

viewing. However, these systems will not be updated after mid-September for approximately 60 days. Any new actions will be updated after deployment of ALMRS. The Information Access Centers will continue to provide current status through manual tracking systems and the paper records.

ADDRESSES: See Supplementary Information section for website information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carol Burger, Group Administrator, Arizona State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 222 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85004-2203, (602) 417-9200. Field Office telephone numbers are listed in Supplementary Information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ALMRS is a unique automated system of records which incorporates data from the currently used automated record systems: On-Line Recordation and Case Access (ORCA)/Case Recordation (CR) and Mining Claim Recordation (MCR). Combining these systems creates a new and efficient automated system of recording, maintaining, and retrieving land use and land availability to meet BLM's mission as a land management agency. ALMRS will allow user access to automated public land records through the use of computers by viewing the application throughout Arizona BLM's Information Access Centers (IACs). The majority of ALMRS user requests for information refers to data from land and mineral cases, and will be available from standard reports. ALMRS data will be accessible to BLM personnel; other federal, state, and local agencies; private industry; and public customers. However, access to proprietary or confidential information will be available according to security, Privacy Act, and FOIA regulations.

If you have questions regarding this notice, you may visit our website at: <http://azwww.az.blm.gov> or contact any Arizona BLM Office:

Arizona State Office—602-417-0200
Arizona Strip Field Office—801-688-3200

Kingman Field Office—520-757-3161
Lake Havasu Field Office—520-505-1200

Phoenix Field Office—602-780-8090
Safford Field Office—520-348-4400
Tucson Field Office—520-722-4289
Yuma Field Office—520-317-3200

Dated: September 14, 1998.

Carol Burger,

Group Administrator, Public Info & Records.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-040-7122-00-5513; AZA 28793; AZA 29640]

Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Dos Pobres/San Juan Project Case Number AZA 28793 and AZA 29640, Safford Field Office, Graham County, AZ

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Safford Field Office, United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Dos Pobres/San Juan Project, as described in the mining plan of operations (MPO) submitted by Phelps Dodge Safford, Inc. The DEIS analyzes the anticipated impacts to the human environment resulting from the development of the Dos Pobres and San Juan copper ore deposits, located in Graham County near Safford, Arizona, by Phelps Dodge Safford, Inc. The proposed mining operation utilizes conventional open pits mining methods combined with solvent extraction electrowinning (SXEW) refining technology and is expected to produce 2.9 billion pounds of copper over the projected 16 year life of the mine. The proposed mining operation utilizes private lands owned by Phelps Dodge, Inc., and BLM-administered public lands. Surface disturbing impact are anticipated on 3,332 acres of land of which 1,935 acres are public lands administered by the BLM.

As an alternative to the mining plan of operations, Phelps Dodge has proposed a land exchange which involves trading 17,000 acres of BLM-administered public lands for 3,858 acres of private lands owned by Phelps Dodge, Inc. The BLM-administered public lands, Phelps Dodge, Inc., proposes to acquire, are located in the Safford Mining District in the vicinity of the Dos Pobres, San Juan and Lone Star ore deposits. They are expected to be utilized for mining-related purposes. The eleven private properties offered for exchange to the BLM by Phelps Dodge, Inc., are all located within the state of Arizona. All eleven-offered parcels are either in holdings within or adjacent to large blocks of federal lands. If the land exchange alternative were to be approved, the 325 acre Tavasci Marsh property would be administered by the National Park Service since it is within

the boundaries of the Tuzigoot National Monument while the other ten-offered properties would be managed by the BLM. The offered lands either contain high value riparian and aquatic resources which provide habitat for fish and wildlife including threatened and endangered species, or will contribute to resolving public land management problems such as access to public lands in the Dos Cabezas Wilderness Area, Cienega Creek Resource Conservation Area and the Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area.

This DEIS was prepared to comply with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, The Federal Land Exchange Facilitation Act of 1988, BLM regulations governing land exchanges (43 CFR Parts 2090 and 2200), The General Mining Law and the BLM regulations governing mining operations on public lands (43 CFR Part 3809).

DATES: Written comments relating to the DEIS will be accepted until November 25, 1998. Written or oral comments may also be presented at the three public open houses to be held:

October 27, 1998, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

BLM Safford Field Office, 711 14th Avenue, Safford, Arizona 85546

October 28, 1998, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

BLM Tucson Field Office, 12661 East Broadway, Tucson, Arizona 85748

October 29, 1998, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm.,

BLM Phoenix Field Office, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85027

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Safford Field Office, Attention: Tom Terry, Project Manager, 711 14th Avenue, Safford, Arizona 85546.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Draft Environmental Impact Statement analyzes the impacts associated with four alternatives: (1) the Proposed Action (Phelps Dodge's Mining Plan of Operations); (2) a partial backfill alternative to the proposed mining plan of operations; (3) the land exchange alternative (BLM's preferred alternative) and; (4) the No Action Alternative.

Phelps Dodge, Inc., holds 844 of the 844 mining claims that are currently on file for the 17,000 acres of BLM-administered public lands they have selected for acquisition in the land exchange alternative. 2,299 acres of the Phelps Dodge private lands to be acquired by BLM would be withdrawn from mineral entry by virtue of their location within BLM or National Park Service areas previously withdrawn from the operation of the mining laws.

1,599 acres of the offered lands to be acquired by BLM would remain open to mineral entry. The potential for the existence of locatable minerals on these lands is considered to be low and no future mining activities are anticipated to occur on these lands.

FOR FUTURE INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Terry, Project Manager, at the Bureau of Land Management, Stafford Field Office, 711 14th Avenue, Safford, Arizona 85546. Phone (520) 348-4400. Internet address is tterry@az.blm.gov

Dated: September 11, 1998.

Frank L. Rowley,

Acting Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-060-07-1201-00]

Meeting of the California Desert District Advisory Council

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Public Laws 92-463 and 94-579, that the California Desert District Advisory Council to the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, will participate in a field tour of the BLM-administered public lands within the Northern and Eastern Mojave Management Planning area on Thursday, October 29, 1998, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and meet in formal session on Friday, October 30 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, October 31 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Friday and Saturday public meetings will be held in the Reflections Room at Buffalo Bills, located at 31700 South Las Vegas Boulevard, Primm, Nevada (Stateline).

The Council and members of the public will assemble for the field tour at the Buffalo Bills parking lot at 7:15 a.m., and depart at 7:30 a.m. The tour will focus on the BLM portion of public lands within the Northern and Eastern Mojave Management (NEMO) Planning area. Presentations and discussions will focus on issues being addressed in the draft management plan.

The public is welcome to participate in the field tour, but should dress appropriately and plan on providing their own transportation, food, and beverage. Anyone interested in participating in the field tour should contact BLM public affairs staff at (909) 697-5217/5220 for more information.

Agenda topics will include briefings and discussions on the NEMO planning effort, budget, BLM State Strategic Plan, recreation fees at the Imperial Sand

Dunes Recreation Area, and the Glamis Imperial withdrawal.

All Desert District Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Time for public comment may be made available by the Council Chairman during the presentation of various agenda items, and is scheduled at the end of the meeting for topics not on the agenda.

Written comments may be filed in advance of the meeting for the California Desert District Advisory Council, c/o Bureau of Land Management, Public Affairs Office, 6221 Box Springs Boulevard, Riverside, California 92507-0714. Written comments also are accepted at the time of the meeting and, if copies are provided to the recorder, will be incorporated into the minutes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carole Levitzky at (909) 697-5217 or Doran Sanchez at (909) 697-5220, BLM California Desert District Public Affairs.

Dated: September 18, 1998.

Tim Salt,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-050-1020-00; GP8-0337]

Notice of Meeting of Hells Canyon Subgroup of the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District Office.

ACTION: Meeting of Hells Canyon Subgroup of the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the Hells Canyon Subgroup of the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council will be held on October 23 and 24 at the Quality Inn, 700 Port Drive, in Clarkston, Washington. The meeting will be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on October 23, and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on October 24. The meeting is open to the public. Public comments will be received at 1:00 p.m. on October 23. The meeting will include information and processes concerning administrative procedures for the subgroup, election of officers, and development of the program of work and education needs of the group.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karyn Wood, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, P.O. Box 907, 1550

Dewey Avenue, Baker City, Oregon 97814, or call 541-523-6391.

Dated: September 17, 1998.

James L. Hancock,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-080-1430-00]

Temporary Emergency Closure of Public Land in Uintah County, Utah

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Vernal Field Office herewith issues a temporary emergency closure of public land in Uintah County, Utah, effective October 1, 1998. This order temporarily closes 1,320 acres of public land to public use and entry. This temporary closure area encompasses the following public land:

Salt Lake Meridian, Utah

T.10. S., R. 24 E.,

Sec. 22, E $\frac{1}{2}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 23, W $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 26, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 27, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The authorized officer, has determined that the underground methane generation occurring at the abandoned White River Oil Shale Mine is a safety hazard making the facility and surrounding area unsafe for human occupation or activity. The closure area affects the above described public land presently encumbered by the abandoned White River Oil Shale Mine, ancillary support facilities, and associated ventilation shafts. The closure prohibits all use, entry, or access onto the affected public lands; however, the access restriction may be waived under extraordinary circumstances where limited, short, term, emergency access is warranted and appropriate clearances and authorization are obtained from the authorized officer.

Where emergency access is authorized by the authorized officer, it would be conditioned on the following provisions;

All persons entering and leaving the closure area shall be accompanied by personnel from the BLM's Vernal Field Office and only after said BLM staff have determined that the area is safe for site visitation purposes.

All persons allowed emergency access into the closure area shall waive and release all direct and indirect claims that may occur against the United States for liability for any loss, damage,