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Carl J. Artman,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM–030–1220–NLCS]

Emergency Closure to Unpermitted Collection of Petrified Wood and Plant Fossils in the Robledo Mountains on Federal Land, Dona Ana County, NM.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain public land located in the southern Robledo Mountains, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, is subject to an emergency closure to unpermitted collection (free use) of fossilized wood and plant fossils. This closure is necessary in order to prevent further adverse impacts to paleontological resources in the area while the formal conservation status of the region is under determination. Closure will remain in effect for 2 years and may be renewed upon the completion of the Tri-County Resource Management Plan. Closure signs will be posted at main entry points to this area. Maps of the closure area, as well as documents associated with environmental review of this closure may be obtained at the Las Cruces District Office.

DATES: This closure is effective upon publication in the **Federal Register**, and will remain in effect for two years from April 18, 2008. This closure may be renewed upon the completion of the Tri-County Resource Management Plan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Sanders, Assistant District Manager, Multi-Resources, 1800 Marquess Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, Telephone (575) 525–4393.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The area has been proposed as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern and also is under Congressional consideration for National Monument status. A management plan to address the long-term management of paleontological resources would be initiated upon designation. Resource damage has already taken place and the potential for additional adverse effects occurring as a result of unrestricted collection within this area is substantial and significant. The authorities for this closure may be found at 43 CFR Subpart 3622, and 43

CFR Subpart 8364. This order applies to all forms of collection of fossilized plant and petrified wood materials; all unpermitted collection or free use of fossilized plant and petrified wood materials in the location identified in this closure order is prohibited.

On all public land, under section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), 43 U.S.C. 1733(a), 43 CFR 8360.0–7, and 43 CFR 9262.1, any person who violates any closures or restriction on public land as announced in this order may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than \$1,000.00 or imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Such violations may also be subject to enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571 (not to exceed \$100,000.00 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months).

The public land affected by the closure order is located northwest of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and west of Interstate–25, in Dona Ana County, New Mexico and is described as follows:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T., 22 S., R. 1 W.,

Section 24

Section 25 and

Portions of Sections 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 26, 35, 36.

T. 22 S., R. 1 E.,

Portions of Sections 19, 30, 31.

The area described contains approximately 5,240 acres, more or less, of the Robledo Mountain Range. Maps of the land affected by this closure, as well as documents associated with environmental review of the closure are available in the Las Cruces District Office, 1800 Marquess Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The area affected by this order will be posted with appropriate signs announcing this closure.

Authority: 43 CFR 3622.3(a), and 43 CFR 8364.1.

Bill Childress,

District Manager, Las Cruces.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT–924–1430–FQ; SDM 034316]

Public Land Order No. 7702; Partial Revocation of Public Land Order No. 1446; South Dakota

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order revokes a Public Land Order insofar as it affects 20 acres of public land within the Black Hills

National Forest withdrawn from surface entry and mining and reserved for use of the Forest Service as the Pactola Administrative Site. The land is no longer needed for administrative purposes. This order opens the land for sale.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 19, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandra Ward, BLM Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101–4669, 406–896–5052.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The revocation is needed to facilitate a Forest Service land sale conducted in accordance with Public Laws 106–329 and 109–54.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (2000), it is ordered as follows:

1. Public Land Order No. 1446 (22 FR 5873 (1957)), which withdrew public land from surface entry and mining and reserved it for use of the Forest Service as the Pactola Administrative Site, is hereby revoked insofar as it affects the following described land:

Black Hills Meridian

Black Hills National Forest

T. 2 N., R. 5 E.,

Sec. 26, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 20 acres in Pennington County.

2. The above-described land is hereby made available for sale in accordance with Public Law 106–329 and Public Law 109–54.

Authority: 43 CFR 2370.

Dated: April 3, 2008.

C. Stephen Allred,

Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[SDM 94312]

Public Land Order No. 7705; Withdrawal of National Forest System Land To Preserve Cave Resources Adjacent to Jewel Cave National Monument; South Dakota

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws 4,595.78 acres of National Forest System

land from mining for a period of 20 years to preserve unique cave resources adjacent to Jewel Cave National Monument. The land has been and will remain open to such forms of disposition as may by law be made of National Forest System land and to mineral leasing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 18, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Valerie Hunt, U.S. Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region, 303-275-5122 or Sandra Ward, BLM Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669, 406-896-5052.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Geological formations nearby indicate that continued exploration may result in discovery of additional passageways and caverns beyond the known extent of Jewel Cave. This order protects the passageway and caverns extending beyond the exterior boundaries of the Jewel Cave National Monument.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (2000), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described National Forest System land is hereby withdrawn from settlement, sale, location or entry under the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (2000)), to preserve unique cave resources adjacent to the Jewel Cave National Monument:

Black Hills National Forest

Black Hills Meridian

T. 4 S., R. 2 E.,

Sec. 12, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 13, E $\frac{1}{2}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 4 S., R. 3 E.,

Sec. 5, lot 6 and lots 10 to 16, inclusive;

Sec. 6, lots 1 to 5, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 7, lots 3 and 4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 8, lots 1 to 16, inclusive;

Sec. 9, lots 4 to 8, inclusive, and lots 11 to 14, inclusive;

Sec. 16, lots 4, 5, 8, and 9, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 17, lots 1 to 14, inclusive;

Sec. 18, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, E $\frac{1}{2}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 19, lots 1 and 2, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 20, lots 1 to 9, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 21, lots 1 to 9 inclusive, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 4,595.78 acres in Custer County.

3. The withdrawal made by this order does not alter the applicability of those public land laws governing the use of

National Forest System land under lease, license, or permit, or governing the disposal of their mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

4. This withdrawal will expire 20 years from the effective date of this order unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (2000), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

Authority: 43 CFR 2310.3-3.

Dated: April 7, 2008.

C. Stephen Allred,

Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-923-1430-ET; COC-69155]

Public Land Order No. 7700; Transfer of Public Land for the Maybell West Uranium Repository; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order permanently transfers 160 acres of public land to the Department of Energy for its Maybell West Uranium Repository, in accordance with the terms of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-604), as amended.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 18, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Andy Senti, BLM Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215-7093, 303-239-3713.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Umetco Maybell Uranium Mill Site has been stabilized and the Department of Energy plans to convert the site to a uranium mill tailings repository. Under Public Law 95-604, the Department of Energy is legally obligated to become the long-term custodian of the stabilized Umetco Maybell Uranium Mill Site. The long-term custodial responsibility is perpetual and is administered by the DOE under a Nuclear Regulatory Commission license. The land must be transferred in order for the Department of Energy to execute its responsibilities under Public Law 95-604.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 7916 (2000)), as amended, it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing right, the following described public land is hereby permanently transferred to the Department of Energy, and as a result of this transfer, the land is no longer subject to the operation of the general land laws, including the mining and mineral leasing laws, for the Maybell West Uranium Repository:

Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 7 N., R. 95 W.,

Sec. 24, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 160 acres in Moffat County.

2. The transfer of the above-described land to the Department of Energy vests in that Department, full management, jurisdiction, responsibility, and liability for such land and all activities conducted thereon, except as provided in Paragraph 3.

3. The Secretary of the Interior shall retain the authority to administer any existing claims, rights, and interests in this land that were established before the effective date of the transfer.

Dated: March 27, 2008.

C. Stephen Allred,

Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

[Docket No. MMS-2008-OMM-0020]

Notice of Nominations Received and Proposed Limited Alternative Energy Leases on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) and Initiation of Coordination and Consultation

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Announcement of nominations and processing priorities, inquiry on competing nominations for proposed limited alternative energy leases, and request for comments from interested and affected parties.

SUMMARY: On November 6, 2007, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) published in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 214, pp. 62673-62675) a request for information and nominations of areas for leases authorizing alternative energy