

electronic payment system. By eliminating utility and/or payroll checks HAs will reduce access to routing and account numbers and, thus, the opportunity for counterfeiting. In that regard, conversion to electronic fund transfers for resident utilities and direct deposit of payroll would close off two avenues that OIG investigations have demonstrated allow fraud to occur.

Dated: November 12, 2003.

Kenneth M. Donohue,
Inspector General.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-010-1020-PK; HAG 04-0026]

Meeting Notice for the Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Lakeview District.

SUMMARY: The Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council (SEORAC) will hold a meeting for all members from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Time (PT), Monday, December 8, 2003 and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (PT) on Tuesday, December 9, 2003 at the BLM, Burns District Office. The meeting is open to the public. Members of the public in the Burns area may attend the meeting in person at the Burns District Office, Conference Room, HC 74-12533, Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738.

The meeting topics that may be discussed by the Council include a discussion of issues within Southeast Oregon related to: Welcome new members, Set 2004 meeting dates, Update on National Fire Plan implementation, Healthy Forest Initiative as it relates to Eastern Oregon, Noxious Weeds—update and explanation on national process, Report/Update on Sage Grouse Conservation Plan, Report/Update on Sustainable Working Landscapes, Tour of Burns Wild Horse facility. Update on Steens Mountain Advisory Council activities, Update on Steens/Andrews RMP/EIS, SEORAC Subcommittee meetings and reports, Summary of Rangeland Health Assessment process, Federal Officials' update and other issues that may come before the Council.

Information to be distributed to the Council members is requested in written format 10 days prior to the Council meeting. Public comment is scheduled for 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. (PT) on Monday, December 8, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information concerning the SEORAC conference call may be obtained from Pam Talbott, Contact Representative, Lakeview Interagency Office, 1301 South G Street, Lakeview, OR 97630 (541) 947-6107, or ptalbott@or.blm.gov and/or from the following Web site <<http://www.or.blm.gov/SEOR-RAC>>.

Dated: November 10, 2003.

Steven A. Ellis,
District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-1310-01; WYW154931]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease WYW154931

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management; Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed reinstatement of terminated oil and gas lease.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188(d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3(a) and (b)(1), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease WYW154931 for lands in Converse, County, Wyoming, was timely filed and was accompanied by all the required rentals accruing from the date of termination.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Land Management, Pamela J. Lewis, Chief, Fluid Minerals Adjudication, at (307) 775-6176.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16⅔ percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$166 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice. The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in section 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease WYW154931 effective March 1, 2003, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

Dated: September 26, 2003.

Pamela J. Lewis,

Chief, Fluid Minerals Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-952-04-1420-BJ]

Filing of Plats of Survey; Nevada

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 filing of Plats of Survey in Nevada.

EFFECTIVE DATES: Filing is effective at 10 a.m. on the dates indicated below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David J. Clark, Acting Chief, Branch of Geographic Sciences, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520, (775) 861-6541.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. The Plat of Survey of the following described lands was officially filed at the Nevada State Office, Reno, Nevada, on July 11, 2003:

The plat, in three sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the west boundary, a portion of the subdivisional lines and a portion of the subdivision-of-section lines of section 20, the further subdivision of section 20, the subdivision of sections 29 and 30, and metes-and-bounds surveys in sections 19, 20, 29, and 30, Township 23 South, Range 62 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, under Group No. 809, was accepted July 10, 2003.

This plat was prepared to meet certain administrative needs of the Bureau of Land Management.

2. The Plat of Survey of the following described lands were officially filed at the Nevada State Office, Reno, Nevada, on September 5, 2003:

The plat, representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, the subdivision of section 6, and a metes-and-bounds survey in section 6, Township 18 North, Range 29 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, under Group No. 813, was accepted September 4, 2003.

This survey was executed to meet certain administrative needs of the Bureau of Reclamation.

3. The Supplemental Plat of the following described lands was officially

filed at the Nevada State Office, Reno, Nevada, on September 9, 2003:

The supplemental plat, showing a subdivision of lot 4, section 30, Township 14 North, Range 71 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, was accepted September 9, 2003.

This supplemental plat was prepared to meet certain administrative needs of the Bureau of Land Management.

4. The above-listed surveys are now the basic record for describing the lands for all authorized purposes. These surveys have been placed in the open files in the BLM Nevada State Office and are available to the public as a matter of information. Copies of the surveys and related field notes may be furnished to the public upon payment of the appropriate fees.

Dated: November 7, 2003.

David J. Clark,

Acting Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Nevada.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians

Tribal Consultation on Participation by the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians in the Department of the Interior Consolidation of Agency Appraisal Functions: Reopening of Comment Period

AGENCY: Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the period during which the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) will accept written comments concerning potential issues related to participation by OST in the Department of the Interior plan to consolidate agency appraisal functions, has been reopened to be effective from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register** until December 1, 2003. Pursuant to the September 17, 2003 notice published in the **Federal Register**, the period for written comments on this matter closed on November 7, 2003. In response to tribal requests, however, OST is reopening the comment period and extending it to December 1, 2003, to allow tribes and other interested parties an extended opportunity to provide written comments on this matter.

On June 19, 2003, Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton announced that real estate appraisal functions currently

performed by various agencies within the Department would be consolidated into a single office. This action is taken in response to concerns about the objectivity and management of appraisal functions carried out by several agencies within the Department, and documented in reports issued by the Department's Inspector General, the General Accounting Office and other groups.

The goals of a consolidated appraisal organization include: To restore public and consumer confidence in land valuations; to ensure greater appraiser independence for unbiased valuation services that meet the highest professional standards; and a sharing of skills and resources throughout the Department. In addition, the consolidation is expected to provide better coordination and consistency of appraisal guidance, enhanced professional development of appraisers, and greater efficiencies in contract monitoring and development.

Since July 2003, OST has participated in the Departmental action team composed of appraisal and realty specialists from affected offices within the Department. The action team has been meeting to determine the best way to accomplish the consolidation, with as minimal disruption to appraisal services as possible. Participation on this action team, and additional discussions with the Department, indicate that it would be in the best interest of the OST appraisal program to join this consolidation. Specific issues unique to the appraisal of Indian trust assets as conducted by the OST Office of Appraisal Services, and by self-governance and self-determination tribes, however, require special consideration. OST held four tribal consultation sessions to discuss these issues. Two meetings were held on September 24, 2003 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and two meetings were held on October 28, 2003 in Las Vegas, Nevada. In response to requests for additional time to submit written comments on the proposal to OST, the comment period has been reopened from the date of publication to December 1, 2003.

DATES: All comments are due by December 1, 2003.
ADDRESSES: Send or hand-deliver written comments to: Carrie Moore, Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, 1849 C Street, NW., Suite 5140, Washington, DC 20240. Submissions by facsimile should be sent to (202) 208-7545.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carrie Moore at (202) 208-4866 or Pat Gerard at (505) 816-1313.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the consultation is to provide Indian tribes and other interested parties with the opportunity to comment on issues relevant to OST participation in the Department of the Interior consolidation of agency appraisal programs.

Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish us to withhold your name, street address, and other contact information (such as fax or phone number) from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will honor your request to the extent allowable by law. We will make available for public inspection in their entirety all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses.

This notice is published in accordance with the authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Special Trustee for American Indians by 209 DM 11.

Ross Swimmer,

Special Trustee for American Indians, Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (03-146)]

NASA Advisory Council, Biological and Physical Research Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of the NASA Advisory Council, Biological and Physical Research Advisory Committee.

DATES: Monday, December 8, 2003, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Holiday Inn Washington Capitol, 550 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Bradley Carpenter, Code UG, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-0826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capability of the meeting room.