 2(F) of the Compact makes it clear that if one provision of the compact violates IGRA, Federal law, or our trust responsibility, and therefore is disapproved, the remainder of the compact shall remain in effect. Therefore, notwithstanding our determination that Section 12(C) is disapproved, the remainder of the Compact remains lawful by its terms upon approval.

We wish the Tribe and the State success in their economic venture.

Sincerely,



James H. McDivitt
Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs
(Management)

Enclosures

Similar Letter Sent to: Honorable Mike Foster, Jr.
Governor, State of Louisiana
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

cc: Eastern Region Office w/copy of approved Compact
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Louisiana US Attorney w/copy of approved Compact