

agency determinations on waiver requests of \$1,500 or less, in place of the General Accounting Office. The Director of OHA will exercise this authority in compliance with 43 CFR Part 4, and pursuant to the rules enunciated in Subpart G.

Waiver applications for amounts of \$1,500 or less should be sent to the agency out of which the erroneous payment arose. For each application for waiver of a debt exceeding \$1,500, and for an appeal of an Agency's decision on a waiver involving less than \$1,500, the claimant should submit the application directly to OHA in accordance with the procedures published at 43 CFR Part 4. Waiver applications for amounts over \$1,500, as well as requests for review of agency determinations on waivers involving less than \$1,500, may be sent to: Barry E. Hill, Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1111, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

Dated: May 5, 1997.

**Barry E. Hill,**

*Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[ID-990-1020-01]

#### Upper Snake River Districts Resource Advisory Council Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Resource Advisory Council meeting location and time.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C., the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) council meeting of the Upper Snake River Districts Resource Advisory Council will be held as indicated below. The agenda includes the review of public comments of the Healthy Rangeland Standard and Guidelines and an update on the Supplemental Draft Bennett Hills Resource Management Plan. All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the council. Each formal council meeting will have a time allocated for hearing public comments. The public comment period for the council meeting is listed below. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment, and time available,

the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meetings, or need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Debra Kovar at the Shoshone Resource Area Office, P.O. Box 2-B, Shoshone, ID, 83352, (208) 886-7201.

**DATE AND TIME:** Date is May 29th, starts at 8:00 a.m. in Federal Building Room B-23, 250 South 4th Ave, Pocatello, Idaho. Public comments from 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. on May 29, 1997.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with the management of the public lands.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Contact Debra Kovar, Shoshone Resource Area Office, P.O. Box 2-B, Shoshone, ID 83352, (208) 886-7201.

Dated: May 2, 1997.

**Gary Bliss,**

*Acting District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

#### Notice of Meeting

**SUMMARY:** The Lower Snake River District Resource Advisory Council will meet in Boise to discuss a variety of district and regional issues, including the grazing allotment Analysis, Interpretation and Evaluation process, the Upper Columbia River Basin Environmental Impact Statement, and the Draft Owyhee Resource Management Plan.

**DATES:** June 5, 1997. The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM. A public comment period will begin at 9:30 AM.

**ADDRESSES:** The Lower Snake River District Office is located at 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Barry Rose, Lower Snake River District Office (208-384-3393).

Dated: May 6, 1997.

**Barry Rose,**

*Public Affairs Specialist.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[UTU-74977]

#### Utah; Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

In accordance with Title IV of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act (Pub. L. 97-451), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease UTU-74977 for lands in San Juan County, Utah, was timely filed and required rentals accruing from January 1, 1997, the date of termination, have been paid.

The lessee has agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10 per acre and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent, respectively. The \$500 administrative fee has been paid and the lessee has reimbursed the Bureau of Land Management for the cost of publishing this notice.

Having met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Section 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease UTU-74977, effective January 1, 1997, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

**Robert Lopez,**

*Group Leader, Minerals Adjudication Group.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[UTU-70835]

#### Utah; Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

In accordance with Title IV of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act (Pub. L. 97-451), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease UTU-70835 for lands in Emery County, Utah, was timely filed and required rentals accruing from January 1, 1997, the date of termination, have been paid.

The lessee has agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10 per acre and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent, respectively. The \$500 administrative fee has been paid and the lessee has reimbursed the Bureau of Land Management for the cost of publishing this notice.

Having met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Section 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral

Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease UTU-70834, effective January 1, 1997, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

**Robert Lopez,**

*Group Leader, Minerals Adjudication Group.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-040-1430-01; WYW-122360]

#### Notice of Realty Action; Direct Sale of Public Lands; Wyoming

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

**ACTION:** Notice of realty action, sale of public lands in Sublette County.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management has determined that the lands described below are suitable for public sale under Section 203 and Section 209 of the Federal Land Management Policy Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1713, 1719.

#### Sixth Principal Meridian

T 30 N., R. 111 W.

Section 22, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

These lands contain 160 acres.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leslie Theiss, Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Resource Area, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941, 307-367-4358.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Bureau of Land Management proposes to sell the surface and mineral estates, excepting oil and gas, to Sublette County and Teton County, pursuant to Section 203 and Section 209 of the Federal Land Management Policy Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1713, 1719. Sublette County and Teton County wish to acquire the lands for future landfill purposes.

The proposed direct sale to Sublette County and Teton County would be made at fair market value. Additionally, Sublette County and Teton County will be required to submit a nonrefundable application fee of \$50.00 in accordance with 43 CFR Subpart 2720, for conveyance of all unreserved mineral interests in the lands.

The proposed sale is consistent with the Pinedale Resource Area Management Plan and would serve important public objectives which

cannot be achieved prudently or feasibly elsewhere. The lands contain no other known public values. The planning document and environmental assessment/land report covering the proposed sale will be available for review at the Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Resource Area Office, Pinedale, Wyoming.

Conveyance of the above public lands will be subject to:

1. Reservation of a right-of-way for ditches and canals pursuant to the Act of August 30, 1890, 43 U.S.C. 945.

2. Reservation of oil and gas to the United States.

The public lands described above shall be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The segregative effect will end upon issuance of the patent or 270 days from the date of the publication, whichever comes first.

For a period of forty-five (45) days from the date of issuance of this notice, interested parties may submit comments to the Bureau of Land Management, District Manager, Rock Springs, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901. Any adverse comments will be evaluated by the State Director who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any objections this proposed realty action will become final.

Dated: March 31, 1997.

**Leslie Theiss,**

*Area Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[MT-924-1430-01; MTM 86164]

#### Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; MT

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management proposes to withdraw 175.36 acres of public land in Fergus County to protect the unique and significant geologic resources of the Crystal Cave area. This notice closes the land for up to 2 years from surface entry and mining. The land has been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

**DATES:** Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by August 11, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Montana State Director, BLM, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandra Ward, BLM Montana State Office, 406-255-2949.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 25, 1997, a petition was approved allowing the Bureau of Land Management to file an application to withdraw the following described public land from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights. The land is described as follows:

#### Principal Meridian, Montana

T. 16 N., R. 19 E.,

sec. 15, lot 15, lots 25 to 28, inclusive, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and MS 9204;

sec. 16, MS 5974.

The area described contains 175.36 acres in Fergus County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect the unique and significant geologic resources of Crystal Cave area for recreational purposes.

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 withdrawal may present their views in writing to the Montana State Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the Montana State Director within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

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

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The temporary uses which may be permitted during this segregative period are licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, or discretionary land use authorization of a temporary nature, but only with the approval of unauthorized