

vehicle regulations, a proposed land exchange, proposed range improvements, and the Mixed Grass Prairie ACEC nomination.

There will be a public comment period at 11:30 a.m. during the May 16 meeting.

The meeting should adjourn around 4 p.m.

DATES: May 15 and 16, 1997.

LOCATION: First Bank, 235 1st Street, Havre, Montana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: District Manager, Lewistown District Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1160, Airport Road, Lewistown, Montana 59457.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The May 16 portion of this meeting is open to the public and there will be a public comment period as detailed above.

Dated: April 18, 1997.

David L. Mari,
District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-924-1430-01; MTM 82330]

Withdrawal of Public Mineral Estate Within the Sweet Grass Hills Area of Critical Environmental Concern and Surrounding Areas; Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Correction.

SUMMARY: This notice corrects information in Public Land Order No. 7254 published in FR Doc. 97-9222, April 10, 1997, page 17634, as follows:

1. The legal description in the first column, line 19, which reads "Sec. 2, lots 5 to 8, inclusive, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ", is corrected to read, "Sec. 2, lots 5 and 6, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ";

2. The legal description in the second column under T. 36 N., R. 5 E., "Sec. 20, lots 1 to 5, inclusive, N $\frac{1}{2}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ", is corrected to read, "Sec. 20, lot 1, lots 5 to 8, inclusive, N $\frac{1}{2}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ "; and

3. Due to the lot adjustments in paragraph 2, the acreage under **SUMMARY** and at the top of column 3 shown as "19,685", is corrected to read, "19,687".

The adjustments to these lot numbers and the acreage are due to a resurvey to restore mineral survey corners.

Dated: April 18, 1997.

Thomas P. Lonnie,

Deputy State Director, Division of Resources.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-030-1430-01; NVN 062268]

Notice of Realty Action; Termination of Recreation and Public Purposes Act Classification; Lyon County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This action terminates Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Classification N 062268 in its entirety. The land will be opened to the public land laws, including the mining laws.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The land will be open to entry effective 10 a.m. on May 28, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles J. Kihm, Bureau of Land Management, Carson City District, 1535 Hot Springs Road, Carson City, Nevada 89706, 702-885-6000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the authority delegated by Appendix 1 of Bureau of Land Management Manual 1203 dated April 14, 1987, R&PP Classification N 062268 is hereby terminated in its entirety on the following described public land:

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 14 N., R. 26 E.,
Sec. 36, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.
Containing 40.00 acres.

The classification made pursuant to the Act of June 14, 1926, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*), segregated the public land from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including location under the United States mining laws, but not leasing under the mineral leasing laws. The land was previously leased to Lyon County for a sanitary landfill. The lease has expired and the classification no longer serves any purpose.

At 10 a.m. on May 28, 1997, the land will become open to the operation of the public land laws generally, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, and the requirements of applicable law. All valid applications received at or prior to 10 a.m. on May 28, 1997, shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing.

At 10 a.m. on May 28, 1997, the land will also be open to location under the United States mining laws. Appropriation of lands under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. Sec. 38, shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determination in local courts.

Dated: April 15, 1997.

Daniel L. Jacquet,

Acting Assistant District Manager, Non-Renewable Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Announcement of Minerals Management Service Public Meeting on New Royalty-In-Kind Project

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS) will hold a one-day public meeting to discuss new ways to further utilize Federal royalty-in-kind (RIK) gas programs onshore. The meetings will be open to the public without advance registration. Public attendance may be limited to the space available.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 14, 1997, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the following location: Holiday Inn—Animas Room, 600 E. Broadway, Farmington, NM 87401, (505)327-9811.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Greg Smith, Minerals Management Service, P.O. Box 25165, Mail Stop 9130, Denver, CO, 80401, telephone number (303) 275-7102, fax (303) 275-7124; e-mail Greg_Smith@MMS.GOV or contact Mr. Jim McNamee at the same address and fax, telephone number (303) 275-7126, e-mail James_McNamee@MMS.GOV.

COMMENTS: Written comments on the meetings or the issues discussed below should be addressed to Mr. Greg Smith at the address given in the **FURTHER INFORMATION** section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: MMS conducted a Royalty Gas Marketing Pilot in 1995 in the Gulf of Mexico. The MMS sold its royalty gas to competitively selected gas marketers. The MMS had two objectives in conducting the pilot: (1) Streamline royalty collections, and (2) Test a process which could result in increased efficiency and greater certainty in valuation.

MMS' assessment of the gas RIK pilot indicated that it was an operational success, proving that the concept of MMS taking and selling royalty gas in-kind is feasible. However, MMS' analysis of the gas RIK revenues, as compared to in-value royalties paid and administrative savings realized, was not favorable to MMS.

Congress has directed MMS to consider additional projects for taking oil and/or gas in-kind. MMS is currently considering a variety of RIK scenarios that would build on lessons learned from the 1995 Royalty Gas Marketing Pilot. Any further RIK projects undertaken by MMS would be intended to address specific operational and revenue issues necessary before any longer-term implementation. The objectives of the proposed RIK options are to:

- Simplify the royalty collection process;
- Decrease administrative costs for both MMS and industry;
- Realize fair and equitable market value for the products;
- Provide certainty in royalty valuation; and
- Decrease administrative burdens and litigation.

At the public meeting, MMS will present several specific options for taking RIK on a project/test basis. MMS will solicit public input at the meetings on the workability of these option(s). The issues that MMS would like to discuss at the meetings are presented below. The listing of issues is not necessarily complete but will be used as a starting point for the meetings.

1. Mandatory or voluntary participation;
2. Areas/leases to be selected for RIK projects;
3. Types of gas to be taken in-kind (e.g., conventional, coalbed methane);
4. Aggregation of royalty volumes;
5. Delivery points for RIK production: at the lease or various points away from the lease (e.g., first mainline interconnect, gas plant inlet, gas plant tailgate);
6. Transportation responsibility away from the lease (e.g., MMS, marketer, or lessee);

7. Pricing indicators to be used to assure a fair and equitable price for RIK production as well as certainty of price to industry;

8. Requirements to be placed on lessees (e.g., marketable condition, data submitted to MMS, coordination with purchasers); and

9. Requirements to be placed on purchasers (e.g., transportation of product away from the lease, data required by MMS, coordination with lessees, balancing, contract provisions concerning breach, payment terms).

MMS will more fully develop the RIK option(s) before the public meeting. Interested parties may request this information from the contacts listed in the **FURTHER INFORMATION** section.

Dated: April 21, 1997.

Robert E. Brown,

Acting Associate Director, Policy and Management Improvement.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Quarterly Status Report of Water Service and Repayment Contract Negotiations

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of proposed contractual actions that are new, modified, discontinued, or completed since the last publication of this notice on February 10, 1997. The February 10, 1997, notice should be used as a reference point to identify changes. This notice is one of a variety of means used to inform the public about proposed contractual actions for capital recovery and management of project resources and facilities. Additional Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) announcements of individual contract actions may be published in the **Federal Register** and in newspapers of general circulation in the areas determined by Reclamation to be affected by the proposed action. Announcements may be in the form of news releases, legal notices, official letters, memorandums, or other forms of written material. Meetings, workshops, and/or hearings may also be used, as appropriate, to provide local publicity. The public participation procedures do not apply to proposed contracts for sale of surplus or interim irrigation water for a term of 1 year or less. Either of the contracting parties may invite the public

to observe contract proceedings. All public participation procedures will be coordinated with those involved in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act.

ADDRESSES: The identity of the approving officer and other information pertaining to a specific contract proposal may be obtained by calling or writing the appropriate regional office at the address and telephone number given for each region in the supplementary information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alonzo Knapp, Manager, Reclamation Law, Contracts, and Repayment Office, Bureau of Reclamation, PO Box 25007, Denver, Colorado 80225-0007; telephone 303-236-1061 extension 224.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 226 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (96 Stat. 1273) and 43 CFR 426.20 of the rules and regulations published in *52 FR 11954*, Apr. 13, 1987, Reclamation will publish notice of the proposed or amendatory contract actions for any contract for the delivery of project water for authorized uses in newspapers of general circulation in the affected area at least 60 days prior to contract execution. Pursuant to the "Final Revised Public Participation Procedures" for water resource-related contract negotiations, published in *47 FR 7763*, Feb. 22, 1982, a tabulation is provided of all proposed contractual actions in each of the five Reclamation regions. Each proposed action is, or is expected to be, in some stage of the contract negotiation process in 1997. When contract negotiations are completed, and prior to execution, each proposed contract form must be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, or pursuant to delegated or redelegated authority, the Commissioner of Reclamation or one of the regional directors. In some instances, congressional review and approval of a report, water rate, or other terms and conditions of the contract may be involved.

Public participation in and receipt of comments on contract proposals will be facilitated by adherence to the following procedures:

1. Only persons authorized to act on behalf of the contracting entities may negotiate the terms and conditions of a specific contract proposal.

2. Advance notice of meetings or hearings will be furnished to those parties that have made a timely written request for such notice to the appropriate regional or project office of Reclamation.

3. Written correspondence regarding proposed contracts may be made