

acres. This is the initial public notification of the pending applications listed above, in accordance with the "Powder River Operational Guidelines" (1991). Generally, a coal lease application filed under the LBA portion of BLM regulations (43 CFR 3425) takes 2–4 years to be processed to the competitive sale stage, depending on informational and environmental study requirements. The RCT may generate recommendation(s) for any or all of the new and pending LBAs.

The meeting will serve as a forum for public discussion on Federal coal management issues of concern in the Powder River Basin region. Any party interested in providing comments or data related to the above pending applications may either do so in writing to the State Director (925), Wyoming State Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003, no later than February 12, 1999, or by addressing the RCT with his/her concerns at the meeting on February 23, 1999. The draft agenda for the meeting follows.

1. Introduction of RCT Members and guests.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the April 23, 1997, RCT meeting held in Casper, WY.

3. Regional Coal Activity Status:

a. Current Production and Trend.

b. Activity Since Last RCT Meeting.

c. Status of pending LBAs previously reviewed by RCT:

—North Rochelle LBA—WYW127221

—Powder River—WYW136142

—Thundercloud—WYW136458

—Belle Ayr—WYW141568

d. Status of the Belco/Hay Creek Coal Exchange.

e. Environmental Status Check update.

f. Wetlands Unsuitability Criteria update.

g. Status of Coal Leasing Potential Report.

4. Lease Applicant Presentations:

—Spring Creek Coal Company

—Jacobs Ranch Coal Company

5. RCT Activity Planning Recommendations

—Review and recommendation(s) on pending lease Application(s)

6. Discussion of the next meeting.

7. Adjourn.

Dated: January 12, 1999.

Alan R. Pierson,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ES–020–1310–00]

Notice of Intent for Planning Analyses

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

SUMMARY: The Jackson Field Office, Eastern States, will prepare a Planning Analyses (PA) for consideration of leasing two scattered tracts of Federal mineral estate for oil and gas exploration and development. The PAs will be prepared in concert with Environmental Analyses (EA).

The notice is issued pursuant to Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1501.7 and Title 43 CFR 1610.2(c). The planning effort will follow the procedures set forth in 43 CFR Part 1600.

The public is invited to participate in this planning process, beginning with the identification of planning issues and criteria.

DATES: Comments relating to the identification of planning issues and criteria will be accepted through February 17, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Bureau of Land Management, Jackson Field Office, 411 Briarwood Drive, Suite 404, Jackson, Mississippi 39206.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Quazi T. Islam, Physical Scientist, Jackson Field Office, (601) 977–5473.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM has responsibility to consider applications to lease Federal mineral estate for oil and gas exploration and development. An interdisciplinary team will be used in preparation of the PA/EAs. Preliminary issues, subject to change as a result of public input, are (1) potential impacts of oil and gas exploration and development on the surface resources and (2) consideration of restrictions on lease rights to protect surface resources.

Due to the scattered nature of the two tracts proposed for leasing, a separate analysis will be prepared for each tract. Tract locations, along with acreages, are listed below.

Alabama, Conecuh County, St. Stephens Meridian,

T 6 N, R 9 E, Section 33; 53 acres more or less.

Mississippi, Lowndes County, Huntsville Meridian,

T 16 S, R 18 W, Sections 31 and 32; T 16 S, R 19 W, Section 36; and T 17 S, R 18 W, Section 5; all within the boundary of the Columbus Air Force Base containing 1381.5 acres more or less.

Due to the limited scope of this PA/EA process, public meetings are not scheduled.

Bruce E. Dawson,

Field Manager, Jackson.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Arizona: Notice of Realty Action; Competitive Sale of Public Land in Quartzsite, La Paz County, AZ

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Extension of notice.

SUMMARY: The following land in La Paz County, Arizona, has been found suitable for disposal under sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2750, 43 U.S.C. 1713). The extension will allow additional time to complete the sale.

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

T. 4N., R. 19W.,

Sec. 22, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 23, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 29, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,

W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Aggregating 260.00 acres, more or less.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 20, 1996, the Yuma Field Office published a notice for this public land sale in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 67342). This notice segregated the subject public land from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, pending disposition of the action or 270 days from the date of publication of the notice in the **Federal Register**. An Extension of the Notice for segregation was published in the **Federal Register** on September 23, 1997 (62 FR 49701). A second Extension of the Notice for segregation was published in the **Federal Register** on June 1, 1998 (63 FR 29746).

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** that segregation will be extended pending disposition of the action or for another 270 day period, whichever occurs first.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Debbie DeBock, Realty Specialist, Yuma Field Office, 2555 East Gila Ridge Road, Yuma, AZ 85365, (520) 317–3208.

Dated: January 11, 1999.

Gail Acheson,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Grand Canyon National Park, Coconino County, AZ

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a proposal for a cellular communication site at Grand Canyon National Park has been received. The project will be to construct and operate a telecommunications facility at Hopi Point on the South Rim of the park.

DATES: Written comment time has been extended from January 11, 1999 to February 5, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Superintendent, Attn.: Barbara Nelson, Telecommunications Specialist, Grand Canyon National Park, P.O. Box 129, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Nelson, Telecommunications Specialist at telephone number 520-638-7710.

Dated: January 12, 1999.

Nicky Lindig,

Acting Deputy Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Quarterly Status Report of Water Service and Repayment Contract Negotiations

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of proposed contractual actions pending through December 31, 1998, and contract actions that have been completed or discontinued since the last publication of this notice on October 20, 1998. From the date of this publication, future quarterly notices during this calendar year will be limited to modified, new, completed, or discontinued contract actions. This annual notice should be used as a point of reference to identify changes in future notices. This notice is one of a variety

of means used to inform the public about proposed contractual actions for capital recovery and management of project resources and facilities. Additional Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) announcements of individual contract actions may be published in the **Federal Register** and in newspapers of general circulation in the areas determined by Reclamation to be affected by the proposed action. Announcements may be in the form of news releases, legal notices, official letters, memorandums, or other forms of written material. Meetings, workshops, and/or hearings may also be used, as appropriate, to provide local publicity. The public participation procedures do not apply to proposed contracts for sale of surplus or interim irrigation water for a term of 1 year or less. Either of the contracting parties may invite the public to observe contract proceedings. All public participation procedures will be coordinated with those involved in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act.

ADDRESSES: The identity of the approving officer and other information pertaining to a specific contract proposal may be obtained by calling or writing the appropriate regional office at the address and telephone number given for each region in the supplementary information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alonzo Knapp, Manager, Reclamation Law, Contracts, and Repayment Office, Bureau of Reclamation, PO Box 25007, Denver, Colorado 80225-0007; telephone 303-445-2889.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 226 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (96 Stat. 1273) and 43 CFR 426.20 of the rules and regulations published in *52 FR 11954*, Apr. 13, 1987, Reclamation will publish notice of the proposed or amendatory contract actions for any contract for the delivery of project water for authorized uses in newspapers of general circulation in the affected area at least 60 days prior to contract execution. Pursuant to the "Final Revised Public Participation Procedures" for water resource-related contract negotiations, published in *47 FR 7763*, Feb. 22, 1982, a tabulation is provided of all proposed contractual actions in each of the five Reclamation regions. Each proposed action is, or is expected to be, in some stage of the contract negotiation process in 1999. When contract negotiations are completed, and prior to execution, each proposed contract form must be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, or pursuant to delegated or redelegated authority, the Commissioner

of Reclamation or one of the regional directors. In some instances, congressional review and approval of a report, water rate, or other terms and conditions of the contract may be involved.

Public participation in and receipt of comments on contract proposals will be facilitated by adherence to the following procedures:

1. Only persons authorized to act on behalf of the contracting entities may negotiate the terms and conditions of a specific contract proposal.

2. Advance notice of meetings or hearings will be furnished to those parties that have made a timely written request for such notice to the appropriate regional or project office of Reclamation.

3. Written correspondence regarding proposed contracts may be made available to the general public pursuant to the terms and procedures of the Freedom of Information Act (80 Stat. 383), as amended.

4. Written comments on a proposed contract or contract action must be submitted to the appropriate regional officials at the locations and within the time limits set forth in the advance public notices.

5. All written comments received and testimony presented at any public hearings will be reviewed and summarized by the appropriate regional office for use by the contract approving authority.

6. Copies of specific proposed contracts may be obtained from the appropriate regional director or his designated public contact as they become available for review and comment.

7. In the event modifications are made in the form of a proposed contract, the appropriate regional director shall determine whether republication of the notice and/or extension of the comment period is necessary.

Factors considered in making such a determination shall include, but are not limited to: (i) the significance of the modification, and (ii) the degree of public interest which has been expressed over the course of the negotiations. As a minimum, the regional director shall furnish revised contracts to all parties who requested the contract in response to the initial public notice.

Acronym Definitions Used Herein

(BCP) Boulder Canyon Project
(CAP) Central Arizona Project
(CUP) Central Utah Project
(CVP) Central Valley Project
(CRSP) Colorado River Storage Project
(D&MC) Drainage and Minor Construction