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Bowie Resources, Ltd. and Oxbow Mining, Inc. applied to the BLM for the Iron Point and Elk Creek coal lease tracts respectfully to extend the production life of their existing underground mines. Similarly, Bowie applied to the BLM for a coal exploration license to further delineate coal resource in lands adjacent to their ongoing mining. The requested Iron Point Tract and the exploration license area are adjacent to the presently approved permit area for the Bowie No. 2 Mine which is operated by Bowie. Likewise, the requested Elk Creek Tract is adjacent to the presently approved permit area for the Sanborn Creek Mine which is operated by Oxbow. These applications encompass federal coal on BLM and National Forest system lands. The federal coal resource to be offered is limited to coal recoverable by underground mining methods.

The USDA Forest Service is a joint lead agency in the preparation of the EIS because the surface of some of the land in the applications is administered by the Forest Service. The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement is a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS because it is the Federal agency that would review the mining plans for the two proposed tracts if they are leased, and recommend approval or disapproval of the mining plans to the Secretary of the Interior.

The EIS analyzes four alternatives. Besides the no-action alternative and the plans as submitted in the applications, two other alternatives were examined in the EIS. The other alternatives analyzed the possibility of multiseam mining and the restriction of subsidence due to underground mining activity in key areas to protect surface resources.

The DEIS was filed on September 3, 1999 and the DEIS comment period extended through November 3, 1999. An informal open house was held on October 7, 1999 and a public hearing was held on October 14, 1999 at Hotchkiss High School in Hotchkiss, Colorado.

Freedom of Information

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the addresses listed above during regular business hours (7:45 a.m.–4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the Final EIS. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure

under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently. 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. Proprietary data so marked shall be treated in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the confidentiality of such information.

Dated: February 11, 2000.

Jerry Jones,

EIS Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management.

Robert L. Storch,

Forest Supervisor, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, Gunnison National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Upper Columbia-Salmon Clearwater District, Idaho.

ACTION: Notice of resource advisory council meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the meeting of the Upper Columbia-Salmon Clearwater District Resource Advisory Council (RAC) on Thursday, March 23, 2000 and Friday, March 24, 2000 in Missoula, Montana.

Agenda items include: Recreation standards and guidelines; election of officers; update on the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project; and identification of future issues. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. (MST), March 23, 2000 at the C'mon Inn, 2775 Expo Parkway, Missoula, Montana. The public may address the Council during the public comment period from 2 p.m.–2:30 p.m. on March 23, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All Resource Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to the Council, or written statements may be submitted for the Council's consideration. Depending on the number of persons wishing to make oral

statements, a per-person time limit may be established by the District Manager.

The Council's responsibilities include providing recommendations concerning long-range planning and establishing resource management priorities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ted Graf (208) 769-5004.

Dated: February 9, 2000.

Ted Graf,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-020-00-1430-01; AZA-31169]

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

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The following public lands, are located in Maricopa County, Arizona, and found suitable for lease or conveyance under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869, *et seq.*). The lands are not needed for federal purposes. Conveyance is consistent with current Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land use planning and would be in the public interest.

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The following described lands, located near New River, Maricopa County, have been found suitable for Conveyance to the Flood Control District of Maricopa County for insertion in the flood plain.

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

T. 7 N., R. 2 E.

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Containing approximately 60.00 acres.

The Conveyance would be subject to the following terms, conditions and reservations:

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

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

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

4. Those rights for a flood control structure granted to Flood Control

District of Maricopa County by Right-of-Way number AZA-27767.

5. Those rights as Richard and Anna Bragg, may have as to that portion of the Tee allotment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Linda Mullenix at the Phoenix Field Office, 2015 W. Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85027, (623) 580-5540.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 lease or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this Notice, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed lease, conveyance or classification of the lands to the Field Office Manager, Phoenix Field Office, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85027.

Classification Comments

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for: Insertion into the flood plain by the Flood Control District of Maricopa County. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposals, whether the uses will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the uses are consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the uses are consistent with state and federal programs.

Application Comments

Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific uses proposed in the applications and plans of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for proposed uses. 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 in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: February 15, 2000.

Margo E. Fitts,

Assistant Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-021-00-1430-ES; MTM-79100]

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

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Miles City Field Office, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The following public lands near the community of Glendive, Dawson County, Montana have been examined and found suitable for classification and opening under provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*).

Principal Montana Meridian

T15N, R55E, PMM, Sec 14: Lots 1-4, E2, E2W2

Sec 24: All

T15N, R56E, PMM, Sec 6: Lots 1-7, S2NE, SENW, E2SW, SE

Sec 30: Lots 1-2, E2, E2NW

Sec 32: NE, N2NW, SENW

Containing 2,699.64 acres more or less.

The lands are not needed for Federal purposes. Conveyance of the lands for recreational use is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest.

The patent, when issued, 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. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.
3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.
4. The patentee agrees that it takes the herein described lands subject to the existing grazing use of Charles Ferguson, Kenneth Nemitz, and J.I. Engle, holders of grazing authorizations Nos. 253064, 252925, and 252895. The rights of Charles Ferguson, Kenneth Nemitz, and J.I. Engle to graze domestic livestock on the herein described lands according to the conditions and terms of grazing authorizations Nos. 253064, 252925, and 252895 shall cease on May 12, 2001. The patentee is entitled to receive annual grazing fees from Charles Ferguson, Kenneth Nemitz, and J.I. Engle in an amount not to exceed that which would be authorized under the Federal grazing fee published annually in the **Federal Register** until May 12, 2001.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 10, 2000. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective on April 25, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed conveyance or classification of the lands to the Field Manager, Miles City Field Office, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, MT 59301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Lynnes, Realty Specialist, (406) 233-2822.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Classification Comments

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for Makoshika State Park. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, 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 use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for Makoshika State Park.

Dated: February 16, 2000.

Timothy M. Murphy,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-086-1990-HP]

Notice

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Upper Columbia-Salmon Clearwater District, Idaho.

ACTION: Notice of Restriction Order for BLM Lands in Boundary, Bonner,