

number MTM 87910 and be received no later than 30 calendar days after publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register** or 10 calendar days after the last publication of this Notice in the Big Horn County News, whichever is later. This Notice will be published once a week for 2 consecutive weeks in the Big Horn County News.

The proposed exploration program is fully described, and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the Bureau of Land Management. The exploration plan, as submitted by Spring Creek Coal Company, is available for public inspection at the Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, Granite Tower Building, 222 North 32nd Street, Billings, Montana, during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Giovanini, Mining Engineer, or Bettie Schaff, Land Law Examiner, Branch of Solid Minerals (MT-921), Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800, telephone (406) 255-2818 or (406) 255-2832, respectively (commercial or FTS).

Dated: March 9, 1998.

Edward L. Hughes,
Acting Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Utah-Notice of Invitation To Participate in Coal Exploration Program; Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, West Ridge, Upper Huntington Canyon, UT

Canyon Fuel Company, LLC is inviting all qualified parties to participate in its proposed exploration of certain Federal coal deposits in the following described lands in Sanpete County, Utah:

- T. 13 S., R. 6 E., SLM, UT
 - Sec. 21, lots 1-4, E2E2;
 - Sec. 28, lots 1-8, S2NW, SW;
 - Sec. 33, E2, NWNW, E2NW, SWSW.
 - T. 14 S., R. 6 E., SLM, UT
 - Sec. 4, all;
 - Sec. 5, all;
 - Sec. 6, all.
- Containing 3,229.73 acres.

Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice of such election to the Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155, and to Mark Bunnell, Mine Geologist, Canyon Fuel Company,

LLC, Skyline Mine, P.O. Box 719, Helper, Utah 84526. Such written notice must be received within thirty days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Any party wishing to participate in this exploration program must be qualified to hold a lease under the provisions of 43 CFR 3472.1 and must share all cost on a pro rata basis. An exploration plan submitted by Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, detailing the scope and timing of this exploration program, is available for public review during normal business hours in the public room of the BLM State Office, 324 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, under serial number UTU-76864.

Dated: March 11, 1998.

Douglas M. Koza,
Deputy State Director, Natural Resources.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-078-98-1430-00]

Resource Management Plan Amendment and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on Oil and Gas Development

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regulations in CFR 1610.5-5, BLM intends to amend the Resource Management Plan (RMP) for its Glenwood Springs Resource Area (GSRA). As described in a Notice of Intent published on April 21, 1997 (62 FR 19349), BLM is preparing a supplemental EIS on the impacts of oil and gas development in the GSRA. That EIS process has indicated that some changes in the leasing decisions are necessary and that an RMP amendment will be required. Further, as anticipated in that original Notice of Intent, the Department of Defense Authorization Act of 1998 (November 18, 1997) transferred management authority for Naval Oil Shale Reserves (NOSR) 1 and 3 from the Department of Energy to BLM. The Act directs BLM to lease certain lands in the NOSRs for oil and gas development by November 18, 1998. Those lands will be included in the supplemental EIS, and the RMP will be amended to reflect decisions made on leasing of the NOSR lands as well as leasing decisions on other BLM lands in the GSRA.

DATES: Comments will be accepted until April 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Area Manager, Glenwood Springs Resource Area, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1009, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602, ATTN: Oil and Gas EIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steve Moore, (970) 947-2824.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Notice of Intent to prepare a supplemental EIS on oil and gas leasing and development in the GSRA was published on April 21, 1997 (62 FR 19349). That EIS process has indicated that some changes in the leasing decisions are necessary and that an RMP amendment will be required. Further, as anticipated in that original notice, the Department of Defense Authorization Act of 1998 (November 18, 1997) transferred management authority for the NOSRs from the Department of Energy to BLM. In addition to transferring management authority to BLM, the Act directs BLM to lease approximately 6,000 acres in the NOSRs for oil and gas development by November 18, 1998. Prior to the transfer, the Department of Energy had already begun development of this oil and gas production area. Oil and gas leases for the production area will be sold at auction next fall.

The general character of the NOSR lands that are to be offered for lease is similar to the surrounding BLM lands which are being evaluated in the supplemental EIS. Additionally, many of the issues concerning oil and gas development of those lands are the same as those being considered in the supplemental EIS. It has been decided, therefore, to include the NOSR lands in the supplemental EIS, and the RMP will be amended to reflect decisions made on leasing of the NOSR lands as well as other BLM lands in the GSRA.

Anticipating the change in management authority for the NOSRs, the GSRA has been collecting environmental and resource data on the production area and has already initiated preliminary evaluation of impacts.

Consideration of the wildlife, visual, soils, riparian, socioeconomic and other issues being evaluated in the supplemental EIS will now formally include the NOSR production area. A draft of the supplemental EIS is planned for late May, 1998.

Formal scoping for the supplemental EIS will be re-opened for the next 30 days. Comments concerning the potential impacts of oil and gas development in the NOSR production area as well as impacts of development

in the rest of the GSRA are welcome. Additional scoping measures will include a press release describing the addition of the NOSR production area to the EIS, an informational mailing to interested citizens and ongoing consultation with interested organizations.

Michael S. Mottice,
Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WYW-142433]

Bighorn Basin Resource Area, WY; Discovery of Dinosaur Tracks

ACTION: Notice of intent to conduct a planning review and request for public participation concerning the discovery of dinosaur tracks in Big Horn County, Wyoming, Bighorn Basin resource area.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) invites the public to identify management needs and issues associated with the recent discovery of dinosaur tracks on BLM-administered public lands in Big Horn County, Wyoming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Bies, Bighorn Basin Resource Area Archaeologist or Chuck Wilkie, Bighorn Basin Resource Area Manager; Bureau of Land Management, P. O. Box 119, Worland, Wyoming 82401-0119; (307) 347-5100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A review of existing land-use planning decisions is being conducted to evaluate how to best manage public lands, resources, educational opportunities, and other values associated with the recent discovery of dinosaur tracks on BLM-administered public lands in the Bighorn Basin Resource Area near Shell, Wyoming. The tracks were not addressed in the Washakie Resource Management Plan (RMP) which was completed in 1988, and a review of BLM's planning decisions for the discovery area is needed to evaluate the adequacy of existing management prescriptions for the protection of the tracks and related values. The planning review will also consider management options for public education, interpretation, scientific research, and recreation in the area. Any needed changes in existing management or any new management actions to be prescribed for the area will be identified and, if necessary, the Washakie RMP will be amended.

The planning review will include opportunities for public participation. These opportunities will be announced through **Federal Register** notices, media releases, or mailings. The public will be invited to one or more meetings to discuss problems, conflicts, concerns, and planning issues in the review area along with potential management options. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental analysis process will be used for evaluating these options and for developing a management prescription for the discovery area.

If the planning review results in the need to amend the Washakie RMP, other notices, mailings, or media releases will announce a 30-day public comment/protest period on the proposed amendment.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents will be available for public review at the Worland District Office, 101 South 23rd Street, Worland, Wyoming, during regular business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: March 10, 1998.

Alan R. Pierson,
State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-958-0777-63; GP7-0063; ORE-017791]

Public Land Order No. 7322; Modification and Partial Revocation of Public Land Order No. 4145; Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order modifies a public land order to establish a 20-year term as to 20 acres of National Forest System land withdrawn for the Forest Service's West Eagle Meadow Campground in the

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. The land has been and remains closed to mining. This order also revokes the public land order insofar as it affects the remaining 49.82 acres, which will be opened to mining. All of the land has been and remains open to surface entry and mineral leasing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 16, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Betty McCarthy, BLM Oregon/Washington State Office, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208-2965, 503-952-6155.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Public Land Order No. 4145 is hereby modified to expire 20 years from the effective date of this order, unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (1994), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended insofar as it affects the following described land:

Willamette Meridian

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest
West Eagle Meadow Campground
T. 5 S., R. 43 E., unsurveyed,
Sec. 32, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 20 acres in Union County.

The land described above continues to be withdrawn from location and entry under the mining laws, but has been and remains open to such forms of disposition as may by law be made of National Forest System land, including leasing under the mineral leasing laws to protect the Forest Service's West Eagle Meadow Campground.

2. Public Land Order No. 4145 is hereby revoked insofar as it affects the following described land:

Willamette Meridian

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest
West Eagle Meadow Campground
T. 5 S., R. 43 E., unsurveyed,
Sec. 32, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 6 S., R. 43 E.,
Sec. 5, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of lot 4.

The area described contains approximately 49.82 acres in Union and Baker Counties.

3. At 8:30 a.m. on April 16, 1998, the land described in paragraph 2 will be opened to location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of