

budget table and any figures provided in the narrative.

With the volume of proposals received, it is expected that the NAWWO will not be able to contact proposal sources to verify and/or request supplement data and/or materials. Thus, those proposals lacking required information or containing conflicting information will not be considered for funding.

For more information, and to request the Small Grants instructional booklet, call (703) 358-1784, facsimile (703) 358-2282, or send e-mail to R9ARW_NAWWO@MAIL.FWS.GOV. Contact the Small Grants Coordinator, Dr. Keith A. Morehouse, if you would like to receive the instructions booklet e-mail or on a computer disk.

In conclusion, the Service requires that upon their arrival in the NAWWO, proposal packages must be complete with regard to all of the information requested, in the format requested, and on time.

Dated: December 19, 1997.

Jamie Rappaport Clark,

Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-066-1310-03]

Amendment to Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Natural Gas Development in Carbon and Emery Counties, Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Utah.

ACTION: Amendment to Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Natural Gas Development in Carbon and Emery Counties, Utah.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(G)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management, Price Field Office is directing the preparation of an EIS by a third-party contractor on the impacts of proposed natural gas development on public, National Forest, State and private lands in Carbon and Emery Counties in central Utah. The U.S. Forest Service, Manti-La Sal National Forest, is participating in EIS preparation as a cooperating agency in accordance with Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1501.6.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Development of natural gas in the Castle

Valley area is proposed by Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, Chandler and Associates, Inc., Questar Pipeline Company and Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc. The BLM is preparing an EIS to analyze a conceptual natural gas development model based on the companies' proposals. Subsequent to initial scoping for the EIS, the project area boundary was adjusted to include a small portion of National Forest System Lands. The U.S. Forest Service was invited to participate as a cooperating agency to provide information regarding direct impacts of proposed wells on National Forest System Lands and information needed to address potential project-related cumulative effects adjacent to Forest lands and resources. Additionally, The Forest Service will make a NEPA decision dealing with activities on National Forest System lands.

Description of the Proposed Action

Field development of existing Federal leases within an area of approximately 111,000 acres in the Castle Valley area of Carbon and Emery Counties, Utah, is proposed. The project would involve 375 wells with related facilities including roads, pipelines, power lines compressor stations, and water disposal facilities. Up to 10 of these wells may be on National Forest System lands. The BLM and USFS also propose to approve development of natural gas within the project area and approve individual drilling applications, right of way authorizations and special use permits. The BLM and USFS propose to make independent NEPA decisions for activities on lands under their respective jurisdictions.

Alternatives

The EIS will analyze the Proposed Action, a No-Action Alternative, An Environmental Protection Measure Alternative, and a Wildlife Corridor Protection Alternative.

Other Relevant Information

To accommodate existing Federal leases in the area and help define the project area ecologically, the western border of the south project area in Emery County was adjusted to primarily follow the 8000-foot contour line. This boundary shift incorporated approximately 10,000 acres of National Forest System Lands. The BLM and USFS will prepare separate Record of Decision for respective portions of the EIS.

Additional information, including maps, a scoping summary and a list of issues developed through the scoping process are included in the Ferron

Natural Gas EIS Homepage located at: blm.gov/utah/minerals/ferron.html

The project schedule is as follows:

File Draft EIS—May 1998

File Final EIS—November 1998

Record of Decision—December 1998

Public Input

Three public scoping meetings were held in February 1997 to receive oral comments. Comments received from the public were included in development of EIS issues and alternatives. The BLM and USFS determined that inclusion of National Forest System Lands did not change the scope of the proposal.

ADDRESSES: Any comments should be sent to George Diwachak, Team Leader, Ferron Natural Gas EIS, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, UT, 84145-0155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Diwachak, (801) 538-4043.

Dated: January 26, 1998.

G. William Lamb,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Fire Management Activities: Oregon and Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to review and modify fire management plans, as necessary, and to conduct associated public participation.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Oregon (Burns, Coos Bay, Eugene, Lakeview, Medford, Prineville, Roseburg, Salem, and Vale Districts) and Washington (Spokane District) are reviewing their fire management activities on all of the BLM-administered public lands in Oregon and Washington. New fire management plans for all BLM districts must be completed in Fiscal Year 1998. The initial phase for completing these plans will address fire management direction based on existing land management plans, and will be available for public review by early February at the BLM offices indicated below. Other possible public involvement activities may include open houses, workshops, and/or field trips if there is sufficient interest.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Meeting dates and other public participation activities in BLM

districts will be announced in other public notices, the local media, and in letters sent to interested and potentially affected parties. Comments will be accepted throughout the process of modifying the fire management plans. Interested persons may request to be added to the mailing lists by contacting the applicable district offices. Portions of the fire management plans and/or related documents may be available in an electronic format; and some of the documents may also be available on BLM electronic Internet "web sites." Interested individuals should contact the individual district offices to determine the availability of planning documents and reports in local libraries or in electronic formats.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS, CONTACT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

Burns District: Michael Green, District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, HC 74-12533 Hwy 20 West, Hines, OR 97738, (541) 573-4400

Coos Bay District: Neil Middlebrook, Acting Assoc. District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, OR 97459, (541) 756-0100

Eugene District: Denis Williamson, District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 2890 Chad Drive, P.O. Box 10226, Eugene, OR 97440, (541) 683-6600

Lakeview District: Steve Ellis, District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 151, Lakeview, OR 97630, (541) 947-2177

Klamath Falls Resource Area: Barron Bail, Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 2795 Anderson Avenue, Bldg. 25, Klamath Falls, OR 97603, (541) 883-6916

Medford District: Van Manning, Acting District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, OR 97504, (541) 770-2200

Oregon State Office: William Bradley, Deputy State Director for Resource Planning, Use, and Protection, Bureau of Land Management, 1515 SW 5th Avenue, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, OR 97208, (503) 952-6056

Prineville District: James Hancock, District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 3050 NE 3rd, P.O. Box 550, Prineville, OR 97754, (541) 416-6700

Roseburg District: Cary Osterhaus, District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 777 NW Garden Valley Blvd., Roseburg, OR 97470, (541) 440-4930

Salem District: Mark Lawrence, Assoc. District Manager, Bureau of Land

Management, 1717 Fabry Road, SE, Salem, OR 97306, (503) 375-5646
Tillamook Resource Area: Dana Shuford, Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 4610 Third Street, Tillamook, OR 97141, (541) 815-1100
Spokane District: Joe Buesing, District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 1103 North Fancher Road, Spokane, WA 99212-1200, (509) 536-1200

Wenatchee Resource Area: James Fisher, Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 915 North Walla Walla Street, Wenatchee, WA 98801-1521, (509) 665-2100

Vale District: Ed Singleton, District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, OR 97918, (541) 473-3144

Baker Resource Area: Penelope Dunn, Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 1550 Dewey Avenue, Room 215, Baker City, OR 97814, (541) 523-1256

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Wildland Fire Policy and Program Review (1995) directs federal land managers to develop fire management plans for every area with burnable vegetation. The BLM in Oregon and Washington currently has such plans for each district. However, the BLM is reviewing and revising district fire management plans in 1998, and this is an opportunity to ensure that wildland fire management decisions are based on Land and Resource Management Plans. New fire management plans must be developed in Fiscal Year 1998.

The Federal Wildland Fire Policy and Program Review (1995) reaffirms the protection of human life as the first priority in wildland fire management. Property and natural/cultural resources are jointly the second priority, with protection decisions based on values to be protected and other considerations. The Federal Wildland Fire Policy and Program Review (1995) also stresses the need to reintroduce wildland fire into the ecosystem. The planning review will identify any need for additional fuels management prescriptions and/or changes to overall fire suppression strategies, as appropriate under existing approved land management plans. Some goals of the planning review are to identify fire management strategies to achieve desired resource conditions, reduce the potential for catastrophic wildfires through the management of fuels, and achieve a better understanding of fire's role in the natural environment.

The initial phase of fire management plan revisions will focus on the

following proposed management categories for fire management within each planning unit:

- Wildland fire is not desired at all.
- Unplanned wildland fire is likely to cause negative effects, but these effects may be mitigated through fuels management, including prescribed fire.
- Fire is desired, but there are constraints because of the existing vegetation condition due to fire exclusion.
- Fire is desired, and there are no constraints associated with resource condition or social, economic, or political considerations.

These management categories will be based on considerations including: protection of human life, protection of property and natural/cultural resources, reintroduction of fire into ecosystems, reducing the cost of fire suppression, integration of fire and resource management strategies, air quality, recreation, watershed management, livestock grazing, visual resources, and wildlife habitat.

Dated: January 22, 1998.

William L. Bradley,

Deputy State Director, Oregon/Washington.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Meeting of Sub-Committee of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, Advisory Board

AGENCY: National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, Vale District, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: A subcommittee of the Advisory Board for the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center has been formed to review BLM's draft strategic plan and to make recommendations for an action plan to accomplish broad goals and objectives of enhancing the Interpretive Center. These recommendations will be consolidated with other Advisory Board recommendations to be presented to the BLM's Vale District Manager. This subcommittee will meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Best Western Sunridge Inn, Baker City, Oregon, on February 12, at 7:00 a.m. on February 19, and at 7:00 a.m. on February 26, 1998.

DATES: The meetings will begin at 7:00 a.m. on February 12; at 7:00 a.m. on