

considered in the DEIS include: (1) limited development; (2) use of an old landfill site; (3) alternate sites on the Nambe Reservation; (4) alternate sites off of the Reservation; (5) use of the site for recreation; (6) use of the site for agriculture; and (7) no action. The environmental issues addressed in the DEIS include geology, topography, soils, water resources, air quality, living resources, cultural resources, traffic, land use, visual resources, socio-economics, public health and safety, and noise.

Dated: February 24, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-070-5101-CO12]

Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the Plateau Creek Pipeline Replacement Project

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the Plateau Creek Pipeline Replacement Project.

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, had an Environmental Impact Statement prepared to 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 081284.

Copies of the Final EIS will be available at the Mesa County Public Library in Grand Junction, Colorado, at the Grand Junction Resource Area, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506 at the BLM, Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215 and at the Ute Water Conservancy District, 560 25 Road, Grand Junction, Colorado.

DATES: The Final EIS will be available to the public for 30 days starting February 17, 1998. After the 30 day availability period a Record of Decision will be issued.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: BLM, Dave Stevens, Project Team Leader, (970) 244-3009.

Mark T. Morse,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[Docket No. WY-040-08-1310-00]

Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Jonah Field II Natural Gas Project. McMurry Oil Company, Snyder Oil Corporation, Amoco Production Company, Western Gas Resources, et al., propose to develop the Jonah II natural gas field in Sublette County by drilling up to 450 wells and constructing roads, pipelines, compressor stations, and other necessary facilities for producing and transporting natural gas. The FEIS analyzes the anticipated impacts of the proposed natural gas project.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is the lead agency for the EIS. The FEIS was prepared for BLM by TRC Mariah Associates, Inc., a third-party contractor, under the provisions of Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA).

The FEIS has been prepared in an abbreviated format. Alternatives considered in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and the environmental effects of those alternatives have not been reprinted in the FEIS. However, sections dealing with air quality have been revised and are included in their entirety in the FEIS. You will therefore need both the DEIS and the FEIS for reviewing the complete document. Copies of the DEIS and the FEIS can be obtained from the BLM's Rock Springs District Office.

DATES: Written comments on the FEIS will be accepted for 30 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes a notice of filing of the FEIS in the **Federal Register**. We expect that notice will be published February 27, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send all written comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Rock Springs District Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901 (Phone 307-352-0256).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Arlan Hiner, Team Leader, BLM Rock Springs District Office, Telephone No. 307-352-0206.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Jonah Field encompasses about 59,600 acres of land between Pinedale and Farson, Wyoming, within Townships 28 and 29 North, Ranges 107, 108, and 109 West, Sixth Principal Meridian. The Jonah Field has 49 producing natural gas wells. The Operators propose to explore, define, and develop the Jonah natural gas field by drilling up to 450 additional wells over the next 15 years contingent upon natural gas prices and markets.

The Jonah Field II EIS analyzes the impacts of the Proposed Action, a Sensitive Resource Protection Alternative, a Maximum Well Location Density of 4 per Section, and the No Action Alternative. Key issues include socioeconomic effects to people and communities near the project area and in the State as a whole; effects to antelope and antelope habitat, sage grouse, and raptor breeding and nesting; potential reductions in air quality and visibility; potential reductions in water quality; surface disturbance; and transportation planning.

The FEIS is a supplement to the DEIS published on July 25, 1997. It incorporates by reference most of the material presented in the DEIS and identifies the changes to the DEIS, and contains:

- The corrections and additions to the DEIS.
- Comments received on the DEIS and responses to the comments.
- The complete Air Quality Section in Chapter 4 and a revised Air Quality Technical Support Document.

EPA assigned the DEIS an EU-2 rating (Environmentally Unsatisfactory, Insufficient Information) contending that implementing the proposed action would cause adverse environmental impacts of sufficient magnitude to be unsatisfactory to environmental quality and represent a serious conflict with the national goals of the Clean Air Act. EPA believes that there are reasonably available alternatives to the proposed action which could reduce the predicted environmental impacts of the proposed action. Based upon EPA's comments, BLM made several changes in the Air Quality Section in Chapter 4 and in the Air Quality Technical Support Document. These sections are included in their entirety in the FEIS. No substantive changes were made to the proposed action.

This FEIS is not a decision document. A Record of Decision will be prepared and made available to the public following the 30-day comment period provided for the FEIS.

Dated: February 23, 1998.

Alan R. Pierson,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-010-01-1210-04]

Notice of Intent To Amend the Arizona Strip Resource Management Plan, Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

The proposed decision is to implement the Proposed Action as described in Environmental Assessment AZ-010-95-01, with additional terms and conditions from USFWS biological opinion 2-21-96-F-132. The Proposed Action is designed to address tortoise recovery goals and objectives while reducing impacts on local communities and human activities that occur in the Mojave Desert.

BLM is proposing to designate three Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) encompassing 169,300 acres (264.5 sq. miles) to be managed primarily for recovery of desert tortoises, and modify the prescriptions for the Virgin River ACEC (8,100 acres).

Beaver Dam Slope ACEC: This would expand the existing ACEC to include tortoise habitat on public lands in Arizona north of I-15 and the Virgin River but outside the Beaver Dam Wilderness Area, as categorized in the RMP. This area would complement management in Nevada and Utah and contain approximately 51,400 acres (80.3 sq. miles) in Arizona.

Virgin Slope ACEC: This area would include most tortoise habitat on public lands in Arizona between the Virgin River (or I-15) and the Virgin Mountains, as categorized in the RMP. A small portion of the Mesquite Community Allotment in Nevada would be managed consistent with the ACEC. This ACEC would contain approximately 41,375 acres (64.6 sq. miles) in Arizona.

Pakoon ACEC: This would include tortoise habitat on public lands in the Pakoon Basin. This area would contain approximately 76,525 acres (119.6 sq. miles). Activities administered by the Arizona Strip on Lake Mead NRA and on public lands in Nevada would be managed in accordance with ACEC prescriptions.

Virgin River ACEC: There would be no change in the boundary of this ACEC (8,100 ac), although prescriptions would be modified to be consistent with the tortoise ACECs. BLM proposes to manage the following resources to reduce impacts on listed species and their habitats: mineral exploration and development, fire suppression, livestock grazing, vegetation harvest, lands and realty, transportation and access, off-highway vehicles, recreation, wild, free-roaming burros, wildlife management, and other surface-disturbing activities (such as military maneuvers and airports). Outside of the four ACECs there would be no change to decisions in the RMP, except that grazing would be managed in accordance with the grazing decisions issued August 11, 1995.

SUMMARY: The above decisions apply only to areas within the Arizona Strip that are either: within desert tortoise habitat as categorized by the Bureau; within critical habitat as designated by USFWS; within one of the four ACECs; pastures of livestock grazing allotments containing tortoise habitat (including portions of Nevada and Lake Mead NRA that are administered by the Arizona Strip BLM).

DATES: BLM proposes to implement the proposed action on April 2, 1998. Closure of the Pakoon ACEC would occur following a two-year notification period.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Protest procedures described in 43 CFR 1610.5-2 give the public an opportunity to initiate administrative review of perceived oversights or inadequacies in a proposed plan. Any proposed decision in a resource management plan amendment may be protested. The protest may only raise issues that were submitted for the record while the plan amendment was being prepared. Any party who has participated in the planning process may file a letter of protest. For proposed decisions in an EA-level plan amendment, a letter of protest to the Director must be filed within 30 days of this Notice of Availability. Letters of protest must be complete and respond to the content requirements established in 43 CFR 1610.5-2(a)(2). The protest may cover only those issues and concerns raised during the planning process.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Duck, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, BLM Arizona Strip, 345

East Riverside Drive, St. George, Utah 84790, (435) 688-3200.

Roger G. Taylor,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Boundary Revision: Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of boundary revision.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the National Park Service is revising the boundary of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park to include one additional tract of land.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 28, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph A. Cook, Chief, Land Resources Program Center, National Capital Region, National Park Service, 1100 Ohio Drive, SW, Washington, DC 20242, (202) 619-7025; and Donald W. Campbell, Superintendent, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia 25425, (304) 535-6224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Act of June 30, 1944, c. 328, 58 Stat. 645 (codified as amended and supplemented, 16 U.S.C. 450bb-450bb-6), which established Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, provides the Secretary of the Interior with authority to make minor revisions in the boundary of the Park. Such boundary revisions may be made, when necessary, after advising the appropriate Congressional committees, and following publication of a revised boundary map, drawing or other boundary description in the **Federal Register**.

In order to properly interpret and preserve the historic character of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, it is necessary to revise the existing boundary to include one additional tract of land comprising approximately 56 acres. The inclusion of this tract within the boundary will bring Park acreage to approximately 2,350 acres. The existing acreage ceiling for the Park is 2,505 acres as set forth by Pub. L. 101-109 approved October 6, 1989. The property is being acquired by donation.

Notice is hereby given that the exterior boundary of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park is revised to include the following tract of land described in two (2) parcels: