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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action; Proposed Sale of Public Land, Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: A parcel of public land totaling 40 acres in Lincoln County, Idaho, is being considered for direct sale, under the provisions of the Federal Land Policy Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), at no less than the appraised fair market value.

DATES: In order to ensure consideration in the environmental analysis of the proposed sale, comments must be received by October 9, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this Notice to Tara Hagen, Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Shoshone Field Office, 400 West F Street, Shoshone, Idaho 83352.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tara Hagen, Realty Specialist, at the above address or phone at (208) 732-7205.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following described public land in Lincoln County, Idaho, is being considered for sale under the authority of Sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2750 43 U.S.C. 1713):

Boise Meridian

T. 6 S., R. 22 E.,
Sec. 29, SWSW.

The area described contains 40 acres in Lincoln County.

The 1985 BLM Monument Resource Management Plan identified this parcel of public land as suitable for disposal. The Amendments to Shoshone Field Office Land Use Plans for Land Tenure Adjustment and Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (2003) identified this parcel of land to be within the adjustment area of Zone 4. Public lands in Zone 4 are potentially suitable for disposal primarily by exchange; however, if land exchanges are not feasible, then land tenure adjustment via sale or R&PP patent will be considered. This parcel qualifies for

disposal under the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act (FLTFA). Conveyance of the identified public land will be subject to valid existing rights and encumbrances of record, including, but not limited to, rights-of-way for roads and public utilities. Conveyance of any mineral interests pursuant to section 209 of the FLPMA will be analyzed during processing of the proposed direct sale. On August 25, 2008 the above-described land will be segregated from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, except the sale provisions of the FLPMA. Until completion of the sale, the BLM is no longer accepting land use applications affecting the identified public land, except applications for the amendment of previously filed right-of-way applications or existing authorizations to increase the term of the grants in accordance with 43 CFR 2807.15 and 2886.15. The segregative effect will terminate upon issuance of a patent, publication in the **Federal Register** of a termination of the segregation, or August 25, 2010 unless extended by the BLM State Director in accordance with 43 CFR 2711.1-2(d) prior to the termination date.

Public Comments: For a period until October 9, 2008, interested parties and the general public may submit in writing any comments concerning the land being considered for sale, including notification of any encumbrances or other claims relating to the identified land, to Field Manager, BLM Shoshone Field Office, at the above address. In order to ensure consideration in the environmental analysis of the proposed sale, comments must be in writing and postmarked or delivered within 45 days of the initial date of publication of this Notice. Comments transmitted via e-mail will not be accepted. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM Shoshone Field Office during regular business hours, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. If you wish to have your name or address withheld from public disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act,

you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Any determination by the BLM to release or withhold the names and/or addresses of those who comment will be made on a case-by-case basis. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. The BLM will make available for public review, in their entirety, all comments submitted by businesses or organizations, including comments by individuals in their capacity as an official or representative of a business or organization.

Authority: 43 CFR 2711.1-2.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Notice and Agenda for Meeting of the Royalty Policy Committee

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the September 18, 2008, meeting of the Royalty Policy Committee (RPC). Agenda items for the meeting of the RPC will include remarks from the Director, MMS, and the Associate Director, Minerals Revenue Management (MRM); a status report on the Department of Interior's implementation of recommendations from the RPC Subcommittee on Royalty Management; and a presentation on the Royalty in Kind (RIK) Fiscal Year 2007 Annual Report. The agenda also includes a briefing on a recent Office of Inspector General Evaluation of the RIK oil sales process; an update on the MRM Compliance Program; status reports on the rulemakings for Indian Oil Valuation and Advanced Royalty for Coal; and updates from the Oil and Gas Valuation, Oil and Gas Royalty Reporting, and RIK Subcommittees. The RPC membership includes representation from states, Indian Tribes, various mineral interests, the public-at-large (with knowledge and interest in royalty issues), and other Federal departments.

DATES: Thursday, September 18, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mountain Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Denver West Hotel, 360 Union Boulevard, Lakewood, Colorado,

telephone number 303-987-2000 or 1-800-325-3535.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gina Dan, Minerals Revenue Management, Minerals Management Service; PO Box 25165, MS 300B2, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165; telephone number (303) 231-3392, fax number (303) 231-3780; e-mail gina.dan@mms.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The RPC provides advice to the Secretary and top Department officials on minerals policy, operational issues, and the performance of discretionary functions under the laws governing the Department's management of Federal and Indian mineral leases and revenues. The RPC reviews and comments on revenue management and other mineral-related policies and provides a forum to convey views representative of mineral lessees, operators, revenue payors, revenue recipients, governmental agencies, and the interested public. The location and dates of future meetings will be published in the **Federal Register** and posted on our Internet site at http://www.mms.gov/mmab/RoyaltyPolicyCommittee/rpc_homepage.htm.

Meetings are open to the public without advanced registration on a space-available basis. The public may make statements during the meetings, to the extent time permits, and file written statements with the RPC for its consideration. Please submit copies of these written statements to Ms. Dan by September 9, 2008. Transcripts of this meeting will be available for public inspection and copying at our offices in Building 85 on the Denver Federal Center in Lakewood, Colorado. The MMS will post the minutes on our Internet site.

These meetings are conducted under the authority of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 1) and the Office of Management and Budget (Circular No. A-63, revised).

Dated: August 20, 2008.

Richard J. Adamski,

Acting Associate Director, Minerals Revenue Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Winter Use Plans, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Record of Decision Amendment-Sylvan Pass Management, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway, Wyoming

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of a Record of Decision Amendment—Sylvan Pass Management on the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Winter Use Plans, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service announces the availability of the Record of Decision Amendment—Sylvan Pass Management for the Winter Use Plans, Final Environmental Impact Statement, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway, Wyoming. On July 16, 2008, the Director, Intermountain Region, approved the Record of Decision Amendment—Sylvan Pass Management for the project.

On November 20, 2007, a Record of Decision was signed on the Winter Use Plans/Final Environmental Impact Statement for Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway. The November 20, 2007, Record of Decision (on page 6) addressed management of Sylvan Pass in Yellowstone National Park, stating:

“This decision addresses Sylvan Pass in Yellowstone. For the winter season of 2007–2008 the pass will be managed continuing the combined program outlined in the 2004 Temporary Plan. After the winter of 2007–2008, in order to maximize risk reduction, the pass would be open and managed using full avalanche forecasting (as defined in the Sylvan Pass Operational Risk Management Assessment). When full forecasting indicates the pass is safe, the pass would be open to oversnow travel (both motorized and non-motorized access).”

“The National Park Service will, in good faith, work cooperatively with the State of Wyoming, Park County, Wyoming and the town of Cody to determine how to provide continued snowmobile and snowcoach motorized oversnow access to Yellowstone National Park through the East Gate via Sylvan Pass in the winter use seasons beyond 2007–2008.

“The National Park Service will meet with representatives of the State of Wyoming, Park

County, Wyoming and the town of Cody to further explore reasonable avalanche and access mitigation safety measures and costs. In order to provide adequate time to amend this Record of Decision reflecting a potential consensus of the parties and to promulgate a new regulation reflecting the amended decision for the 2008–2009 winter use season and beyond, consensus should be reached by June 1, 2008.”

Since the Record of Decision, the NPS has met with representatives of the City of Cody, Wyoming, Park County, Wyoming, the State of Wyoming, and Wyoming state elected officials (collectively known as the Sylvan Pass Study Group) and explored reasonable avalanche and access mitigation safety measures and costs.

The outcome of the meetings was that the Sylvan Pass Study Group recommended to the Intermountain Regional Director of the National Park Service that the November 2007 Record of Decision on Winter Use in Yellowstone National Park be amended to keep Sylvan Pass open in future winter use seasons to motorized and non-motorized oversnow travel for a limited core season, between December 22 and March 1. The group recommended continued use of a combination of avalanche mitigation techniques, including forecasting and helicopter and howitzer dispensed explosives.

This recommendation was taken into account in preparing the Record of Decision Amendment—Sylvan Pass Management (Amendment). The Amendment only addresses Sylvan Pass in Yellowstone National Park. Unless specifically modified by the Amendment, all other elements of the November 20, 2007, Record of Decision remain in place.

The Amendment is primarily based upon alternative 5 in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (alternative 5 calls for the same overall number of snowmobiles in Yellowstone as the November 20, 2007, decision, and for Sylvan Pass to be kept open).

The amended decision is that Sylvan Pass will be open for oversnow travel (both motorized and non-motorized) for a limited core season, from December 22 through March 1 each winter, subject to weather-related constraints and NPS fiscal, staff, infrastructural, equipment, and other safety-related capacities. A combination of avalanche mitigation techniques may be used, including forecasting and helicopter and howitzer dispensed explosives. The results of previous safety evaluations of Sylvan Pass by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and an Operational Risk Management