

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Central Utah Project Completion Act; Uintah Unit, Central Utah Project; Irrigation Water Contract Negotiation**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary—Water and Science, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to negotiate a contract among the Central Utah Water Conservancy District (CUWCD), Dry Gulch Irrigation Company, and the Department of the Interior (DOI) for transferring storage rights of irrigation water held in high mountain lakes in a Wilderness Area in the Uinta Mountains to storage facilities being planned for the Uintah Unit of the Central Utah Project.

**SUMMARY:** Public Law 102-575 Section 201(c) extended the authorization of the Uintah Unit of the Central Utah Project for 5 years from time of enactment. This contract is intended to provide replacement storage for irrigation water presently held in the upper drainage areas of the Uinta Mountains in the proposed Lower Uintah Reservoir that is being planned as part of the Uintah Unit of the Central Utah Project. The reservoirs being vacated in the Wilderness Areas will be stabilized at near natural sizes and will be managed by the U.S. Forest Service for environmental utilization. A negotiated contract among CUWCD, Dry Gulch Irrigation Company, and DOI will establish the operating criteria and assure that the water rights of Dry Gulch Irrigation Company are maintained in quantity and priority.

**DATES:** Dates for public negotiation sessions will be announced in local newspapers.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Additional information on matters related to this Federal Register notice can be obtained at the address and telephone number set forth below: Mr. Michael Hansen, Program Coordinator, CUP Completion Act Office, Department of the Interior, 302 East 1860 South, Provo, UT 84606-6154, Telephone: (801) 379-1194

Dated: March 25, 1996.

Ralph Swanson,

*Acting CUP Program Director, Department of the Interior.*

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**Central Utah Project Completion Act; Upalco Unit, Central Utah Project; Irrigation Water Contract Negotiation**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary—Water and Science, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to negotiate a contract among the Central Utah Water Conservancy District (CUWCD), Moon Lake Water Users Association, and Department of the Interior (DOI) for transferring storage of irrigation water from high mountain lakes in the Wilderness Area in the Uinta Mountains to storage facilities being planned for the Upalco Unit of the Central Utah Project.

**SUMMARY:** Public Law 102-575, Section 201(c) extended the authorization of the Upalco Unit of the Central Utah Project for 5 years from time of enactment. This contract is intended to provide replacement storage for irrigation water presently held in the upper drainage areas of the Uinta Mountains in the proposed Crystal Ranch Reservoir that is being planned as part of the Upalco Unit of the Central Utah Project. The reservoirs being vacated in the Wilderness Areas will be stabilized at near natural sizes and will be managed by the U. S. Forest Service for environmental utilization. A negotiated contract among CUWCD, Moon Lake Water Users Association, and DOI will establish the operating criteria and assure that the water rights of the Moon Lake Water Users Association are maintained in quantity and priority.

**DATES:** Dates for public negotiation sessions will be announced in local newspapers.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Additional information on matters related to this Federal Register notice can be obtained at the address and telephone number set forth below:

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Dated: March 25, 1996.

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**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Closure of Public Lands; (Prineville District) Oregon.**

March 22, 1996.

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice is hereby given that all roads and trails as legally described below are closed to all motorized vehicle use.

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** This closure order applies to all roads and trails located in township 15 South, Range 11 East, Section 16, SE of the SW and SW of the SE; and Section 21 NE of the NW and NW of the NE, with the exception of Jordan Road. Jordan Road originates where it intersects Fryrear Road at Township 15 South, Range 11 East, Section 16 NW of the SW.

All roads and trails as described above, except for Jordan Road, are closed to all motorized vehicle use. The purpose of this closure is to protect wildlife resources. More specifically, this closure is ordered to reduce negative impacts to a nesting pair of golden eagles. Golden eagles are extremely sensitive to motorized disturbance within the sensitive habitat area surrounding the nest site during the nest season. Current uses at the site jeopardize the persistence and nesting success of golden eagles at this location. Exemptions to this closure order apply to administrative personnel of the Central Oregon Co-op for access along and maintenance of the existing powerline right-of-way (Serial #OR-012676). Other exemptions to this closure order may be made on a case-by-case basis by the authorized officer. This emergency order will be evaluated in the Urban Interface Plan Amendment to the 1989 Brothers/La Pine Resource Management Plan. The authority for this closure is 43 CFR 8364.1: Closure and restriction orders.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sarah Nichols, Wildlife Biologist, BLM Prineville District, P.O. Box 550, Prineville Oregon 97754, telephone (541) 416-6725.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Violation of this closure order is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months as provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7.

Dated: March 22, 1996.

James G. Kenna,

*Deschutes Resource Area Manager, Prineville District Office.*

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[WY-010-1220-00]

**Emergency Seasonal Closure of Public Land in the Bald Ridge Area, Park County, WY****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of Emergency Seasonal Closure of Public Land in the Bald Ridge Area, Park County, Wyoming.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that effective March 18, 1996, the Bald Ridge area located south of the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River and west and north of Hogan Reservoir of Park County, Wyoming on public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Worland District, Cody Resource Area, was closed from December 15 through April 30 to all use (such as hiking, horseback riding, mountain bike riding, crosscountry skiing, and all motorized use) except permitted activities. This action is being taken for resource protection of essential wintering habitat of elk and mule deer. No access into this area will be allowed unless permitted by the Authorized Officer (BLM Cody Resource Area Manager).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This emergency seasonal closure was effective March 18, 1996 and will remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the Authorized Officer.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bob Dieli, Recreation Planner or Duane Whitmer, Area Manager, Cody Resource Area, P.O. Box 518, 1002 Blackburn Avenue, Cody, Wyoming 82414-0518. Telephone (307) 587-2216.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Cody Resource Area is responsible for the management of essential wildlife habitat in the Bald Ridge area of the Absaroka Front and other crucial habitat areas located throughout the Bighorn Basin. These essential habitat areas and management thereof are covered under the Cody Resource Management Plan (RMP), which was signed on November 8, 1990. "Seasonal restrictions will be applied as appropriate to surface-disturbing and disruptive activities and land uses on big game crucial habitat, including winter ranges and elk calving areas." (Cody RMP, p. 40)

The Bald Ridge area is crucial wintering habitat for big game. Increasing visitor activity, such as horseback riding, hiking, and antler hunters are causing unacceptable impacts to the wintering elk and deer herds. These activities are causing anxiety during a period when the animals are most susceptible to stress-related health affects that could cause

death. These activities also force the herds to be displaced from their winter habitat. The Cody Resource Area will analyze a proposal for facility development at Hogan Reservoir as well as travel management of the Bald Ridge area to be investigated in the near future. This emergency seasonal closure is needed to address an immediate concern.

The following described BLM-administered lands south of the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River and west of Hogan Reservoir are included in this seasonal closure: T. 56 N., R. 103 W., sections 7, 8, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33 from the west end of Hogan Reservoir. Hogan Reservoir remains open for fishing and nonmotorized travel within 100 yards of the reservoir's high-water line. Authority for closure and restriction orders is provided under 43 CFR subpart 8341.2 (a and b), 8364.1, 8372.0-7, 8372.1-2. Violations of this closure are punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and (or) imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

Dated: March 15, 1996.  
Duane Whitmer,  
*Cody Resource Area Manager, Worland District.*  
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[MT-060-05-1990-01]

**Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Zortman and Landusky Mines Reclamation Plan Modifications and Mine Life Extensions, Phillips County, Montana****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Zortman and Landusky mines reclamation plan modifications and mine life extensions.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4327), and the Montana Environmental Policy Act, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), as lead agencies, have prepared, through a third party contractor, a Final EIS on the impacts of the Zortman Mining, Inc. proposal to expand mining and processing of ore reserves at the Zortman and Landusky mines. The Zortman and Landusky mines are located in southwestern Phillips County about 50 miles south of Malta, Montana, near the southern boundary of the Fort

Belknap Indian Reservation. The Final EIS presents a preferred alternative and six other alternatives including the company proposed action. The Final EIS discloses the possible environmental consequences associated with each alternative.

A number of changes have been made to the preferred alternative between the Draft EIS and Final EIS, largely in response to public comments. Major changes include: removal of the Peregrine Falcon reintroduction study for the pit highwalls, relocation of the limestone quarries to avoid impacts to northern drainages, routing of all post-reclamation pit runoff to the south, updating of the water quality improvement plan, completion of a Programmatic Agreement for mitigation of impacts to cultural resources, and the inclusion of an aquatic ecosystem mitigation plan.

**DATES:** A record of decision will be prepared no earlier than 30 days after the Notice of Receipt of the Final EIS is published in the Federal Register.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Final EIS are available from the Bureau of Land Management, Phillips Resource Area, HC 65 Box 5000, Malta, Montana, 59538 or the State of Montana, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901. Public reading copies will be available for review at the following locations: Bureau of Land Management, Office of External Affairs, Main Interior Building, Room 5600, 18th and C Streets NW, Washington, DC; Bureau of Land Management, External Affairs Office, Montana State Office, 222 North 32nd Street, Billings, Montana; Bureau of Land Management, Phillips Resource Area, 501 South 2nd Street East, Malta, Montana; and the State of Montana, Department of Environmental Quality, Helena, Montana.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Robinson, Team Leader, Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Hard Rock Bureau, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana, 59620-1601 (406-444-2544) or Scott Haight, Team Leader, Bureau of Land Management, Lewistown District Office, P.O. Box 1160, Lewistown, Montana 59457-1160 (406-538-7461).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 11, 1992, Zortman Mining, Inc. (ZMI) filed an application with the Bureau of Land Management, Lewistown District Office, and the Montana Department of State Lands (part of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality as of July 1, 1995), to expand mining operations at the Zortman Mine in the Little Rocky Mountains, Montana. The