



# United States Department of the Interior



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Addendum

### Information Notice

Please note the following addendum to the Bureau of Land Management-Eastern States (BLM-ES) Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale Notice dated June 17, 2011. BLM-ES' oral auction will be held on September 15, 2011.

The following BLM Oil and Gas Leasing Surface Use Stipulations applies to all USDA Forest Service parcels located in the Homochitto and Bienville National Forests in Mississippi (parcel #s 1 thru 70) and the Jefferson National Forest in Virginia (parcel #93):

### **BLM Oil and Gas Leasing Surface Use Stipulations**

#### **(1). Cultural Resources and Tribal Consultation**

**Stipulation:** This lease may be found to contain historic properties and/or resources protected under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), American Indian Religious Freedom Act, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, E.O. 13007, or other statutes and executive orders. The BLM will not approve any ground disturbing activities that may affect any such properties or resources until it completes its obligations under applicable requirements of the NHP A and other authorities. These obligations may include a requirement that you provide a cultural resources survey conducted by a professional archaeologist approved by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). If currently unknown burial sites are discovered during development activities associated with this lease, these activities must cease immediately, applicable law on unknown burials will be followed and, if necessary, consultation with the appropriate tribe/group of federally recognized Native Americans will take place. The BLM may require modification to exploration or development proposals to protect such properties, or disapprove any activity that is likely to result in adverse effects that cannot be successfully avoided, minimized or mitigated.

**Exception:** None

**Modification:** None

**Waiver:** None

## **(2). Endangered Species**

**Stipulation:** The lease area may now or hereafter contain plants, animals, or their habitats determined to be threatened, endangered, or other special status species. BLM may recommend modifications to exploration and development proposals to further its conservation and management objective to avoid BLM-approved activity that will contribute to a need to list such a species or their habitat. BLM may require modifications to or disapprove proposed activity that is likely to result in jeopardy to the continued existence of a proposed or listed threatened or endangered species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of a designated or proposed critical habitat. BLM will not approve any ground-disturbing activity that may affect any such species or critical habitat until it completes its obligations under applicable requirements of the Endangered Species Act as amended, 16 U.S.C. ' 1531 et seq., including completion of any required procedure for conference or consultation.

**Exception:** An exception may be granted if the operator agrees to implement measures developed in consultation with USDA Forest Service, USFWS, and coordination with state agencies.

**Modification:** The stipulation may be modified if it is determined that a portion of the lease area does not support threatened, endangered, or other special status species. Since the surface is under the management and jurisdiction of the USDA Forest Service, any waivers must meet USDA Forest Service policies/regulations and be approved by the USDA Forest Service.

**Waiver:** The stipulation may be waived if it is determined that a portion of the lease area does not support threatened, endangered, or other special status species. Since the surface is under the management and jurisdiction of the USDA Forest Service, any waivers must meet USDA Forest Service policies/regulations and be approved by the USDA Forest Service.

## **(3). Sensitive Plant Species**

**Stipulation:** All suitable special status plant species habitat will be identified during environmental review of any proposed surface use activity. If field examination indicates that habitat of one or more of these species is present, BLM will require a survey by a qualified botanist for special status plants during time periods appropriate to each species. Operations will not be allowed in areas where sensitive plants would be affected.

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**(4). Invasive and Non-Native Species**

**Stipulation:** Use of native or non-invasive plants in seeding mixtures under the direction/supervision of the USDA Forest Service will be encouraged to stabilize disturbed areas and during restoration activities. Construction sites will be surveyed for invasive species prior to ground disturbance. If invasive species are found, the proper control measures will be used to either eradicate the species from the area or minimize its spread to other areas under the direction of USDA Forest Service and BLM. If an invasive species is found on site after construction has begun, equipment will be washed before exiting the site to prevent the spread of this highly invasive species to other locations. Pre-construction monitoring for invasive plant species should be conducted to ensure early detection control.

**Exception:** None

**Modification:** None

**Waiver:** None

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