

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sarah Nichols, Cave Protection Specialist, BLM Prineville District, P.O. Box 550, Prineville, Oregon 97754, telephone (541) 416-6725.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Violation of this closure order is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months as provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7.

Dated: May 1, 1998.

James G. Kenna,

Deschutes Area Manager, Prineville District Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[MT-060-08-1610-00, 1616P]

Notice of Availability of the Draft Oil and Gas Supplemental Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the National Environmental Policy Act the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Oil and Gas Supplemental Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS). This is a draft supplement to the 1992 Judith-Valley-Phillips RMP and is available to the public for a 90-day review period. The Draft Oil and Gas Supplemental RMP/EIS addresses two additional alternatives for oil and gas leasing on 3.4 million acres in northcentral Montana: Fergus, Petroleum, Judith Basin, Phillips, and Valley Counties and the southern portion of Chouteau County. One of the alternatives would avoid oil and gas leasing in areas with valuable wildlife habitat. The other alternative, the preferred alternative, would provide for oil and gas leasing while protecting other resource values through stipulations or closing areas where resource values are not compatible with exploration and development.

DATES: The agency must receive comments on or before August 6, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments to David L. Mari, District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Lewistown District Office, P.O. Box 1160, Lewistown, MT 59457-1160.

Copies of the Draft Oil and Gas Supplemental RMP/EIS are available from the Bureau of Land Management, Lewistown District Office, P.O. Box 1160, Lewistown, Montana 59457-1160.

Public reading copies will be available for review at the following Bureau of Land Management locations: Montana State Office, 222 North 32nd Street, Billings, Montana; Lewistown District Office, Airport Road, Lewistown, Montana; Phillips Resource Area, 501 S 2nd Street East, Malta, Montana; and Valley Resource Area, Hwy 2 W, Glasgow, Montana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Majerus, 406-538-7461.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In September 1988, the National Wildlife Federation protested the issuance of oil and gas leases by the BLM in the State of Montana. The reasons for the protest were an inadequate analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act and non-compliance with the Endangered Species Act. The BLM's November 1988 decision on this protest was that BLM would suspend lease issuance on tracts with special wildlife stipulations until a new RMP/EIS was completed meeting the Bureau's supplemental program guidance.

In September 1988, the BLM issued a notice of intent to prepare an RMP/EIS for public lands in northcentral Montana. One of the issues identified for the RMP was oil and gas leasing. The draft Judith-Valley-Phillips RMP/EIS was released for public comment in July 1991. The National Wildlife Federation comments on the draft raised the concern that the November 1988 decision was not mentioned, much less identified as a practical alternative. The BLM responded to this comment in the final Judith-Valley-Phillips RMP/EIS that areas nominated for lease which require special stipulations to protect wildlife would not be offered for lease but this was an interim policy until the RMP/EIS was completed and not an alternative.

In December 1992 the BLM released the final Judith-Valley-Phillips RMP/EIS for a 30 day protest period. In January 1993, the National Wildlife Federation protested the final RMP/EIS because the document neither mentioned the 1988 decision nor identified an alternative of carrying the temporary arrangement forward to avoid leasing valuable wildlife habitat. After careful review of this issue by the BLM's Director the protest warranted a supplement to the final RMP/EIS addressing an alternative for oil and gas leasing that would avoid leasing valuable wildlife habitat.

(Authority: Sec. 202, Pub. L. 94-579, 90 Stat. 2747 (43 U.S.C. 1712) and Sec. 102, Pub. L. 91-190, 83 Stat. 852 as amended (42 U.S.C. 4332))

Dated: April 27, 1998.

B. Gene Miller,

Associate District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[UTU-60470, UTU-69463]

Utah; Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Leases

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 leases UTU-60470 and UTU-69463 for lands in Carbon County, Utah, was timely filed and required rentals accruing from April 1, 1998, the date of termination, have been paid.

The lessee has agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$5 per acre and 16-2/3 percent, respectively. The \$500 administrative fee for each lease 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 leases UTU-60470 and UTU-69463, effective April 1, 1998, 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**

[CA-370-1430-01, CA 15801, CAS 308, CAS 309, CA 6549, CAS 310]

Notice of Realty Action: Intent To Convey Lands for Landfill Purposes, Modoc County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Intent to convey lands for landfill purposes.

SUMMARY: The County of Modoc has requested that five landfills currently

leased from the Bureau of Land Management be patented to the County under the authority of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926, as amended. Pending the completion of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the Landfill Transfer Audit (LTA), it is the intent of the Bureau of Land Management to convey the lands to the County of Modoc. The Intent to Convey involves the following lands located in the County of Modoc, California:

Federal Lands to be conveyed to the County of Modoc:

Mount Diablo Meridian, California

1. Cedarville: T 43 N, R 17 E, Sec. 34, Lot 3, 6, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$; CA 15801 containing 60.00 acres.
2. Eagleville: T 40 N, R 17 E, Sec. 21, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ (within); CAS 308
3. Lake City: T 43 N, R 16 E, Sec. 3, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ (within); CAS 309
4. Likely: T 39 N, R 13 E, Sec. 11, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ (within); CAS 310
5. Davis Creek: T 45 N, R 14 E, Sec. 29, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ (within); CA 6549

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Conveyance is consistent with current BLM land use planning and is in the public interest. The County of Modoc is a qualified applicant for conveyance. Final determination of the Intent to Convey will be made using public comments, an Environmental Assessment (EA) and a Landfill Transfer Audit (LTA). The conveyance document (patent) for the Federal public lands will include the following terms, conditions or reservations to the United States:

1. "A right-of-way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States. Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945)."
2. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.
3. All valid and existing rights documented on the official public land records at the time of patent issuance.
4. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.

Upon publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**, the public lands described above are segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mineral laws except for lease or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws for a period of five years from the date of publication. The segregative effect shall terminate as provided by 43 CFR 2741.5(h)(2).

Detailed information concerning the Intent to Convey is available at the

Alturas Resource Area Office, 708 West 12th Street, Alturas, CA, 96101 and Surprise Resource Area Office, 602 Cressler Street, CA 96104 or by contacting Jerry Wheeler at 530-233-4666 or Joe McFarlan at 530-279-6101. For a period of 45 days after the initial publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments to the Alturas Field Manager, Alturas Field Office at the above address. Send comments to the Surprise Field Manager, Surprise Field Office at P.O. Box 460, Cedarville, CA 96104.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the California State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

Susan T. Stokke,

Manager, BLM Surprise Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-060-08-1610-00, 1617P]

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Land Disposal Plan Amendment for the Judith-Valley-Phillips and West HiLine Resource Management Plans

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will amend the Judith-Valley-Phillips and West HiLine Resource Management Plans (RMPs). The Bureau of Land Management is amending the RMPs to allow the disposal of small isolated tracts which were not specifically identified and listed in the RMPs. The public land being considered is located in Blaine, Chouteau, Fergus, Glacier, Hill, Judith Basin, Liberty, Petroleum, Phillips, Toole, and Valley Counties, Montana. An environmental assessment will be prepared by the Lewistown District Office to analyze the impacts of this proposal and any alternatives.

DATES: Comments and recommendations on this notice to amend the Judith-Valley-Phillips and West HiLine RMPs should be received on or before June 8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to David L. Mari, District Manager, Lewistown District Office, P.O. Box 1160, Lewistown, MT 59457-1160.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Majerus, 406-538-7461.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The West HiLine (1988) and Judith-Valley-Phillips (1994) Resource Management Plans (RMP) identified specific parcels of public land for disposal. Under these RMPs, a plan amendment is required for any land exchange, or sale, that involves public land not specifically identified for disposal and listed in the RMPs no matter how small and insignificant the sale or exchange. Over the past seven years this has required six plan amendments to complete eight minor land sales exchanges which ranged in size from 20 to 382 acres. The purpose of each amendment was to dispose of small isolated tracts that were not identified in the RMPs, but upon closer examination did meet disposal criteria. Completing this plan amendment would allow the BLM the option, and flexibility, to identify additional disposal tracts in the future, provided they meet the disposal criteria and the management objectives in the RMPs. Under the plan amendment, additional disposal tracts would not be identified for major land exchanges that do not meet RMP objectives.

(Authority: Sec. 202, Pub. L. 94-579, 90 Stat. 2747 (43 U.S.C. 1712))

Dated: April 29, 1998.

M. James Feist,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Draft General Management Plan / Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Marsh-Billings National Historical Park, Vermont

AGENCY: National Park Service Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Draft General Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality regulations and National Park Service policy, this notice announces the availability for public review of a Draft General Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Marsh-Billings National Historical Park, Windsor County, Vermont. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act 102(2)(C) of 1969, the environmental impact statement was prepared to assess the impacts of implementing the general management plan.