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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Greg Yuncevich, Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Cottonwood Field Office, Route 3, Box 181, Cottonwood, ID 83522.

Dated: April 23, 1999.

**Ted Graf,**

*Acting District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-030-1310-00]

#### Continental Divide/Wamsutter II Natural Gas Project

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Continental Divide/Wamsutter II (CD/WII) Natural Gas Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) which analyzes the environmental consequences of the CD/WII proposed natural gas development and production operation. Expansion of natural gas exploration and development is proposed in and adjacent to other oil and gas developments including the Greater Wamsutter Area II, Creston/Blue Gap, Table Rock field, Hay Reservoir, Patrick Draw, and Mulligan Draw. The 1,061,200 acre CD/WII project area is located within the administrative jurisdictions of the BLM Rawlins and Rock Springs Field Offices, approximately 25 miles west of Rawlins and 40 miles east of Rock Springs along Interstate Highway 80 in Townships 15-23 North, Ranges 91-99 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Sweetwater and Carbon Counties, Wyoming. Most of the 531,400 acres of Federal land in the project area lie within the "checkerboard"—a land ownership pattern created when the United States conveyed alternate sections of land to the Union Pacific Railroad along their railroad right-of-way. Currently there are approximately 845 oil and gas wells drilled within the project area and up to 3,000 additional wells could be drilled over the next 20 years.

**DATES:** Written comments on the DEIS will be accepted for 60 days following the date that the Environmental

Protection Agency (EPA) publishes their notice of availability of the DEIS in the **Federal Register**. The EPA notice is expected to be published April 30, 1999.

Two public meetings are scheduled to obtain public comments on the proposed project and the DEIS: May 24, 1999, 7 p.m., at the BLM Rock Springs Field Office conference room, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming; and May 25, 1999, 7 p.m., at the BLM Rawlins Field Office conference room, 1300 North Third Street, Rawlins, Wyoming. Also, the above field offices will hold open houses on the respective public meeting dates from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to answer any questions interested parties may have regarding the proposed project.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to: Clare Miller, Team Leader, Rawlins Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1300 N. Third Street, P.O. Box 2407, Rawlins, Wyoming 82301, or e-mail to Clare\_Miller@blm.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Clare Miller, phone 307-328-4245, or Teresa Deakins, phone 307-352-0211.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Amoco Production Company, Union Pacific Resources, Snyder Oil Corporation, Yates Petroleum Corporation, and other companies (Operators) propose to drill up to 3,000 wells over the next 20 years exploring and developing their existing leases within the CD/WII project area. Well density would range from one well per 640 acres to eight wells per 640 acres.

The CD/WII DEIS analyzes the impacts of the Proposed Action—full field development of 3,000 wells, along with access roads, pipelines, and other ancillary facilities (gas processing plant, compressor stations, water disposal sites, etc.). Alternative A is similar to the Proposed Action, but would limit disturbance on Federal lands in Sensitive Resource Areas (SRA)—areas containing high value resources—to no more than 14 acres of additional disturbance per section. Alternative B also is similar to the Proposed Action, but would limit disturbance to no more than 30 acres of additional disturbance per section on Federal lands within SRAs. The No Action Alternative analyzes the current, ongoing level of development (845 wells) in the CD/WII area and continuation of that activity into the future. The Proposed Action would be denied under the No Action Alternative.

Based upon issues and concerns identified during the scoping process, this DEIS focuses on the impacts to air quality, biological and physical

resources, transportation, socio-economics, and cumulative effects. The DEIS, in compliance with Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act, as amended, includes the Biological Assessment for the purpose of identifying endangered or threatened species which may be affected by the proposed action.

Comments, including the names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM offices listed above during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays. Your comments may be published as part of the EIS process. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name and/or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspections in their entirety.

Dated: April 26, 1999.

**Alan R. Pierson,**

*State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[UT-070-99-5101-00; J-608; UTU-77149, UTU-77164]

#### San Juan County, NM; La Plata, Montezuma, Dolores, and San Miguel Counties, CO; and San Juan, Grand, Emery, Carbon, Sanpete, Utah, and Salt Lake Counties, UT; EIS for Pipeline Transportation of Refined Petroleum Products and Natural Gas

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) and notice of EIS scoping meetings for construction of pipeline facilities and transportation of refined petroleum products via underground pipeline in San Juan County, New Mexico; La Plata, Montezuma, Dolores, and San Miguel Counties, Colorado; and San Juan, Grand, Emery, Carbon, Sanpete, Utah, and Salt Lake Counties, Utah; and the construction of pipeline facilities and transportation of natural gas via

underground pipeline in Carbon, Sanpete and Utah Counties, Utah.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Price Field Office, will be directing the preparation of an EIS on the impacts of proposed transportation of *refined petroleum products* through a pipeline located on public, National Forest System, and private lands in northwest New Mexico, southwest Colorado, and southeast to north-central Utah. In addition, the EIS will analyze the impacts of proposed transportation of *natural gas* through a pipeline located on public and private lands in southeast to north-central Utah. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and U.S. Forest Service, Manti-LaSal and Uinta Forests, will be participating in the EIS preparation as cooperating agencies in accordance with 40, CFR 1501.6. Because these separate proposed actions would share approximately 102 miles of utility corridor, the BLM and cooperating agencies will analyze the impacts in a single EIS process. The EIS may also address the impacts of other potential utility projects proposed for portions of the corridor in Utah.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Williams Pipe Line Company has proposed to transport *refined petroleum products* to the Wasatch Front area of Utah using a combination of existing pipelines in New Mexico and Colorado, and a new segment of pipeline in Utah from near Thompson Springs to a terminal on the Wasatch Front. The *refined petroleum products* would include diesel fuel, fuel oil, jet fuel, and gasoline. Questar Pipeline Company has proposed to increase its transportation of *natural gas* from the Price area by installing a parallel pipeline along its existing Main Line (ML) 40/41 Pipeline from Price to Payson, Utah, and then west to a new interconnect point with Kern River Pipeline in the vicinity of Elberta, Utah, and north to a terminus near Lehi, Utah. The BLM is preparing an EIS to analyze the effects of the proposed pipelines and appurtenant facilities.

#### Summary Description of Williams Pipe Line Company's Proposed Action

Transportation of *refined petroleum products* through underground pipeline from west Texas to a terminal site along the Wasatch Front of Utah is proposed. Williams Pipe Line Company would use the pipeline network to distribute products to distinct markets in New Mexico, western Colorado, and the growing Wasatch Front area of Utah. The northern portion of the project

serving markets in northwestern New Mexico, western Colorado and southeast Utah would involve re-engineering of existing natural gas pipeline. A new 237-mile pipeline would be constructed to connect the re-engineered, existing pipeline network from near Thompson Springs, Utah to the Wasatch Front. Terminals would be constructed adjacent to I-70 near Green River, Utah and near Salt Lake City along the Wasatch Front. Other appurtenant pipeline facilities may include check valves approximately every 10 to 15 miles, a cathodic protection system, aerial markers, and scraper launchers and traps. Existing pump stations near Ignacio, Dolores and Dove Creek, Colorado, and Lisbon and Moab Utah, would have pumping units added for the project. New pump stations would be constructed at one location in northwest New Mexico, one location in southwest Colorado, and two locations in Utah.

The southern segment of the project extending from west Texas to northwest New Mexico would include the use of existing or new terminals in Albuquerque and Bloomfield, New Mexico and other facilities. However, because the northern and southern segments of the pipeline project would serve separate and distinct markets and have substantial independent utility, the BLM will undertake separate NEPA analyses for the segments. The Price Field Office of BLM will be the lead office to assess effects of the proposed pipeline and appurtenant facilities within Utah, existing pipeline re-engineering and appurtenant facilities in Colorado, and the existing pipeline re-engineering north of Bloomfield, New Mexico. BLM staff in New Mexico will assess effects of the portions of the project serving markets in Texas and most of New Mexico.

#### Summary Description of Questar Pipeline Company's Proposed Action

In order to service the current and future transportation needs of natural gas development in central Utah south of Price to markets along the Wasatch Front and existing Kern River Pipeline, Questar Pipeline Company proposes to increase its system capacity by installing a new 102-mile, 20-inch outside diameter natural gas pipeline loop from Price to Lehi, Utah. The ML 40/41 Loop would be installed parallel to Questar Pipeline Company's existing ML 40/41 Pipeline from Price to Payson. From the Payson Meter Station, the pipeline would continue due west approximately 18 miles through the Goshen Valley and tie into the Kern River Pipeline near Elberta, Utah. From

the tie-in with Kern River, the pipeline would continue within the existing Kern River corridor approximately 30 miles north to a termination point due west of Lehi, Utah.

#### Preliminary Issues

Tentatively identified issues of concern may include: cultural resources, wildlife, water resources, land use, socioeconomics and visual resources.

#### Possible Alternatives

The EIS will analyze the Proposed Actions and No-Action Alternatives. Other alternatives may include different routes for portions of each pipeline, fewer but larger pipelines in the corridor, and optional sites for pipeline facilities, as well as mitigating measures to minimize impacts.

#### Decisions To Be Made

Separate Records of Decision would be issued for the Williams and Questar proposals. Questar Pipeline Company's proposed action is regulated by the FERC, and the FERC will review Questar Pipeline Company's Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity under the Natural Gas Act.

#### Tentative Project Schedule

The tentative project schedule is as follows:

- Begin Public Comment Period—April 1999.
- Hold Scoping Meetings—May 1999.
- File Draft EIS—January 2000.
- File Final EIS—June 2000.
- Record of Decision—July 2000.

#### Public Scoping Meetings

Eight public scoping meetings will be held, each one beginning at 7:00 p.m. All locations except for Durango, Colorado, are in Utah. The meeting locations include:

- May 18 *Green River*: John Wesley Powell Hall of Fame Museum.
- May 19 *Moab*: Moab Civic Center Senior Citizens Center.
- May 20 *Price*: Holiday Inn.
- May 25 *Salt Lake City*: Wyndham Hotel.
- May 26 *Payson*: Payson City Hall Banquet Room.
- May 27 *Lehi*: Lehi High School.
- June 2 *Dolores*: Anasazi Heritage Center.
- June 3 *Durango*: Doubletree Hotel.

#### Public Input Requested

Comments concerning the Proposed Action and EIS should address issues to be considered, feasible alternatives to examine, possible mitigation, and

information relevant to or having bearing on the Proposed Action.

**DATES:** The comment period for scoping of the EIS will commence with publication of this notice. Written comments must be submitted on or before June 11, 1999. Eight public scoping meetings will be held to receive oral comment on May 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, and 27, and June 2 and 3, 1999, at the times and locations listed under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to Mark Mackiewicz, Williams Aspen Pipeline EIS Team Leader, Bureau of Land Management, 125 South 600 West, Price, Utah 84501 or at e-mail: [mmackiew@ut.blm.gov](mailto:mmackiew@ut.blm.gov)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark Mackiewicz, (435) 636-3616 or at e-mail: [mmackiew@ut.blm.gov](mailto:mmackiew@ut.blm.gov)

Dated: April 22, 1999.

**Linda S. Colville,**

*Acting State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[MT-960-99-1990-00]

#### Resource Advisory Council Meeting, Butte, MT

**AGENCY:** Butte Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Montana Resource Advisory Council will convene at 9 a.m., Monday, June 7, 1999, at the Butte Field Office, 106 North Parkmont, Butte, Montana. Issues to be discussed will include the Whitetail-Pipestone (TailPipe) Environmental Impact Statement review and an update on the progress of the new members' nominations.

On Sunday, June 6, a Field trip to the TailPipe area is planned. This trip is optional to members and will not be an officially sanctioned tour.

The meeting is open to the public and written comments may be given to the Council. Oral comments may be presented to the Council at 11 a.m. The time allotted for oral comment may be limited, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard. Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meeting, or who need special assistance, such as sign language or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the Butte Field Office, 106 North Parkmont (P.O. Box 3388), Butte,

Montana 59702-3388, telephone 406-494-5059.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** BLM Butte Field Manager Merle Good at the above address or telephone number.

Dated: April 22, 1999.

**Merle Good,**

*Butte Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[MT-070-99-1990-00; MTM-68606]

#### Amendment of Commercial Lease To Include Additional Public Lands for Expansion of a Ski Area in Lewis and Clark County, MT

**AGENCY:** Butte Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

**ACTION:** Notice of realty action.

**SUMMARY:** Great Divide Ski Area, Inc., has requested use of the following described lands to accommodate expansion of the Great Divide Ski Area.

#### Principal Meridian, Montana

T. 12 N., R. 6 W.,

Sec. 26: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ —Patent #34463

Sec. 27: Lot 6 (remainder unlotted), Lot 7, Lot 8 (remainder unlotted), Lot 11, NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  (remainder unlotted), Unlotted parcel in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Mineral Survey 1782B

Sec. 34: Lot 1 (remainder unlotted), Lot 2 (remainder unlotted), Lot 3, Lot 6, Lot 7 (remainder unlotted), Lot 8 (remainder unlotted), Lot 9 (two small unlotted parcels), Lot 14 (remainder of unlotted area)

These lands are comprised of about 396.71 acres.

The lands are located on Mt. Belmont, approximately 15 air miles northwest of Helena. The amendment would be issued under section 302 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1732, and would be issued noncompetitively to the above lessee. The term of this lease is through September 30, 2016. Fair market rental will be collected for these additional lands, as well as reasonable administrative and monitoring costs for processing the amendment. The amendment will be subject to the terms and conditions of the existing lease. Final determination on the lease of these additional lands will be made upon completion of an environmental assessment.

**DATES:** On or before June 14, 1999, interested parties may submit comments to the Field Manager, Butte Field Office,

P.O. Box 3388, Butte, Montana 59702-3388.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bob Rodman at 406-494-5059 or at the above address.

Dated: April 22, 1999.

**Merle Good,**

*Butte Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-01; N-62813]

#### Notice of Realty Action; Nevada

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The following described land in Elko County, Nevada has been examined and found suitable for classification for purchase under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act (R&PP) of June 14, 1926, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 et. seq.). The lands will not be offered for purchase until at least 60 days after the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

#### Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 33 N., R. 69 E.,

Sec 26, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Containing 87.5 acres, more or less.

**DATES:** The land will become segregated on April 30, 1999. Comments are due in this office by June 14, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the Bureau of Land Management, Elko Field Office, 3900 Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The City of West Wendover intends to use the land for a Class 1 landfill. The patent, when issued, will be subject to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. A right-of-way thereof for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States; Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

2. All mineral deposits in the lands so patented, and to it, or persons authorized by it, the right to prospect for, mine and remove such deposits from the same under applicable laws and regulations to be established by the