

Prohibited Act

Motorized vehicles are not allowed in the closed area.

Exemptions

Persons who are exempt from these rules include BLM employees, Federal, State, or local officers, and members of any organized rescue or fire-fighting force in performance of an official duty, and any person authorized in writing by the Bureau of Land Management.

Penalties

The authority for this closure is found under section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733(a)) and 43 CFR 8360.0-7. Any person who violates this closure may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.

Richard C. Prather,

Area Manager, Cascades Resource Area.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management****Notice of Availability of Record of Decision**

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Record of Decision (ROD) approving the Colorado Sodium Products Development Project (Project), located in Rio Blanco County and Garfield County, Colorado. American Soda L.L.P. will be required to obtain the necessary federal, state, and local permits and approvals prior to commencing the project.

DATES: A thirty day appeal period will begin October 26, 1999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: American Soda, L.L.P. (American Soda) intends to construct and operate a commercial hancolite solution mining operation in the northcentral portion of the Piceance Creek Basin in Rio Blanco, County, Colorado. Nahcolite is naturally occurring sodium bicarbonate that is found in association with oil shale deposits. After the hancolite is removed from the ground, it will be processed into a sodium carbonate solution and transported by a 44-mile pipeline south to a processing operation located at an existing industrial site in the Parachute Valley in Garfield County, Colorado.

There it will be further processed to commercial grade sodium carbonate, sodium bicarbonate, and other sodium products which would then be shipped from the processing facility via a 4-mile long dedicated rail spur to an interstate rail connection near the town of Parachute.

This Decision selects the Agency Preferred Alternative as described in the Final Environmental Statement (FEIS) which incorporates five monitoring plans as well as project modifications resulting from public comments, plus any additional changes the have occurred since the publication of the FEIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry Shults, White River Field Office, 73544 Highway 64, Meeker, Colorado 81641, Telephone (970) 878-3601.

Jim Cagney,

Acting Field Officer Area Manager, White River Field Office.

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

[WY-040-00-1310-EJ]

Jonah Field Environmental Assessment, Sublette County, WY

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment and to conduct public scoping for a modified proposal for development of the Jonah Field Natural Gas Project.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) and to conduct public scoping to address a proposed modification of the Record of Decision (ROD) issued April 27, 1998, for the Jonah Field II Natural Gas Project Environmental Impact Statement (April 1998). In that decision, BLM approved development of the Jonah Field at one gas well per 80 acres. Project proponents, McMurtry Oil Company and Amoco Production Company, have requested BLM approval of development of the field at one well per 40 acres.

Should the scoping process or the EA identify the potential for significant impacts, BLM would deem the EA to be a draft supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Further scoping would not be conducted. However, the public will be notified through newspaper articles and a subsequent **Federal Register** notice if significant

impacts are identified in the EA. BLM will also conduct a conformance review of the Pinedale Resource Management Plan (RMP) as part of the EA. Any needed changes in existing management or any new management actions to be prescribed for the area will be identified and, if necessary, the Pinedale RMP would be amended.

DATES: Public comments concerning this proposed modification will be accepted for 30 days following the date this notice is published in the **Federal Register**. A Public Notice will be distributed by mail to local media and known interested parties on or about the date of this notice.

BLM will hold an open house at the Sublette County Library (155 S. Tyler Street, Pinedale, Wyoming) on November 2, 1999, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and again from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. to answer questions concerning the proposed project modification and to explain the National Environmental Policy Act process chosen for this action.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: Bureau of Land Management, Rock Springs Field Office, ATTN: Arlan Hiner, Project Manager, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arlan Hiner, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Rock Springs Field Office, Telephone 307-352-0206. Information and a copy of the Public Notice for the Jonah Field EA can be obtained from the following BLM offices: Rock Springs Field Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901; Pinedale Field Office, 432 East Mill Street, PO Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941; and Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, PO Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Jonah Field Natural Gas Project is located approximately 32 miles south of Pinedale, Wyoming and 28 miles north of Farson, Wyoming, within Townships 28 and 29 North, Ranges 107, 108, and 109 West, Sublette County. The 30,320 acre project area includes 28,400 acres Federal surface, 640 acres private surface, and 1,280 acres State surface. The mineral estate includes 29,040 acres Federal minerals and 1,280 acres State minerals. Currently, 170 active gas wells out of 497 wells approved in the Jonah II EIS ROD have been drilled in the project area.

The project proponents would like to proceed with drilling gas wells within the area at a 40 acre spacing (16 wells per section) beginning in the summer of

2000. They expect that drilling 497 wells will allow them to adequately extract the natural gas. There are 170 wells located within the Jonah Field, which are served by three transportation pipelines. This field development project will not require any additional transportation pipelines. The potential development would include a separator, dehydrator, production tanks, and tin horns (for holding produced water) at each surface well location; an access road and a 3 to 4 inch gas gathering pipeline to each surface well location; water supply wells; and produced water disposal systems (either injection wells or surface pits).

The companies will be allowed to continue to drill wells at 80 acre spacing as approved by the ROD for the Jonah II EIS while the EA is being prepared.

Dated: October 19, 1999.

Alan R. Pierson,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-100-1430-00; WYW-146697]

Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification; Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The following public lands located near Pinedale, Wyoming, have been examined and found suitable for classification for conveyance to Sublette County under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). Sublette County intends to use the land as a shooting sports complex.

Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 34 N., R. 109 W.,
Sec. 25, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The land described above contains 95 acres.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the Pinedale Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 432 East Mill Street, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941, or contact Bill Wadsworth at (307) 367-5341.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lands are not needed for Federal purposes.

Conveyance is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest. The conveyances, when completed, will be subject to the following terms, conditions and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. All valid existing rights documented on the official public land records at the time of patent issuance.

3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.

4. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States. Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed conveyance or classification of the lands to the Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Field Office, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941.

The analysis may identify that an amendment to the Pinedale RMP is needed. If a plan amendment is needed, other notices, mailings, or media releases will announce a 30-day protest period on the proposed amendment.

Classification Comments

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the lands for a shooting sports complex. Comments on the classification should only address whether the land is physically suited for a shooting sports complex (as appropriate), whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

Application Comments

Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific uses proposed in the conveyance applications and plans of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decisions, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for a shooting sports complex. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any

adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: October 18, 1999.

Douglas Powell,

Acting Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-100-1430-01; WYW-82504]

Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification; Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The following public lands located near the rural community of Pinedale in Sublette County, Wyoming, have been examined and found suitable for classification for lease and conveyance to Sublette County under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*) for a public recreation site.

Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 34 N., R. 110 W.,
Sec. 24, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The land described above contains 40 acres.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the Pinedale Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 432 East Mill Street, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941, or contact Tracy Hoover at (307) 367-5432.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lease/conveyance is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest. The lease/conveyances, when completed, will be subject to the following terms, conditions and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. All valid existing rights documented on the official public land records at the time of patent issuance.

3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.

4. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States. Upon publication of