

The Office of Research on Women's Health invites individuals and individuals representing organizations with an interest in research areas related to women's health to provide written and oral testimony on the state of knowledge and continuing or emerging gaps in knowledge about women's health across the life span, sex/gender differences and the impact on women's health, new priorities for research on women's health, the environmental, genetic, hormonal, non-hormonal, and other factors that impact women's health, and career issues for women scientists and how to overcome the barriers. Due to time constraints, only one representative from each organization may present oral testimony, with presentations limited to 10 minutes. A letter of intent to present such testimony should be sent by interested individuals and organizations to Ms. Maxine Smith, Houston Associates, 1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 1200, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Presenters should send three (3) written copies of their testimony, including a brief description of their organization, to the above address no later than May 20, 1997. The date of receipt of the letter will establish the order of presentations at the June meeting.

Individuals and organizations wishing to provide written statements only may send three (3) copies of their statements to the above address by May 20, 1997. All written testimony will be made available to the conferees prior to the June 11 meeting day. Comments and questions related to the June meeting should be addressed to Ms. Smith.

This meeting is the second of three regional public hearings and scientific workshops of similar design to be convened by the Office of Research on Women's Health. At the conclusion of this series of meetings, the Office of Research on Women's Health will convene a national meeting to address the deliberations and recommendations from the regional public hearings and scientific workshops for the purpose of developing a report for priorities for research on women's health for the 21st century.

Dated: April 3, 1997.

Ruth L. Kirschstein,

Deputy Director, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Prospective Grant of Exclusive License: Method of Identifying Persons Susceptible to Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is notice, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i), that the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services, is contemplating the grant of an exclusive license to practice its interest in the invention embodied in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/473,033, filed June 6, 1995, entitled, "Method of Identifying Persons Susceptible to Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders," and subsequent filings, to Callisto Pharmaceuticals, Inc., having a place of business in New York, New York. The United States is a joint assignee of the patent rights in these inventions.

The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within 90 days from the date of this published Notice, NIH receives written evidence and argument that establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

The field of use would be diagnosing persons with, or at risk of developing, certain neuropsychiatric disorders as described in the patent application.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Obsessive compulsive disorder is a severe debilitating condition that can interfere dramatically with daily activities. Obsessive thoughts can include worries about either personal or family safety, past actions, or fears of contamination. Currently there is no known biologic or genetic marker diagnostic for this disorder. However, there is evidence that certain autoimmune diseases have accompanying psychological symptoms including obsessive compulsive behavior, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, emotional lability, and irritability. The patent application relates to the discovery that in patients at risk for developing neuropsychiatric disorders due to autoimmune disease there is a dramatic increase in the number of B lymphocytes expressing an alloantigen. Detection of the antigen has

been shown to be predictive for obsessive compulsive behavior. In addition, individuals at genetic risk for these neuropsychiatric disorders can also be identified.

ADDRESSES: Requests for a copy of the patent applications, inquiries, comments and other materials relating to the contemplated license should be directed to: Leopold J. Luberecki, Jr., J.D., Technology Licensing Specialist, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Box 13, Rockville, MD 20852-3804; Telephone: (301) 496-7735, ext. 223; Facsimile: (301) 402-0220. Properly filed competing applications for a license filed in response to this notice will be treated as objections to the contemplated license. Only written comments and/or application for a license which are received by the NIH Office of Technology Transfer on or before July 9, 1997 will be considered.

Comments and objections submitted in response to this notice will not be made available for public inspection, and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Dated: March 31, 1997.

Barbara M. McGarey,

Deputy Director, Office of Technology Transfer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-118-6332-00; GP7-0136]

Closure of All Segments of the London Peak Overlook Trail to Off-Highway and Mechanized Vehicle Use

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Medford District Office.

ACTION: Emergency closure of public land trail in Josephine County, Oregon.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that effective immediately, all segments of the London Peak Overlook Trail under Bureau of Land Management control are closed to all uses other than foot traffic or wheelchairs. The closure is made under the authority of 43 CFR 8341.2. The closure will remain in effect until such time that changes in resource management warrant modifications.

The public lands affected by this emergency closure are specifically identified as follows:

London Peak Overlook Trail on BLM lands in T.33 S., R. 6 W., Section 21, Willamette

Meridian, Josephine County, Oregon as shown on a map available at the Medford District, Bureau of Land Management Office.

The following persons, operating within the scope of their official duties, are exempt from the provisions of this closure order: Bureau employees, state, local and federal law enforcement and fire protection personnel; and the holders of BLM permits and/or contracts. Vehicle access by additional parties may be allowed, but must be approved by the Authorized Officer of the BLM.

The purpose of this closure is to protect the trail surfacing for wheelchair use and limit safety hazards of incompatible uses.

Any person who fails to comply with a closure order or rulemaking is subject to arrest and fines of up to \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Chung, Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Glendale Resource Area, Medford District Office, 3040 Biddle Rd, Medford, OR 97504 or (541) 770-2279.

Dated: March 31, 1997.

Diane Chung,

Glendale Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Needles Resource Area.

ACTION: Notice of availability for the Castle Mountain Mine Expansion Project, Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report, and notice of comment period and public meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and in coordination with the County of San Bernardino in its administration of the California Environmental Quality Act, as amended, notice is given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared, with the assistance of a third-party consultant, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Environmental Impact Report (EIR), on the proposed Castle Mountain Mine Expansion Project, and has made copies available for public and agency review. This notice also announces public meetings

for the purpose of receiving comments on the draft document.

DATES: Written comments on the Draft EIS/EIR must be received no later than 4 p.m., May 28, 1997. Oral and/or written comments may also be presented at two public meetings. The public meetings will be held at the following times and locations: 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 29, 1997 at the Holiday Inn, 1511 East Main Street, Barstow, California; 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 30, 1997 at the Searchlight Community Center, Parks and Recreation Department, 200 Michael Wendall Way, Searchlight, Nevada.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to: George R. Meckfessel, U.S.D.I., Bureau of Land Management, Needles Resource Area, 101 West Spikes Road, Needles, California 92363.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: George R. Meckfessel, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, telephone (619) 326-7000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Viceroy Gold Corporation has proposed to mine additional ore adjacent to deposits currently being mined at the Castle Mountain Mine, San Bernardino, California, an open-pit, heap-leach gold mine. Under the present operating permits, mining, processing and reclamation activities could continue through December 31, 2010. Under the proposed expansion, these activities would continue through December 31, 2020. The Proposed Action consists of expanding existing and planned open pit areas, expanding the existing heap leach pad, creating a new overburden storage site and expanding growth media storage areas on approximately 490 additional acres. The action would also incorporate mine pit backfilling on 140 acres of open mine pits. The proposed 10-year extension of the mining and processing phases of the mine would ultimately affect up to 1,380 acres of public and private lands, as compared to the 890 acres presently authorized.

The Draft EIS/EIR has examined potentially significant impacts to geology, water resources, including groundwater quality and quantity, vegetation, wildlife, air quality, visual resources, cultural resources, land use, and hazards.

Public participation has occurred throughout the planning process. A Notice of Intent was published in the **Federal Register** on July 18 and August

29, 1995. Public scoping meetings were held in August 1995.

Molly S. Brady,

Acting Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-060-01-1320-01; WYW127221]

Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the North Rochelle Coal Lease Application Located in Northeastern Wyoming's Powder River Basin

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of a final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) pursuant to 40 CFR 1500-1508 for the North Rochelle Coal Lease Application (WYW127221) in the Wyoming Powder River Basin. The North Rochelle tract (originally called the North Roundup tract) is being considered for sale as a result of a maintenance coal lease application filed by Bluegrass Coal Development Company (formerly SMC Mining Company) for Federal coal located adjacent to the North Rochelle Mine in Campbell County, Wyoming. The FEIS evaluates the impacts of holding a competitive coal lease sale and issuing a lease if there is a successful bidder. The North Rochelle Mine is a producing coal mine, which has met Federal diligent development requirements on its existing Federal lease. There are currently no mining or rail facilities at the mine, which is located approximately 50 miles south of Gillette, Wyoming.

DATES: The FEIS is scheduled to be available to the public on April 11, 1997. In order to assure that comments are considered in the Record of Decision, they should be received no later than close of business on May 12, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments, concerns, and requests for copies of the FEIS (or an Executive Summary of the FEIS) should be addressed to Casper District Office, Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Nancy Doelger, 1701 East "E" Street, Casper, Wyoming 82601. Comments can also be faxed to 307-234-1525, Attn: Nancy Doelger.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Doelger or Mike Karbs, at 307-261-7600, or contact the fax or address listed above.