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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-923; COC-69155]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Transfer of Jurisdiction; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy has filed an application requesting the Secretary of the Interior to withdraw from surface entry and mining and transfer jurisdiction of 160 acres of public land in Moffat County, Colorado, to be utilized as a uranium mill tailings disposal site. This notice segregates the land for a period of 2 years from surface entry and mining.

DATES: Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received January 26, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Correspondence should be addressed to the State Director, BLM Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris E. Chelius, BLM Colorado State Office, 303-239-3706.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of Energy has filed an application with the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw from surface entry and mining and transfer to them, subject to valid existing rights, the jurisdiction of the following described public land:

Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 7 N., R. 95 W.,
sec. 24, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 160 acres in Moffat County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to transfer jurisdiction of the land to the U.S. Department of Energy for perpetual administration as a hazardous material site under authority of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978, 42 U.S.C. 7901, et seq.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed action may present their views in writing to the Colorado State Director, BLM, at the above address.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, and records relating to the proposed withdrawal will be available for public review at BLM Colorado State Office, during regular business hours.

Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses and from representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

This application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

Effective on the date of publication, this land is segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, and the mineral leasing laws. The segregative effect of this application will terminate 2 years from the date of this publication unless final withdrawal action is taken or the application is denied or cancelled prior to that date (43 CFR 2310.2). Notice of any action will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Public meetings will be held in connection with the proposed withdrawal action during the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement that will analyze options for permanent disposal of the uranium tailings. A notice of the time and place will be published by the U.S. Department of Energy in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days prior to the scheduled date of the meetings.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2310.3-1)

Dated: October 7, 2005.

John D. Beck,

Acting Chief, Branch of Lands and Realty.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-923; COC-68632]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal; Scheduled Public Meeting; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture has filed an application requesting the

Secretary of the Interior to withdraw approximately 14,919 acres of National Forest System lands in Douglas, Teller, Park, and Jefferson Counties, Colorado. This notice segregates the lands from location and entry under the U.S. Mining Laws for up to 2 years. This notice also establishes the time and place of the public meeting.

DATES: Comments on this proposed action must be received on or before January 26, 2006.

The public meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on December 15, 2005 at the USDA Forest Service Workcenter, State Highway 126, Buffalo Creek, Colorado 80425.

Requests to be heard at the public meeting should be received by close of business on December 8, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments and/or requests to be heard should be submitted to the State Director, Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, or David Crumley, USDA, Forest Service, 2040 Kachina Drive, Pueblo, Colorado 81008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris E. Chelius, BLM, 303-239-3706, in Denver, or David Crumley, USDA Forest Service, 719-553-1591 in Pueblo.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Department of Agriculture, acting through the Forest Service, filed an application with the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw the following identified lands from location and entry under the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights. The outer limit of the area requested is a line drawn in such a manner that each point of it is $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile (U.S. Foot) each side from the middle of the main channels of the South Platte and the North Fork of the South Platte Rivers comprising a $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile wide corridor aggregating a length of approximately 71.4 miles. The lands proposed to be withdrawn are described in the following three segments:

Sixth Principal Meridian

Pike—San Isabel National Forest

Segment 1: Elevenmile Canyon Reservoir to Cheesman Lake

Beginning at a point on the South Platte River at the outlet in the Elevenmile Reservoir Dam in sec. 20, T. 13 S., R. 72 W., thence northeasterly along the middle of the main channel of the South Platte River approximately 25.9 miles, ending at a point where the South Platte River exits the east boundary of sec. 22. T. 10 S., R. 71 W.

Segment 2: Cheesman Dam to the High Water Line of the Strontia Springs Reservoir

Beginning on the South Platte River from the stream gage below Cheesman Dam in sec.

6, T. 10 S., R. 70 W., thence northeasterly along the middle of the main channel of the South Platte River approximately 22.6 miles, ending at the high water line of the Strontia Springs Reservoir, in sec. 30, T. 7 S., R. 69 W.

Segment 3: North Fork South Platte River

Beginning on the North Fork of the South Platte River from Insmont (upper end of Berger property) in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec. 33, T. 7 S., R. 72 W., thence easterly along the middle of the main channel of the North Fork of the South Platte River approximately 22.9 miles to the confluence with the main stem of the South Platte River in sec. 25, T. 7 S., R. 69 W.

Excepting nonfederal owned surface and mineral estate, and subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, and other segregations of record. A land list describing by Township, Range and Section, the Federal lands and interests crossed by the above-described segments and subject to this Notice of Proposed Withdrawal is available from the BLM at the address listed above.

The areas described aggregate approximately 14,919.26 acres in Jefferson, Teller, Park, and Douglas Counties.

The purpose of this proposed withdrawal is to protect important wild and scenic values which have been determined to meet the requirements for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

As proposed, the withdrawal would be for a period of 20 years or until Congress determines these segments should or should not be included in the Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

The use of a right-of-way or cooperative agreement instead of a withdrawal would not provide adequate protection for this area due to the broad scope and nondiscretionary nature of the general mining laws.

There are no alternative sites because the area of interest is determined by the location of the rivers.

Water will not be needed to fulfill the purpose of the requested withdrawal.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with this proposal may present their views in writing to the Colorado State Director, BLM, or David Crumley, USDA Forest Service, at the above addresses. However, those persons desiring to be heard at the public meeting must submit their requests by December 8, 2005. A list of scheduled speakers will be established. Unscheduled speakers will be heard if time allows.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, and records relating to the proposed withdrawal will be available for public review at the BLM Colorado State Office in Lakewood and the USDA Forest

Service Office in Pueblo during regular business hours.

Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses and from representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the above described lands will be segregated from location and entry under the mining laws as specified above unless the application is denied or cancelled, or the withdrawal is approved, prior to that date. During this period, the lands will continue to be managed by the USDA Forest Service.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2310.3-1)

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John D. Beck,

Acting Chief, Branch of Lands and Realty.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Alaska OCS Region, Beaufort Sea Oil and Gas Lease Sale 202, March 2007

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Request for Information (RFI) and Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA).

SUMMARY: The Secretary's approved 5-Year OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2002-2007 provides for 3 sales: Sales 186, 195, and 202 to be held in the Beaufort Sea Program Planning Area. The presale process incorporated planning and analysis for all three sales. From the initial step in the process (the Call for Information and Nominations (Call)) through the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Consistency Determination (CD) step, the process covered the multiple-sale proposals. However, we indicated that we would conduct and did conduct complete National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), OCS Lands Act, and Coastal Zone Management Act processes for

each sale, including a proposed and final Notice of Sale. The environmental analysis and the CD for Sale 202 will focus primarily on new issues, new scientific information, and/or changes in the state's federally-approved coastal management plan.

The Call NOI to Prepare an EIS for Sales 186, 195, and 202 was published in the **Federal Register** on September 19, 2001, at 66 FR 48268. The Beaufort Sea Multiple-Sale Final EIS for these sales was released in February 2003 (OCS EIS/EA, MMS 2003-001). Sales 186 and 195 were held on September 24, 2003, and March 30, 2005, respectively. When the multiple-sale EIS was prepared, MMS indicated it would do an EA for Sales 195 and 202 if no significant new issues or impacts are identified. The MMS is now initiating a RFI for Beaufort Sea Sale 202.

DATES: Comments on the RFI and on the NOI must be received no later than 45 days following publication of this document in the **Federal Register** in envelopes labeled "Comments on the Request for Information for Beaufort Sea Sale 202" or "Comments on the Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment" as appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please call Steve Flippen at (907) 334-5268 in MMS's Alaska OCS Region regarding questions on the RFI/NOI to prepare an EA.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental analysis and the CD for Sale 202 will focus primarily on new issues and information that may have arisen since the completion of the EIS for Sales 186, 195, and 202 (February 2003) and on any changes that may have occurred in the state's coastal management plan. The process will lead to identification of the area to be included in the proposed Notice of Sale (NOS). Each of these steps, including the proposed NOS, provides for a public comment period. At the culmination of each step and after analysis of any public comments, the MMS will decide whether to proceed to the next step. This process will:

- Focus on the environmental analysis by identifying impact types and levels that may change since the analysis was done for Sales 186 and 195;
- Result in any new issues being more easily highlighted by the public;
- Eliminate issuance for public review the repetitive, voluminous EISs for each sale; and
- Result in a more efficient and responsive application of the NEPA.