

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Receipt of Petition for Federal Acknowledgment of Existence as an Indian Tribe

May 23, 1980.

This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 54.8(a) notice is hereby given that the Nipmuc Tribal Council, c/o Miss Zara CiscoeBrough, Hassanamisco Reservation, Grafton, Massachusetts 01519 has filed a petition for acknowledgment by the Secretary of the Interior that the group exists as an Indian tribe. The petition was received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs on April 22. The petition was forwarded and signed by Miss Zara CiscoeBrough.

This is a notice of receipt of petition and does not constitute notice that the petition is under active consideration. Notice of active consideration will be by mail to the petitioner and other interested parties at the appropriate time.

Under Section 54.8(d) of the Federal regulations, interested parties may submit factual or legal arguments in support of or in opposition to the group's petition. Any information submitted will be made available on the same basis as other information in the Bureau of Indian Affairs files.

The petition may be examined by appointment in the Division of Tribal Government Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, 18th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20242.

Ralph Reeser,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Proposed Grazing Management Program for the San Juan Environmental Impact Statement Area, San Juan, Rio, Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, N. Mex.; Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Public Hearings

Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Grazing Management Program in the San Juan EIS area in San Juan, Rio

Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico.

At present, livestock grazing is authorized on 926,909 acres of public lands within the San Juan Planning Unit. Under the proposed grazing program, all allotments (excluding existing AMP allotments) would be managed under a more intensive grazing management program. A minimum rest period from livestock grazing, (April 1 to May 31 and July 15 to September 15), would be required on a pasture by pasture basis one year out of every three. Existing season-of-use would be altered to some degree on approximately 84 percent of the allotments in the area. No combination of allotments or change in class of livestock is proposed. Range improvements necessary to implement the proposed grazing program include: dirt tanks, wells, pipelines, drinking troughs, storage tanks, spring developments, fences, cattleguards, and vegetation treatment of approximately 54,000 acres (chaining, spraying, plowing, seeding, etc.). The initial allocation of AUM's would be: livestock—69,335 AUM's; wildlife—5,799 AUM's; wild horses—276 AUM's. The anticipated allocation of AUM's by the year 2000 (long term) would be: livestock—90,311 AUM's; wildlife—16,630 AUM's; wild horses—276 AUM's.

A limited number of copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement are available at the Albuquerque District Office, 3550 Pan American Freeway, P.O. Box 6770, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107; and at the Farmington Resource Area Office, 900 La Plata Highway, P.O. Box 568, Farmington, New Mexico 87401. Public reading copies are available for review at the BLM State Office, Office of Public Affairs, U.S. Federal Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico and public and university libraries around the state of New Mexico.

Albuquerque City Library, 501 Copper Avenue, NW., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107.

University of New Mexico, General Library, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87131.

Farmington City Library, 302 North Orchard Avenue, Farmington, New Mexico 87401.

Santa Fe Public Library, 121 Washington Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501.

Gallup Public Library, 115 West Hill Avenue, Gallup, New Mexico 87301.

Grants Public Library, 525 West High, Grants, New Mexico 87020.

Aztec Public Library, 201 W. Chaco, Aztec, New Mexico 87401.

Durango Public Library, 1188 2nd Ave., Durango, Colorado 81301.

Cortez Public Library, 700 E. Montezuma Ave., Cortez, Colorado 81321.

Bureau of Land Management, Cuba Field Office, P.O. Box 668, Cuba, New Mexico 87013.

New Mexico State University Library, Attn: Lila Foss, Box 3475, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88003.

Library NMSU—San Juan Campus, 4601 College Blvd., Farmington, New Mexico 87401.

BLM invites comments on the adequacy of the draft statement. Comments will be accepted until July 28, 1980, which is the close of the 45 day public comment period. Comments should be addressed to District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 6770, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107.

Public hearings will be held at San Juan Community College Auditorium, Farmington, New Mexico on July 8, 1980 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., and at the Holiday Inn, 2020 Menaul N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico on July 9, 1980 at 7:00 p.m. Oral comments will be limited to 10 minutes. Anyone wanting to present oral comments should contact Jeff Radford in the Albuquerque District Office, phone (505) 766-2455 by July 8, 1980.

Dated: May 30, 1980.

Arthur W. Zimmerman,
State Director, New Mexico.

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Geological Survey

Oil and Gas and Sulphur Operations in the Outer Continental Shelf

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of the receipt of a proposed development and production plan.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces that Chevron U.S.A. Inc., Unit Operator of the Main Pass Block 40 Federal Unit Agreement No. 14-08-001-3847, submitted on May 30, 1980, a proposed Supplemental Plan of Development/Production describing the activities it proposes to conduct on the Main Pass Block 40 Federal Unit.

The purpose of this Notice is to inform the public, pursuant to Section 25 of the OCS Lands Act Amendments of 1978, that the Geological Survey is considering approval of the Plan and that it is available for public review at the offices of the Conservation Manager, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, U.S. Geological Survey, 3301 N. Causeway Blvd., Room 147, Metairie, Louisiana 70002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Geological Survey, Public Records,