

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

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Notice for Publication; Alaska Native Claims Selection

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision to issue conveyance under the provisions of Sec. 14(e) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(e), and Sec. 14 of the Alaska Land Status Technical Corrections Act of 1992, 43 U.S.C. 1621(c)(2), will be issued to Doyon, Limited for approximately 1,561 acres. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Flat, Alaska, within Tps. 26 and 27 N., Rs. 47 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska.

A notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the Anchorage Daily News. Copies of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 (907) 271-5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government or regional corporation, shall have until September 9, 1996 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

Carolyn A. Bailey,

Land Law Examiner, ANCSA Team, Branch of 962 Adjudication.

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[UT-910-06-1020-00]

Notice

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Draft Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Management on BLM Lands in Utah and related Land Use Planning/NEPA Compliance Document.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is soliciting public review and comment of the recently completed Draft Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Management document as well as an accompanying Land Use Planning/NEPA Compliance Document. The "Standards and Guidelines" document explains how the BLM in Utah intends to comply with the requirements of BLM's grazing regulations of August, 1995 (43 CFR part 4100). The Land Use Planning/NEPA Compliance Document explains how BLM in Utah will meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Federal Land Use Planning and Management Act (FLPMA).

DATES: Comments will be accepted during the 60 day period commencing with publication of this Notice. Public meetings will be conducted in September, times and places to be announced through the media and direct mailings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deane Zeller, Team Leader, Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, 324 So. State Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84111-2303; phone (801) 539-4052; Fax (801) 539-4070; or dzeller@ut.blm.gov on the Internet.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Utah BLM Resource Advisory Council and BLM in Utah has developed Draft Standards and Guidelines (S&G's) pursuant to the regulations approved by the Secretary in August, 1995. After the 60-day public comment period, Final S&G's will be developed which, when approved by the Secretary, will be State Director's Policy and will be used by all BLM offices in Utah as guidance for land use planning, developing rangeland improvement projects, issuing grazing permits and leases, and general grazing administration. Because the Draft S&G's are nearly identical to the "minimum" and "fallbacks" analyzed in the EIS for Rangeland Reform '94, no detailed NEPA analysis is performed at this time. Scoping by BLM could not identify issues or impacts different than those addressed in the nationwide EIS. NEPA analysis will be performed on implementation actions, such as land use plan amendments, preparation of new land use plans, permit issuance, rangeland improvements, etc. and prior to any decisions taken under these Standards and Guidelines.

Refer to the Land Use Plan/NEPA Compliance Record for additional

information concerning planning and NEPA requirements.

G. William Lamb,

Utah State Director.

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Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Notice of Scoping Meetings, on a Proposed Replacement Raw Water Pipeline in Mesa County, Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Notice of Scoping Meetings, on a proposed Replacement Raw Water Pipeline in Western Colorado.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102 (2) (C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Grand Junction Resource Area office, Grand Junction District, will be directing the preparation of a NEPA document. The NEPA document will be an EIS. The document will be prepared by a third party contractor, and will address impacts of the Plateau Creek Pipeline Replacement project proposed by the Ute Water Conservancy District (Ute Water). The project is a raw water conveyance system proposed on private and public lands in Mesa County, Colorado to replace a deteriorated and under sized pipeline currently approved under BLM ROW grant C 081282.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted until 4:00 PM, MST, on September 23, 1996. A public scoping meeting/workshop will be held from 3:00-7:00 PM on August 28, 1996, at the Two Rivers Convention Center, 159 Main Street, Grand Junction, Colorado.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Grand Junction Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, CO 81506, ATTN: Plateau Creek Pipeline Replacement Project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Stevens, (970) 244-3009.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The existing Plateau Creek Pipeline is an essential part of the Ute Water system which provides water to more than 55,000 Grand Valley residents. The Ute Water service area includes most of the Grand Valley area surrounding the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, and extends from east of the Town of Palisade to within 5 miles of the Colorado-Utah stateline. Ute Water is a political subdivision of the State of

Colorado formed under the Water Conservancy Act of 1937, and is considered to be a quasi-municipal entity. In order for Ute Water to meet its commitment of providing a reliable, cost effective, high quality water source, replacement of the pipeline is necessary.

Water is conveyed via a 24-inch-diameter pipeline approximately 14 miles along Plateau Creek Canyon and adjacent to Interstate Highway 70 to Ute Water's treatment plant located on Rapid Creek, near the Town of Palisade. As of 1994, the pipeline was no longer able to provide an adequate flow rate to meet the peak day customer demands. The pipeline is presently subject to frequent breaks due to deteriorated pipe condition, and is unreliable due to its location within geologic hazards and stream erosion areas. The Bureau of Land Management and Ute Water had performed scoping to : (1) identify interested stakeholders and agencies, (2) define key issues, and (3) identify initial project alternatives for preparation of an Environmental Assessment. The initial filing of the Notice of Intent was on March 14, 1995. On the basis of subsequent information and comments provided to the BLM it was determined that issues and concerns would best be analyzed in an EIS.

During the initial scoping, 16 alternatives were developed. These include seven alternatives along the Plateau Creek corridor, three different alternatives involving use of water from nearby utilities, a Colorado River pump station alternative, two alternatives for supplying water from the Kannah Creek watershed, two alternatives for supplying water from the Whitewater Creek watershed, and a No Action alternative. Groundwater alternatives and conservation actions will be addressed in the EIS. Four of the initially considered alternatives, selected on the basis of screening criteria described in Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act, are proposed for evaluation in the EIS. These are:

Alternative A—Replacement of the pipeline on an alignment parallel to Plateau Creek such that impacts to all resources are minimized.

Alternative B—Replacement of the pipeline parallel to Plateau Creek entirely within the existing state highway 65 and 330 rights-of-way.

Alternative C—Replacement of the pipeline in either alignment A or B with a smaller pipeline. This alternative includes provisions for construction of a booster station at the mouth of Plateau Canyon to be built at a future date to meet long-term demands.

Alternative D—A "no federal action" alternative. Major issues identified during the scoping include: (1) wetlands and riparian areas, (2) threatened and endangered species, (3) Prime and Unique Farmlands, (4) water depletion issues, and (5) impacts to State highway 65. Preliminary review by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) indicates that the anticipated impacts within the project area may be entirely mitigable, and may be limited to temporary disturbance.

The tentative project schedule is:
Begin Public Comment Period—August 1996
Complete Draft EIS—March 1997
Record of Decision—June 1997
Complete Final Design—April 1998
Begin Construction—June 1998

The BLM's scoping process will include: (1) Identification of additional issues to be addressed; (2) Identification of additional viable alternatives, (3) Notification of interested groups, individuals and agencies so that additional information concerning these issues can be obtained, and (4) Review of the information obtained to date.

The scoping process will be initiated by publication of this NOI in the Federal Register and issuance of a news release announcing the start of the process; letters of invitation to participate in the scoping process, and distribution of a scoping document describing the proposed action, alternatives and significant issues being considered is available upon request.

Mark T. Morse,
District Manager.

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Notice of Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Resource Advisory Council meeting locations and times.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C., the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) council meeting of the Upper Snake River Districts Resource Advisory Council will be held as indicated below. The agenda includes a meeting to discuss historical and cultural issues, healthy rangeland standards and

guidelines, and a presentation by the Watershed Advisory Groups and Basin Area Advisory Groups. There will also be a float trip on the Snake River and presentation by the Area Manager on the resources, issues and programs. All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the council. Each formal council meeting will have a time allocated for hearing public comments. The public comment period for the council meeting is listed below. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment, and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meetings, or need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Debra Kovar at the Shoshone Resource Area Office, P. O. Box 2-B, Shoshone, ID, 83352, (208) 886-7201.

DATE AND TIME: Date is September 18-19, 1996, starts at 8:30 a.m. at the BLM Office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho. Public comments from 1:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. on September 18, 1996.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with the management of the public lands.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION Contact Debra Kovar, Shoshone Resource Area Office, P. O. Box 2-B, Shoshone, ID 83352, (208) 886-7201.

Dated: July 31, 1996.

Howard Hedrick,

District Manager.

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Notice of Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the Ukiah Resource Advisory Council will be held on Wednesday, September 4 and Thursday, September 5, 1996 in Redding, California.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 4 and Thursday, September 5, 1996.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting on Wednesday will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Redding Resource Area