

Southern Natural Gas Company has applied for a right-of-way to install and maintain a 16-inch outer-diameter natural gas pipeline across 2.82 miles of Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge, in Morgan and Limestone Counties, Alabama, described as follows:

A right-of-way with a beginning width of fifty (50) feet, on, over, across, and through that part of the Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) lying and being in Sections 25 and 36, Township 5 South, Range 4 West of Morgan County, Sections 13, 24, and 25, Township 5 South, Range 4 West and Section 18, Township 5 South, Range 3 West of Limestone County, Alabama. The boundaries of said right-of-way are more particularly described as being situated twenty five (25) feet either side and measured at right angles to the following described pipeline survey centerline. The boundaries of said right-of-way increase to approximately one hundred (100) feet in width for a length of approximately 882 feet in Section 24, Township 5 South, Range 4 West of Limestone County, as more particularly described below. The said right-of-way parallels and abuts an existing Department of Transportation easement for Interstate 65 in the same sections described above and becomes a part of the same corridor.

Commencing at a 1/2" rebar at or near the interior Southeast corner of the Wheeler NWR; thence S88°27'57" W along the interior South line of said tract or parcel of land a distance of 25.7 feet to the Point of Beginning, at which point the fifty (50) feet wide right-of-way is situated twenty five (25) feet either side and measured at right angles of a surveyed line; thence run N14°32'11" E a distance of 154.4 feet to a point; thence run N15°55'16" E a distance of 158.8 feet to a point; thence run N17°08'36" E a distance of 3,994.3 feet to a point; thence run N77°8'40" E a distance of 404.8 feet to a point; thence run N17°22'59" E a distance of 2,249.5 feet to a point; from said point (Sta. 560+94) the right-of-way starts a transition from fifty (50) feet to one hundred (100) feet in width; thence run N21°57'19" E a distance of 892.9 feet to a point;

At said point (Sta. 569+87) the one hundred (100) feet wide right-of-way is situated twenty five (25) feet East and seventy five feet (75) feet West of a surveyed line; thence run N17°15'43" E a distance of 881.7 feet to a point; from said point (Sta. 578+68) the right-of-way starts a transition from one hundred (100) feet to fifty (50) feet in width; thence run N12°18'06" E a distance of 864.6 feet to a point; at said point (Sta. 587+33) the right-of-way is twenty five

(25) feet either side and measured at right angles of a surveyed line; thence run N17°30'24" E a distance of 1,274.7 feet to a point; thence run N10°31'35" E a distance of 142 feet to a point; thence run N14°54'58" E a distance of 225 feet to a point; thence run N13°45'48" E a distance of 224.4 feet to a point; thence run N11°40'40" E a distance of 357.7 feet to a point; thence run N10°10'43" E a distance of 495 feet to a point; thence run N07°33'10" E a distance of 302.6 feet to a point; thence run N06°15'25" E a distance of 395.2 feet to a point; thence run N04°11'32" E a distance of 366.2 feet to a point; thence run N02°48'17" E a distance of 423.5 feet to a point; thence run N00°24'45" W a distance of 544.9 feet to a point, thence run N19°45'17" E a distance of 136.6 feet to a point; thence run N07°44'51" E a distance of 13.7 feet to the Point of Ending, which is a point on 136.6 feet to a point, thence run N07°44'51" E a distance of 13.7 feet to the Point of Ending, which is a point on the North line of said Wheeler NWR, said point is also located a distance of 1,448.6 feet from a "T" post (T.V.A. corner No. 99) at or near the Northeast corner of the Wheeler NWR.

Said right-of-way contains 18.666 acres, more or less.

Also for the purpose and duration of the initial construction and installation of the proposed pipeline, a temporary right-of-way and work space twenty (20) feet in width along and adjacent to the west right-of-way from Sta. 1000+35 to Sta. 1000+85. Also a twenty (20) feet in width temporary right-of-way and work space along and adjacent to the east right-of-way from Sta. 1000+85 to Sta. 636+46;

Also an additional temporary right-of-way and work space twenty (20) feet in width along and adjacent to the east temporary work space limits at the following locations: Sta. 566+65 to Sta. 573+50, Sta. 582+32 to Sta. 588+26, Sta. 605+01 to Sta. 617+45, Sta. 620+53 to Sta. 621+74, Sta. 623+48 to Sta. 625+14, and Sta. 627+15 to Sta. 634+91;

Also a temporary work space (drill site) being one hundred fifty (150) feet in width and two hundred and fifty (250) feet in length;

Also twelve (12) twenty five (25) feet wide by one hundred (100) feet long temporary rights-of-way and work spaces located at water crossings.

The above-described temporary rights-of-way and work spaces contain, in the aggregate 7.448 acres, more or less.

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service is currently

considering the merits of approving this application.

DATES: Interested persons desiring to comment on this application should do so on or before April 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Room 420, Atlanta, Georgia 30345.

Sam D. Hamilton,
Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

Technology Transfer Act of 1986

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed cooperative research and development agreement (CRADA) negotiations.

SUMMARY: The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is contemplating entering into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with the University of Florida—Gainesville to jointly perform Large Scale and Live Bed Pier Scour research at the Conte Anadromous Fish Research Center.

ADDRESSES: If any other parties are interested in similar activities with the USGS, please contact: Dr. Mufeed Odeh, 413-863-8994, Ext. 43.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is to meet the USGS requirement stipulated in the Survey Manual.

Dated: March 11, 1998.

Dennis B. Fenn,
Chief Biologist.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-952-08-1420-00]

Arizona State Office; Filing of Plats of Survey

March 9, 1998.

1. The plats of survey of the following described lands were officially filed in the Arizona State Office, Phoenix, Arizona, on the dates indicated:

A plat, in two sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines and portions of certain mineral surveys; and the

subdivision of Sections 21 and 22, Township 4 North, Range 3 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted June 12, 1997, and was officially filed June 19, 1997.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix District Office.

A plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the Fort McDowell Indian Reservation and a portion of the subdivisional lines; and the metes-and-bounds survey in Sections 27 and 28, Township 3 North, Range 7 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted June 24, 1997, and was officially filed July 3, 1997.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Tonto National Forest.

A plat, in two sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the east boundary, a portion of the subdivisional lines, and portions of Mineral Survey Nos. 1134 and 3886; and the subdivision of Section 1, and a metes-and-bounds survey, Township 1 North, Range 8 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted December 16, 1997, and was officially filed December 31, 1997.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix Field Office.

A plat, in six sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of the Fifth Standard Parallel North (south boundary), the north boundary, and a portion of the subdivisional lines; and the subdivision of Sections 26, 27, and 34, and metes-and-bounds surveys, Township 21 North, Range 27 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted July 22, 1997, and was officially filed July 31, 1997.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Navajo-Hopi Relocation Commission.

A plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the Seventh Auxiliary Guide Meridian East (west boundary), and a portion of the subdivisional lines; and the subdivision of Section 18, Township 22 North, Range 29 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted March 31, 1997, and was officially filed April 10, 1997.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Navajo-Hopi Relocation Commission.

A plat representing the corrective dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, Township 12 North, Range 30 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted June 30, 1997, and was officially filed July 10, 1997.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Kenneth Shaw, Registered Land Surveyor.

A plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivision of Section 14, and the metes-and-bounds surveys in Section 14, Township 26 North, Range 30 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted July 30, 1997, and was officially filed August 7, 1997.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Navajo Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

A plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the south boundary, Township 26 North, Range 30 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted August 22, 1997, and was officially filed September 5, 1997.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Navajo Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

A plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, Township 26 North, Range 31 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted August 22, 1997, and was officially filed September 5, 1997.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Navajo Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

A plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the First Guide Meridian East (west boundary); and the survey of the south boundary, a portion of the east boundary, and a portion of the subdivisional lines, Township 18 South, Range 5 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted May 12, 1997, and was officially filed May 22, 1997.

This plat was prepared, at the request of the Phoenix Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

A plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the First Guide Meridian East (west boundary); and the survey of a portion of the east boundary, and a portion of the subdivisional lines, Township 19 South, Range 5 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted May 12, 1997, and was officially filed May 22, 1997.

This plat was prepared, at the request of the Phoenix Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

A plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the east boundary and a portion of the subdivisional lines; and the subdivision of Sections 12 and 13, and an informative traverse in Sections 12 and 13, Township 9 South, Range 6 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted June 24, 1997, and was officially filed July 3, 1997.

This plat was prepared, at the request of the Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix District Office.

A supplemental plat showing amended lottings of fractional areas created by the segregation of patented mineral surveys and the cancellation of Mineral Survey Numbers 2718, 3367, 4644, and a portion of Mineral Survey 2605 in the west half of Section 11, Township 3 South, Range 13 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted June 10, 1997, and was officially filed June 19, 1997.

This plat was prepared at the request of ASARCO, Incorporated.

A supplemental plat showing amended lottings of fractional areas created by the segregation of patented mineral surveys and the cancellation of Mineral Survey Numbers 3381 and 4640, in the Section 13, Township 3 South, Range 13 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted June 10, 1997, and was officially filed June 19, 1997.

This plat was prepared at the request of ASARCO, Incorporated.

A plat representing the dependent resurvey and corrective dependent resurvey of portions of the subdivisional lines; and the subdivision of Section 28, and a metes-and-bounds survey, Township 18 South, Range 21 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted January 29, 1998, and was officially filed February 12, 1998.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Land Management, Safford Field Office.

A plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the San Rafael Del Valle Land Grant and a portion of the subdivisional lines; and the subdivision of certain sections, Township 21 South, Range 22 East, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted February 24, 1998, and was officially filed March 6, 1998.

This plat was prepared, at the request of the Bureau of Land Management, Safford Field Office.

A plat, in sixteen sheets, representing the survey of the legal descriptive boundary of the North Maricopa Mountains Wilderness Area in Townships 3 and 4 South, Ranges 2, 3 and 4 West, and Townships 5 South, Ranges 2 and 3 West, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted April 8, 1997, and was officially filed April 24, 1997.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Land Management, Resources Division.

A plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines; and the subdivision of Sections 14 and 15, and metes-and-

bounds surveys in Sections 14 and 15, Township 6 North, Range 4 West, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted February 4, 1998, and was officially filed February 12, 1998.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix Field Office.

A plat, in seven sheets, representing the survey of the legal descriptive boundary of the Cottonwood Point Wilderness Area in Townships 41 and 42 North, Ranges 5 and 6 West, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted July 1, 1997, and was officially filed July 17, 1997.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Land Management, Resources Division.

A plat, in three sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the west boundary and a portion of the subdivisional lines; and the subdivision of certain sections, the metes-and-bounds survey of the Cottonwood Point Wilderness Area Boundary, and an informative traverse, Township 41 North, Range 5 West, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted April 29, 1997, and was officially filed May 9, 1997.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Land Management, Resources Division.

A plat representing the dependent resurvey of the Arizona and Utah State Boundary (north boundary) from the 64 mile corner to the 66 mile corner, a portion of the south boundary, the west boundary, and a portion of the subdivisional lines; and the metes-and-bounds survey of the Cottonwood Point Wilderness Area Boundary, fractional Township 42 North, Range 5 West, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted April 29, 1997, and was officially filed May 9, 1997.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Land Management, Resources Division.

A plat, in seven sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines; and the subdivision of certain sections, the metes-and-bounds survey of the Cottonwood Point Wilderness Area Boundary, and informative traverses, Township 41 North, Range 6 West, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted April 29, 1997, and was officially filed May 9, 1997.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Land Management, Resources Division.

A plat, in three sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of the Arizona and Utah State Boundary (north boundary) from the mile corner 59 to the mile corner 64, a portion of the

south boundary, and a portion of the subdivisional lines; and the subdivision of Section 32, and the metes-and-bounds survey of the Cottonwood Point Wilderness Area Boundary, fractional Township 42 North, Range 6 West, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted April 29, 1997, and was officially filed May 9, 1997.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Land Management, Resources Division.

A plat representing the corrective dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, Township 13 North, Range 20 West, Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, was accepted October 29, 1997, and was officially filed November 6, 1997.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Arizona State Land Department.

2. These plats will immediately become the basic records for describing the land for all authorized purposes. These plats have been placed in the open files and are available to the public for information only.

3. All inquiries relating to these lands should be sent to the Arizona State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 222 N. Central Avenue, P.O. Box 1552, Phoenix, Arizona 85001-1552.

Kenny D. Ravnikar,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor of Arizona.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-942-5700-00]

Filing of Plats of Survey; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform the public and interested state and local government officials of the latest filing of Plats of Survey in California.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Unless otherwise noted, filing was effective at 10:00 a.m. on the next federal work day following the plat acceptance date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lance J. Bishop, Chief, Branch of Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), California State Office, 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, CA 95825-0451, (916) 978-4310.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The plats of Survey of lands described below have been officially filed at the California State Office of the Bureau of Land Management in Sacramento, CA.

Mount Diablo Meridian, California

T. 12 N., R. 10 E.,—Supplemental plat of the NE ¼ of section 1, accepted February 3, 1998, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, Folsom Field Office.

San Bernardino Meridian, California

T. 9 S., R. 22 E.,—Supplemental plat of fractional section 9, accepted February 2, 1998, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM (Arizona), Yuma Field Office. Tps. 1 N. and 1 S., R. 15 W.,—Metes-and-bounds survey, (Group 1141) accepted February 3, 1998, to meet certain administrative needs of the National Park Service, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

T. 1 S., R. 16 W.,—Dependent resurvey and subdivision of fractional section 19, (Group 1247) accepted February 4, 1998, to meet certain administrative needs of the National Park Service, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

T. 1 S., R. 19 W.,—Meets-and-bounds survey, (Group 1222) accepted February 4, 1998, to meet certain administrative needs of the National Park Service, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreational Area.

All of the above listed survey plats are now the basic record for describing the lands for all authorized purposes. The survey plats have been placed in the open files in the BLM, California State Office, and are available to the public as a matter of information. Copies of the survey plats and related field notes will be furnished to the public upon payment of the appropriate fee.

Dated: March 9, 1998.

Lance J. Bishop,

Chief, Branch of Cadastral Survey.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Availability of Plan of Operations and Environmental Assessment for Proposed Three Dimensional Seismic Testing at Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, Barataria Preserve Unit, Louisiana

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 9.52(b) of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations that the National Park Service has received from Burlington Resources a Plan of Operations for the Couba Island 3-D Seismic Prospect encompassing a portion of the Barataria Preserve Unit of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, located within Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

The Plan of Operations and Environmental Assessment are available for public review and comment for a