

**Certification**

I hereby certify that the establishment of the Science Advisory Board is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the Secretary of the Interior's responsibilities to manage the public lands and resources administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: April 15, 1998.

**Bruce Babbitt,**

*Secretary of the Interior.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

[MT-060-08-1610-00, 1613P]

**Notice of Intent to Prepare an Area of Critical Environmental Concern Plan Amendment for the Judith-Valley-Phillips Resource Management Plan**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will amend the Judith-Valley-Phillips Resource Management Plan (RMP). The Bureau of Land Management is amending the RMP to address special management for two potential Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC); Bitter Creek and Mountain Plover. The public land being considered is located in Valley County, Montana. An environmental assessment will be prepared by the Valley Resource Area to analyze the impacts of this proposal and any alternatives.

**DATES:** Comments and recommendations on this notice to amend the Judith-Valley-Phillips RMP should be received on or before May 18, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments concerning this notice to Richard M. Hotaling, Area Manager, Valley Resource Area, RR1-4775, Glasgow, MT 59230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jerry Majerus, 406-538-7461.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** An ACEC is an area within the public lands where special management attention is required to protect important historic, cultural or scenic values, fish and wildlife resources or other natural systems, or to protect life and safety from natural hazards.

In November 1990, the BLM received the Mixed Grass Prairie ACEC nomination which encompasses

approximately 350,000 acres of public land in north Valley County. This area was nominated by several organizations for its natural integrity, scenic values, vegetation and on the basis that it is one of the largest and most intact sections of prairie remaining in the United States and a continuation of the Canadian Grasslands National Park. The BLM evaluated this nomination to determine it met both the relevance and importance criteria as outlined in the BLM's procedural guidance to ACECs (BLM Manual 1613). In summary, the entire nomination area was found to be relevant in terms of the scenic, cultural, and wildlife resources. In addition, two areas of approximately 100,000 acres in size were found relevant from a natural process or systems perspective. However, only the Bitter Creek Wilderness Study Area (WSA) (59,660 acres) was found to meet the importance criteria due to the scenic diversity and variety of vegetation types and wildlife habitats. The Bitter Creek WSA does qualify for further consideration as an ACEC.

In addition to the Mixed Grass Prairie nomination, the BLM previously evaluated the Mountain River (9,600 acres) nomination in south Valley County and determined it is a potential ACEC. This area was nominated for the mountain plover, a candidate species identified by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The area provides natural habitat for the mountain plover which is not associated with black-tailed prairie dogs. It is one of the last areas of native plover habitat and is more than locally significant.

The next step before either of these areas could become designated ACEC's is to determine if they require special management. Alternatives for special management will be considered through this plan amendment to the Judith-Valley-Phillips RMP. Meetings for the plan amendment are not yet scheduled. If meetings are scheduled, the public will be notified through an informational letter and/or local news releases.

The BLM is seeking comments from individuals, organizations, and agencies who may be interested or affected by the potential ACECs. Specifically, comments on nominations, issues, concerns or alternatives that should be addressed in the plan amendment.

This notice meets the requirements of 43 CFR 1610.7-2 for designation of ACECs.

(Authority: Sec. 202, Pub. L. 94-579, 90 Stat. 2747 (43 U.S.C. 1712))

Dated: April 9, 1998.

**Scott Haight,**

*Acting District Manager.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

[WO-230-1110-00-24 1A]

**Science Advisory Board; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Announcement of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces a meeting of its Science Advisory Board on Thursday, April 30, 1998, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 150 Anza Boulevard, Burlingame, California, telephone (650) 342-4600. Meeting hours will be 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The proposed agenda for the meeting is:

- Welcome by BLM Director Pat Shea;
- Existing needs and capabilities for inventory and monitoring within the BLM;
- Emerging research and assessment efforts;
- Inventory and monitoring assistance needed;
- Communication and coordination of needs and results;
- Suggestions for future action;
- Developing a coordinated inventory and monitoring strategy; and
- Public comment period.

All meetings of the Board are open to the public. Members of the public wishing to make oral statements to the Board will have an opportunity to do so beginning at 3:30 p.m. Persons wishing to make statements should register with the BLM by noon at the meeting location. Depending on the number of speakers, the Board may limit the length of presentations. Speakers should address specific issues listed on the agenda and provide a written copy of their statement.

**DATES:** Thursday, April 30, 1998. Science Advisory Board meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** The Board meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 150 Anza Boulevard, Burlingame, California.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christine Jauhola, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street, N.W., LSB-204, Washington, D.C. 20240, 202-452-7761, or Jack E. Williams, Bureau of Land Management, 1387 South Vinell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709, 208-373-4049.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Science Advisory Board advises the Director of the Bureau of Land Management on issues pertaining to science and the application of scientific information in the management of public lands and their resources.

Under the Federal advisory committee management regulations (41 CFR 101-6.1015(b)(2)), in exceptional circumstances an agency may give less than 15 days notice of a committee meeting if the reasons for doing so are included in the meeting notice published in the **Federal Register**. In this case, BLM made commitments with regard to scheduling the first meeting of the advisory committee based on the approval of the charter within a certain time frame. Delays in obtaining approval of the charter within the Department of the Interior resulted in publication of the meeting notice less than 15 days prior to the committee meeting.

Dated: April 15, 1998.

**Tom Fry,**

*Acting Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[UTU-69025]

#### Utah; Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

April 13, 1998.

In accordance with Title IV of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act (P.L. 97-451), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease UTU-69025 for lands in Uintah County, Utah, was timely filed and required rentals accruing from May 1, 1997, the date of termination, have been paid.

The lessee has agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10 per acre and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent, respectively. The \$500 administrative fee has been paid and the lessee has reimbursed the Bureau of Land Management for the cost of publishing this notice.

Having met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Section 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease UTU-69025, effective May 1, 1997, subject to the original terms and conditions of the

lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

**Robert Lopez,**

*Group Leader, Minerals Adjudication Group.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337-TA-407]

### Certain Remodulating Channel Selectors and Systems Containing Same; Notice of Investigation

**AGENCY:** U.S. International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Institution of investigation pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1337.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on March 12, 1998, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, on behalf of Ciena Corporation, 920 Elkridge Landing Road, Linthicum, MD 21090. On April 8, 1998, Ciena filed an amended complaint and a supplementary letter. The complaint, as amended and supplemented, alleges violations of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain remodulating channel selectors and systems containing same by reason of infringement of claims 1, 5, and 10 of U.S. Letters Patent 5,715,076. The complaint further alleges that there exists an industry in the United States as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

The complainant requests that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a permanent exclusion order and a permanent cease and desist order.

**ADDRESSES:** The complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, is available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Room 112, Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone 202-205-2000. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas S. Fusco, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202-205-2571. General information concerning

the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

**Authority:** The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and in section 210.10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 10.10 (1997).

### Scope of Investigation

Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on April 10, 1998, *ordered that*—

(1) Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, an investigation be instituted to determine whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain remodulating channel selectors or systems containing same by reason of infringement of claims 1, 5, or 10 of U.S. Letters Patent 5,715,076 and whether there exists an industry in the United States as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

(2) For the purpose of the investigation so instituted, the following are hereby named as parties upon which this notice of investigation shall be served:

(a) The complainant is: Ciena Corporation, 920 Elkridge Landing Road, Linthicum, MD 21090.

(b) The respondents are the following companies alleged to be in violation of section 337, and are the parties upon which the complaint is to be served: Pirelli, S.p.A., Viale Sarca 222, 20126 Milano (Milan), Italy; Pirelli Cavi, S.p.A., Optical Communications Systems, Viale Sarca 222, 20126 Milano (Milan), Italy; Pirelli Cables and Systems LLC, 705 Industrial Drive, Lexington, SC 29072

(c) Thomas S. Fusco, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Room 401-O, Washington, D.C. 20436, who shall be the Commission investigative attorney, party to this investigation; and

(3) For the investigation so instituted, the Honorable Sidney Harris is designated as the presiding administrative law judge.

Responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondents in accordance with section 210.13 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.13. Pursuant to 19 CFR 201.16(d) and 210.13(a), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received no later than 20 days after the date of service by the