

the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Written data or comments, requests for copies of the complete application, or requests for a public hearing on this application should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281 and must be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

PRT-843445

Applicant: Dennis John Tucker, Deforest, WI

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

PRT-843452

Applicant: Joseph J. Sisca, Jr., Brewster, NY

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the McClintock Channel polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

PRT-838648

Applicant: Alan Sackman, New York, NY

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the McClintock Channel polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

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Documents and other information submitted for these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Rm 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203, phone (703) 358-2104 or Fax (703) 358-2281.

Dated: June 5, 1998.

MaryEllen Amtower,

Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-050-1020-00]

Call for Nominations for the Front Range Resource Advisory Council (Colorado)

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Call for nominations.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to solicit nominations from the public to fill a position which has recently been vacated on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM, Front Range Resource Advisory Council.

This council provides advice and recommendations to BLM on management of the public lands. The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to establish advisory councils to provide advice on land use planning and issues related to management of lands administered by BLM. Section 309 of FLPMA directs the Secretary to select 10 to 15 member citizen-based advisory councils that are established and authorized consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). In order to reflect a fair balance of viewpoints, the membership of Resource Advisory Councils must be representative of the various interests concerned with the management of public lands and users of the public lands.

The position to be filled on the Front Range Resource Advisory Council is in Category 1—holders of federal grazing permits; representatives of energy and mining development; transportation or right-of-way; timber industry; off-road vehicle use and developed recreation. Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees must be residents of Colorado. All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from represented interests or organizations, a completed Nomination/Background Information Form, as well as any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

DATES: Completed Nomination/Background Information Forms and any other necessary information should be received in the BLM, Canon City District Office on or before July 27, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Canon City District Office, 3170 East Main, Canon City, Colorado 81212. Telephone (719) 269-8500, TDD (719) 269-8597.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Ken Smith at (719) 269-8553.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Nomination/Background Forms are available from the Canon City District Office. Completed Nomination/Background Forms should be returned to the address listed above. Nominees will be evaluated based on their education, training, and experience with the issues and knowledge of the geographical area of the Council. Nominees should have demonstrated a commitment to collaborative resource decision making.

Donnie R. Sparks,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

[CO-030-5101-00-YCKD; COC-51280]

Record of Decision, Final Supplement to the Final 1992 Environmental Impact Statement TransColorado Gas Transmission Project; Colorado and New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior, and Forest Service (FS), Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a 1998 Record of Decision for the Final Supplement to the Final 1992 Environmental Impact Statement TransColorado Gas Transmission Project; Colorado and New Mexico.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), as lead agency, and in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) has prepared a Record of Decision (ROD) for the Final Supplement (Supplement) to the 1992 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the TransColorado Gas Transmission (TransColorado) Project on Federal lands in Colorado and New Mexico. TransColorado Gas Transmission Company is the proponent. Lands managed by the BLM in the Montrose, Craig, and Grand Junction Districts in Colorado, and the Farmington District in New Mexico, and the USFS in the Uncompahgre and San Juan National Forests, Colorado, are

crossed by the TransColorado pipeline project. The impacts of implementing the proponent's Proposed Action Alternative, the No Action Alternative, and the Agency Preferred Alternative were analyzed in the Supplement.

The 1998 ROD for the Final Supplement to the 1992 FEIS adopts the Agency Preferred Alternative. The 1998 ROD approves the following actions associated with the Agency Preferred Alternative:

1. The construction, operation, maintenance, and termination of known proposed route changes and minor realignments (less than 100 ft.) from the approved pipeline right-of-way (ROW) grant COC-51280.

2. The use of known additional temporary use areas adjacent to the approved ROW or proposed ROW route changes or minor realignments.

3. The minor realignments to the pipeline centerline and the use of relocated temporary work areas, in unspecified locations to accommodate conditions that might be encountered during construction.

4. Modifications to several environmental protection measures contained in the 1992 ROW grant and 1992 ROD.

5. The re-authorization of an expired 25 foot-wide temporary use permit (TUP) for necessary work space adjacent to and parallel to the entire length of the pipeline, including along approved route changes and minor realignments.

Further, the amended MLA ROW grant offered to TransColorado will contain stipulations concerning hazardous materials, threatened and endangered species, BLM and USFS sensitive species, Department of Transportation health and safety issues, any future modifications to mitigation measures, valid existing rights, Plan of Development, strict liability, steep slopes special mitigation and visual resource mitigation.

ADDRESSES: The Record of Decision, the 1998 Supplement, and the 1992 FEIS are available for public review at the following BLM and USFS offices: BLM Grand Junction District, BLM Montrose District, BLM San Juan Resource Area, BLM Farmington District, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests, and San Juan National Forest. Public reading copies are available at the federal depository libraries in Colorado and New Mexico, and public libraries within San Juan County, New Mexico, and La Plata, Montezuma, Dolores, San Miguel, Montrose, Delta, Mesa, Garfield and Rio Blanco Counties, Colorado, and at TransColorado Offices in Salt Lake City and Montrose, CO.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Bottomly (970) 240-5337, Ilyse Auringer (970) 385-1341, Dave Lehmann (970) 344-3021, or Steve Hemphill (970) 874-6633.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: After preparing Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements, the BLM and USFS signed Records of Decision on December 1, 1992, for a 292 mile-long TransColorado Gas Transmission pipeline from Meeker, Colorado to Bloomfield, New Mexico. Under the authority of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 185), as amended, BLM issued a 50 foot-wide ROW grant on December 4, 1992, accompanied by a 25 foot-wide Temporary Use Permit, excepting 1.7 miles near Grand Junction, Colorado, to TransColorado (COC-51280). The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued TransColorado a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity on June 3, 1994. TransColorado completed the 22.5 mile Phase I of the project in December, 1996. The proponent is now prepared to construct the remainder of the pipeline during 1998.

Public participation has occurred throughout the preparation of the Supplement. The Notice of Intent to prepare this Supplement to the FEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on November 21, 1997. "Open House" forums were held from October 21 through December 10, 1997 at Norwood, Durango, Delta, Rangely, Dolores, and Grand Junction, Colorado. Field trips to locations on the San Juan National Forest were offered on November 15 and 22, 1997. The Draft Supplement was published on January 23, 1998, and was available for public comments for a 60-day period that closed on March 18, 1998. The BLM and USFS received 52 written comment letters and several oral comments during the public comment period on the Draft Supplement, including at the public meetings held on February 17, 18, and 19, 1998 in Durango, Dolores, and Grand Junction, Colorado, respectively. The Final Supplement was published on April 24, 1998, for a 30-day availability period which ended on May 24, 1998. Two comment letters were received, neither of which resulted in any changes to the Final Supplement.

The purpose of the amended ROW and related authorizations is for the construction, operation, maintenance and termination of one 22 to 24 inch diameter natural gas pipeline, appurtenances, and associated facilities between the Piceance Basin near Meeker, Colorado to the interconnection

near the Coyote Gulch Treating Plant, northwest of Bloomfield, New Mexico.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.3, the BLM and the USFS have independently reviewed the Supplement in conjunction with the 1992 FEIS and have concluded that, with the mitigation measures documented in the 1992 FEIS and those identified in the Agency Preferred Alternative of the Supplement to the 1992 FEIS, the BLM and USFS comments and suggestions have been satisfactorily integrated.

The Authorized Officer has adopted the Supplement and the Agency Preferred Alternative in the Supplement, relative to the federal lands administered by the BLM and USFS, subject to the additional mitigation in the ROD. Letters of concurrence with the ROD from the Uncompahgre National Forest and the San Juan National Forest are on file at the Montrose District Office of the BLM. The ROD approved the following amendments to the TransColorado Gas Transmission Company ROW grant COC-51280 on Federal lands managed by the BLM and USFS:

1. Route Changes and Realignment

Offer to TransColorado, and grant if accepted, an amended MLA ROW grant COC-51280 for the Federal lands involved, incorporating pipeline route changes greater than 100 feet from the existing centerline of the pipeline, and pipeline realignments that are less than 100 feet from the existing centerline of the pipeline. The permanent width of the amended ROW will be 50 feet. The term of the amended ROW grant will be for 30 years from the date of the original ROW grant, COC-51280. The route changes and realignments herein are described in Chapter 2, Tables 2-1, 2-2, and 2-3, of the Agency Preferred Alternative of the Supplement. Maps of each route change are shown in Appendix B of the Supplement. Legal descriptions for these route changes and realignments on Federal lands affected by the ROD are shown in Attachment 1 of the ROD. The route of the entire ROW, including these route changes and realignments, and ancillary facilities, is shown on the official, Approved ROW Alignment Sheets for the pipeline and related facilities designated as *TransColorado Pipeline Project Construction Alignment Sheets TCP-3022D-1101 to 1155, 1301 to 1324, 7500, and 9200 to 9250*. The offered amended ROW grant will be subject to the terms and conditions as specified in the ROD, as well as all of the terms and conditions specified in the 1992 ROD from the FEIS.

2. Temporary Use Areas

Offer to TransColorado and grant if accepted Temporary Use Permits (TUPs) for temporary use areas (TUAs) on the Federal lands for the purpose of constructing one 22 to 24 inch natural gas pipeline associated with ROW COC-51280 and amended ROW COC-51280. These TUPs will be subject to all stipulations specified in the ROD as well as all stipulations specified in the 1992 ROD from the FEIS. These subject TUAs are listed in Table 2-4 and Appendix C of the Supplement. Legal descriptions for these TUAs are shown in Attachment 1 of the ROD. All TUAs are shown on the official Approved ROW Alignment Sheets for the pipeline and related facilities designated as *TransColorado Pipeline Project Construction Alignment Sheets TCP-3022D-1101 to 1155, 1301 to 1324, 7500, and 9200 to 9250*.

3. Field Pipeline Realignments and Field Relocation of Temporary Use Areas

Authorize BLM and USFS delegated representatives to approve realigning the staked centerline of the pipeline described in ROW grant COC-51280 as amended, up to a maximum of 100 feet from the staked centerline. All such realignments shall be implemented only with the specific conditions that (1) the realignment can reasonably be constructed, (2) a determination has been made by the agency archaeologist that no significant cultural resources will be effected, (3) a determination has been made by the agency biologist that no direct effects (e.g. taking) of listed species will occur, (4) a determination has been made by the Authorized Officer's representative that soil and slope stability can be maintained, and erosion will be controlled using methods identified in the project POD.

Authorize BLM and USFS delegated representatives to approve relocating TUAs a maximum of 100 feet from the original approved TUA boundary, subject to the following conditions: (1) The TUA is no larger than the size originally approved; (2) a determination has been made by the agency archaeologist that no significant cultural resources will be effected, (3) a determination has been made by the agency biologist that no direct effects (e.g. taking) of listed species will occur, (4) a determination has been made by the Authorized Officer's representative that soil and slope stability can be maintained, and erosion will be controlled using methods identified in the project POD.

4. Revised Environmental Protection Measures

Approve the 18 revised environmental protection measures in the Agency Preferred Alternative, Table 2-6 on the Supplement. These environmental protection measures are shown in Attachment 2 of the ROD, "Revised Tables 2-12, TransColorado Gas Transmission Project Environmental Protection Measures for Federal Lands" and Table 2-13, TransColorado Gas Transmission Project Site-Specific Environmental Protection Measures." The amended ROW grant and all TUPs offered to TransColorado will be subject to these revised environmental protection measures, all terms and conditions as specified in the ROD, as well as all terms and conditions specified in the 1992 ROD from the FEIS. The amended ROW grant offered to TransColorado will condition all granted areas (to include the original granted alignment, all route changes and all realignments) to all terms and conditions as specified in the ROD, as well as all terms and conditions specified in the 1992 ROD from the FEIS.

5. Re-Authorization of the 25-foot Wide Temporary Use Area

Offer to TransColorado and grant if accepted a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) for a 25-foot wide temporary use area (TUA) on the Federal lands adjacent to and for the length of the ROW and amended ROW. The purpose of this TUA will be for the construction of one 22 to 24 inch natural gas pipeline associated with ROW COC-51280. This TUP will be subject to all stipulations of the ROD as well as all stipulations of the 1992 ROD from the FEIS. Legal description for this TUA is shown in Attachment 1 of the ROD. The TUA is shown on the official Approved ROW Alignment Sheets for the pipeline and related facilities designated as *TransColorado Pipeline Project Construction Alignment Sheets TCP-3022D-1101 to 1155, 1301 to 1324, 7500, and 9200 to 9250*.

Additional Mitigation and Monitoring

The amended MLA ROW grant COC-51280 (to include the original granted alignment, all route changes and all realignments) and all TUPs offered to TransColorado will contain the following additional stipulations and environmental protection measures on Federal lands. These measures are based on environmental concerns which were not fully incorporated into the Final Supplement. The term "holder" refers to the holder of the MLA ROW grant,

TransColorado Gas Transmission Company, its successors and assigns. Inclusion of these measures should provide for all practicable means to avoid or reduce environmental harm, in accordance with the requirements under 43, Code of Federal Regulations (43 CFR, Part 2881.2).

6. Hazardous Materials

Holder will be required to provide information on hazardous materials that will be used, produced, transported or stored on the ROW, either temporarily during construction or permanently, in accordance with the requirements of BLM Instruction Memorandum No. 94-253 (Hazardous Materials Management on Rights-of-way, July 28, 1994 and refer to Department of Interior Standard Form 299, Item #19). Currently, three categories of hazardous materials, explosives and blasting agents, paint, and coatings are identified as being brought on site during the project. Based on the use or transport of these materials, during the project by TransColorado on Federal lands, the following stipulations will be included in the amended ROW grant:

(a) Holder shall comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations concerning hazardous materials and toxic substances, existing or hereafter enacted or promulgated. In any event, the holder shall comply with the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976, as amended (15 U.S.C. 2601, *et seq.*) with regard to any toxic substances that are used, generated by or stored on the ROW or on facilities authorized under the ROW grant. (See 40 CFR, Part 702-799) Additionally, any release of toxic substances (leaks, spills, etc.) at or in excess of the reportable quantity established by 40 CFR, Part 117 shall be reported as required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, Section 102b. A copy of any report required or requested by any Federal or State government as a result of a reportable release or spill of any toxic substances shall be furnished to the BLM Authorized Officer concurrent with the filing of the reports to the involved Federal agency or State government.

(b) The holder agrees to indemnify the United States against any liability arising from the release of any hazardous substance or hazardous waste (as these terms are defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. 9601, *et seq.* or the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, 42 U.S.C. 6901, *et seq.*) on the ROW (unless the

threatened release is wholly unrelated to the ROW holder's activity on the ROW). This agreement applies without regard to whether a release is caused by the holder, its agent, or unrelated third parties.

(c) The holder shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws or ordinances concerning the use, storage and transport of explosives and blasting agents. The holder shall provide the appropriate office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF), Regulatory Enforcement, with a list of dates and locations for the explosives and blasting agent storage facilities to be used on the Project, at least 14 days prior to the establishment of such storage facilities. In addition, the BLM Authorized Officer in his or her discretion may require the holder to employ additional security measures for the storage or transport of explosives and blasting agents, including but not limited to the use of 24-hour on site security personnel. These additional security measures will be developed through consultation between the BLM Authorized Officer, BATF, appropriate land managing agencies, Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies and the holder.

7. Threatened and Endangered Species

The Holder shall comply with all conservation measures and conservation recommendations contained in the US Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) May 18, 1998, Final Biological Opinion (Attachment 3). The BLM will retain jurisdiction should the Section 7 consultation process need to be reinitiated at any point during this project. These measures will also be incorporated into the Plan of Development (POD) for the project.

8. Sensitive Species

The Holder shall comply with all mitigation measures contained in the Final Biological Evaluation for BLM and USFS "sensitive species" identified for the TransColorado Project will be implemented (Attachment 4). These measures will also be incorporated into the Plan of Development for the project.

9. Department of Transportation; Health and Safety

In accordance with 43 CFR 2881.2(c), TransColorado shall comply with all applicable Federal and State law that will protect the safety and health of pipeline workers and the general public, including, but not limited to, protection against the sudden rupture and slow degradation of the pipeline. This includes compliance with all such applicable measures required by FERC,

Department of Transportation (DOT) and appropriate State Agencies of Colorado and New Mexico. TransColorado shall design, construct, operate, and maintain all facilities in accordance with applicable Federal (including DOT) and State law governing pipelines and pipeline construction.

10. Mitigation Measure Modification Requests

Any changes in mitigation measures that apply to activities on Federal lands must be approved in writing, in advance, by the BLM Authorized Officer or delegated Authorized Officer's Representative. TransColorado must request such changes in writing at least 7 days prior to the date that the change in the mitigation measure would take effect. Minor on-site one-time variances to mitigation measures may be approved, in writing, by the BLM/USFS designated Compliance Inspectors on a case-by-case basis.

11. Valid Existing Rights

This MLA ROW shall be subject to all valid existing rights on Federal lands as of the date of the grant and amended grant.

12. Alignment Sheets, Legal Descriptions and TUPs

The Official Approved Alignment Sheets will be part of the amended MLA ROW grant to be offered and granted, if accepted by TransColorado. All TUPs will reference tracking numbers, mileposts, or specific locations along the pipeline centerline on the subject Alignment Sheets and in Appendix C in the Supplement.

13. Plan of Development

TransColorado is required to provide the BLM and USFS a Plan of Development (POD) that details how the pipeline and associated facilities will be constructed. The final POD will become part of the amended ROW grant by reference. The final POD will be completed and approved by the BLM and the USFS prior to the issuance of any construction-related Notice to Proceed (NTPs) for Federal lands. If all required environmental protection measures from both the 1992 and 1998 RODS are not included in the POD to the satisfaction of the BLM and the USFS, no construction related NTP will be issued for Federal lands. Prior to any construction or other surface disturbance associated with ROW grant C-51280 or amended ROW C-51280 or related TUPs, the Authorized Officer or delegated agency representative will issue written NTPs. Any NTP shall

authorize construction or use only as therein expressly stated and only for the particular location, segment, area, or use described.

14. Strict Liability

Chapter 3 the 1992 FEIS and Chapter 3 and Appendix D of the Supplement to the 1992 FEIS identify specific steep slopes of the San Juan National Forest where the TransColorado Project presents a foreseeable hazard or risk to the United States. These potential hazards or risks are documented in Appendix D of the Supplement to the 1992 FEIS. The slope stability issue of these specific slopes is discussed in (1) the 1991 "Engineering Geology and Geotechnical Engineering Services, Alternative 'J' and Alternative 'E' Canyon Crossings, San Juan National Forest, Montezuma County, Colorado, TransColorado Project" by Sergeant, Hauskins & Beckwith (SHB); in (2) the "Special Geotechnical and Engineering Investigations for the Proposed TransColorado Pipeline Route Through the San Juan National Forest" prepared by Universal ENSCO Inc. and AGRA Earth and Environmental, dated March, 1998; in (3) a letter from AGRA Earth and Environmental entitled "Validity of the 1991 SHB Report on the Engineering Geology and Geotechnical Engineering Regarding Slopes in the San Juan National Forest, Montezuma County, Colorado"; in (4) two reports from Dr. Nicholas Sitar titled "Stability Analysis of Soil Strength Parameters for the Proposed TransColorado Pipeline" and an "Addendum to Review of Stability Analysis of Soil Strength Parameters for the Proposed TransColorado Pipeline", dated December 22, 1997 and December 30, 1997, respectively; in (5) the AGRA Earth and Environmental January 1998 "Reclamation Plan, Shallow Slope Stability Mitigation Plan, TransColorado Pipeline Company San Juan National Forest" and; in (6) the USFS San Juan National Forest April 23, 1998 report, "Comments on TransColorado Pipeline Geotechnical Engineering and Engineering". These impact discussions demonstrate the differences in the professional geotechnical conclusions concerning the slope stability of the specifically identified steep slopes of the San Juan National Forest and that the Project presents a foreseeable hazard or risk to the United States due to geologic hazards, rockfalls and slope instability. These hazards may result in ruptured, damaged or corroded pipe, which may pose a public and environmental safety hazard, including fire and explosion. The costs of suppressing wildland fires caused by

these environmental safety hazards would be likely to exceed \$1,000,000, depending on the time of year and fire hazard conditions. Damages to highways and other facilities, as well as liability for human injuries, could also exceed this amount. In accordance with the regulations under 43 CFR 2883.1-4, this potential for a foreseeable risk or hazard to the United States requires that the MLA amended ROW grant offered to TransColorado be subject to the following strict liability stipulation:

The holder shall be liable for damage or injury to the United States to the extent provided by 43 CFR 2883.1-4. The holder shall be held to a standard of strict liability for damage or injury to the United States resulting from fire, explosion or soil movement (including land slides, slumps and rockfalls, as well as wind and water-caused movement of particles) caused or substantially aggravated by any of the following within the ROW or permit area:

- (a) Activities of the holder, including but not limited to construction, operation, maintenance, and termination of the facility.
- (b) Activities of other parties including but not limited to:
 - (i) Land clearing and logging.
 - (ii) Earth-disturbing and earth-moving work.
 - (iii) Blasting.
 - (iv) Vandalism and sabotage.
 - (c) Acts of God.

The maximum limitation for such strict liability damages shall not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for any one event, and any liability in excess of such amount shall be determined by the ordinary rules of negligence of the jurisdiction in which the damage or injury occurred.

This requirement shall not impose strict liability for damage or injuries resulting primarily from an act of war or from the negligent acts or omissions of the United States.

The strict liability stipulation contained in MLA amended ROW grant COC-51280 offered to TransColorado will be applied only to the locations on Federal lands managed by the San Juan National Forest described in the ROD in Attachment 5 of the ROD.

15. Steep Slopes Mitigation

All steep slope mitigation and construction measures and environmental protection measures contained in Appendix D, "Steep Slopes Construction Plan" of the Supplement will be followed. On these designated steep slope locations on the San Juan National Forest and on the Grand Mesa Slopes (see Appendix D-2, Supplement), these measures will take precedence over general mitigation measures. TUPs issued on these designated steep slopes of the San Juan National Forest (Attachment 5), will be stipulated such that TUAs will not be

used for the storage of merchantable timber. NTPs for these same TUAs on the San Juan National Forest will also contain this stipulation.

16. Visual Resource Mitigation

In the visually sensitive areas of the Grand Mesa Slopes Area and the Grand Valley, and the Dolores River Canyon crossing, the BLM Authorized Officer or delegated representative, at his/her discretion will require the implementation of some or all of the visual resource mitigation requirements stated in Attachment 2 of the ROD (Revised Tables 2-12 and 2-13 of the 1992 FEIS) and Appendix D of the Supplement to the 1992 FEIS. Additionally, for the Dolores River Canyon crossing and steep slopes, the final determination of visual resource mitigation measures will be at the discretion of the Authorized Officer, following construction. Design holes for tree planting shall be installed in quantity and dimension as directed by the Authorized Officer.

The decisions in the 1998 ROD may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 4 and the enclosed Form 1842-1. If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed with the Bureau of Land Management, District Manager, Montrose District, 2465 South Townsend Avenue, Montrose, Colorado 81401 within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

The decision(s) in the ROD may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 4. If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed with the Bureau of Land Management, Montrose District Manager, 2465 South Townsend Avenue, Montrose, Colorado 81401, within 30 days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

If you wish to file a petition pursuant to regulations at 43 CFR 4.21 (58 FR 4939, January 19, 1993) for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the IBLA, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the

standards listed below. Copies of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to each party named in this decision and to the IBLA and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR 4.413) at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

Standards for Obtaining a Stay

Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

- (1) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,
- (2) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,
- (3) The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and
- (4) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

Adverse parties of record who must be served with a copy of the appeal and statement of reasons are: Mr. C. Kim Blair, TransColorado Gas Transmission Company, 79 South State St., P. O. Box 11450, Salt Lake City, Utah 84147.

Dated: June 4, 1998.

Mark W. Stiles,

District Manager, Montrose District, Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: June 4, 1998.

Robert L. Storch,

Forest Supervisor, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests, Forest Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council Tour and Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District.

ACTION: Tour and meeting of the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council; June 25, 1998, beginning and ending in Spokane, Washington.

SUMMARY: A tour of Bureau of Land Management recreation sites and meeting of the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council will be held on June 25, 1998. The tour and meeting will convene at 8:00 a.m., at the Spokane District Office of the Bureau of