

Obyan Beach Resort Associates; (2) impacts are minimized during construction, and (3) incidental take is mitigated by the establishment of a wildlife mitigation bank and other measures specified in the Habitat Conservation Plan. This mitigation bank would be established in perpetuity for the protection of the endangered nightingale reed-warbler and other wildlife species. Alternative 2 entails developing the project as originally permitted by the local government. The impacts to nightingale reed-warblers on site would be greater under this alternative and a wildlife mitigation bank would not be established. Under Alternative 1, the no action alternative, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would not issue an incidental take permit. The area leased would then be likely to revert back to the Commonwealth government. None of the existing nightingale reed-warblers would be lost, at least immediately. After the land reverted back to the Commonwealth, it would then be available for other uses. These uses could have greater impacts to nightingale reed-warblers as a result of subdivision and the subsequent habitat fragmentation. Under the no action alternative, the mitigation sites would not be preserved as a wildlife mitigation bank.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act regulations and section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act. If it is determined that the requirements are met, a permit will be issued for the incidental take of the listed species. The final permit decision will be made no sooner than 30 days from the date of this notice.

Dated: February 12, 1997.

Thomas J. Dwyer,

*Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.*

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## Bureau of Land Management

[WY-985-0222-66]

### Cave Gulch-Bullfrog-Waltman Natural Gas Development Project in Natrona County, Wyoming; Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Cave Gulch-Bullfrog-Waltman Natural Gas Development Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) which analyzes the environmental consequences of the oil and gas operators proposal to continue to drill wells on their leased acreages within the Cave Gulch-Bullfrog-Waltman oil and gas project area. This development area is located in Natrona County and generally located within Townships 36 and 37 North; Ranges 86 and 87 West, 6th Principal Meridian. The area is accessed by U.S. Highway 20/26 west of Casper, Wyoming; and, north of Waltman, Wyoming via county road 104. Access to the interior of the Cave Gulch-Bullfrog-Waltman project area is provided by a road system developed to service prior and on-going drilling and production activities.

**DATES:** Comments on the DEIS will be accepted for 45 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes their Notice of Availability in the Federal Register. The EPA notice is expected on or about February 14, 1997. In addition, a public meeting will be held Tuesday, March 11, 1997. The meeting will be located at the University of Wyoming, Natrona County Cooperative Extension Building, 2011 Fairgrounds Road, Casper, Wyoming. The meeting will be in two parts beginning with an open house from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. followed by a public meeting from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Comments on the DEIS will be entertained during the open house and the public meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the DEIS should be sent to Ms. Kate Padilla, Team Leader for the Cave Gulch-Bullfrog-Waltman Natural Gas Development Project EIS, Bureau of Land Management, Casper District Office, 1701 East "E" Street, Casper, Wyoming 82601.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The DEIS analyzes a proposed action, two (2) development alternatives, and the no action alternative. The proposal presented by the operators is to continue to drill additional wells on their leased acreage within this natural gas development area. The current oil and gas operators are Chevron U.S.A., Barrett Resources Corporation, Prima

Oil & Gas Company, Goldmark Engineering, Inc., W.A. Moncrief, Jr., Marathon Oil Company, and John P. Lockridge, Inc. The land ownership pattern of the Cave Gulch-Bullfrog-Waltman project area is 66 percent Private, 29 percent Federal (BLM), and 5 percent State of Wyoming. The mineral ownership is as follows, 20 percent Private, 77 percent Federal (BLM), and 3 percent State of Wyoming.

Over the next 10 years, the operators propose to drill up to 160 additional wells where approximately 40 wells are currently active to obtain maximum recovery of natural gas from existing Federal, State, and private oil and gas leases. The area was divided into four segments by the operators to allow for better definition of the Proposed Action with regard to well spacing and density, based on BLM's February 1996, preliminary geologic report. The two development alternatives analyze wells based on areas defined in the BLM's June 1996, final geologic report.

The DEIS describes the physical, biological, cultural, historic, and socio-economic resources in and surrounding the project area. The focus of the impact analysis was based upon resource issues and concerns identified during public scoping. Potential impacts of concern from development were primarily concerned with raptor breeding and nesting, sensitive soils, and economics.

Dated: February 5, 1997.

Alan L. Kesterke,

*Associate State Director.*

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[UT-056-1430-01-24-1A]

### Mountain Valley Management Framework Plan; Piute Co., UT

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to amend plan.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice of Intent is to advise the public that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to consider a proposal which would require amending an existing planning document.

**DATES:** The comment period for this proposed plan amendment will commence with publication of this notice. Comments must be submitted within the thirty day period commencing with the publication of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dave Henderson, Sevier River Resource Area Manager, 150 East 900 North, Richfield, Utah 84701. Existing

planning documents and information are available at the above address or telephone (801) 896-1500. Comments on the proposed plan amendment should be sent to the above address.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM is proposing to amend the Mountain Valley Management Framework Plan which includes public lands in Piute County, Utah. The purpose of the amendment would be to identify certain lands as suitable for direct sale pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. The lands identified for direct sale comprise 560 acres described as follows: T. 29 S., R. 3 W., Section 28, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and Section 33, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and Section 34, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Salt Lake Meridian, Utah.

The existing plan does not identify these lands for disposal. However, because of the resource values and public values and objectives involved, the public interest may well be served by sale of these lands. An environmental assessment will be prepared by an interdisciplinary team to analyze the impacts of this proposal and alternatives.

Dated: February 7, 1997.

G. William Lamb,  
State Director.

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**Public Land Order No. 7246;  
Withdrawal for Edson Creek Park;  
Oregon**

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

**ACTION:** Public land order.

**SUMMARY:** This order withdraws 44.48 acres of public land from surface entry and mining for a period of 20 years for the Bureau of Land Management to protect the recreation site known as Edson Creek Park. The land will be opened to mineral leasing.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 20, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Betty McCarthy, BLM Oregon/Washington State Office, PO Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208-2965, 503-952-6155.

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 (1988), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public land is

hereby withdrawn from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1988)), but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, to protect the Edson Creek Park:

Willamette Meridian

T. 32 S., R. 14 W.,

Sec. 6, that portion of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ , commonly called Tax Lot 32-14-06-501, as more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point which is north 16°30' east 479.0 ft. from the witness corner for the southwest closing corner of Sec. 6; Thence east 488.3 ft.; Thence south 9°45' east 73.1 ft.; Thence south 59°31' east 115.9 ft.; Thence north 78°11' east 128.9 ft.; Thence north 68°11' east 94.0 ft.; Thence north 72°40' east 85.5 ft.; Thence north 66°01' east 111.0 ft.; Thence north 58°27' east 80.0 ft.; Thence north 67°08' east 229.8 ft.; Thence north 24°38' east 106.7 ft.; Thence north 43°55' east 110.9 ft.; Thence north 57°46' east 304.5 ft.; Thence north 5°04' west 50.6 ft.; Thence north 36°55' west 126.2 ft.; Thence north 59°18' east 155.3 ft.; Thence south 39°47' east 416.7 ft.; Thence south 86°19' east 258.2 ft.; Thence north 83°22' east 109.9 ft.; Thence north 83°40' east 281.1 ft.; Thence north 19°01' east 777.6 ft.; Thence north 67°42' east 166.3 ft.; Thence north 42°53' east 363.3 ft.; Thence north 441.7 ft.; Thence south 11°02' west 73.0 ft.; Thence south 52°03' west 234.6 ft.; Thence west 167.0 ft.; Thence south 43°41' west 211.0 ft.; Thence south 65°42' west 194.0 ft.; Thence south 88°12' west 350.0 ft.; Thence south 60°29' west 258.9 ft.; Thence south 51°16' east 51.8 ft.; Thence south 2°26' west 212.9 ft.; Thence south 9°19' east 92.4 ft.; Thence south 59°29' west 158.0 ft.; Thence north 67°06' west 321.8 ft.; Thence south 73°23' west 411.2 ft.; Thence south 42°36' west 215.2 ft.; Thence south 34°54' west 671.0 ft.; Thence north 88°52' west 216.1 ft.; Thence north 68°55' west 67.8 ft.; Thence north 35°39' west 428.4 ft.; Thence south 16°30' west 612.6 ft. to point of beginning.

The area described contains approximately 44.48 acres in Curry County.

2. At 8:30 a.m. on March 24, 1997, the land will be opened to operation of the mineral leasing laws and the Geothermal Steam Act, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law.

3. The withdrawal made by this order does not alter the applicability of those public land laws governing the use of the 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) (1988), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

Dated: February 4, 1997.

Bob Armstrong,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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**Public Land Order No. 7245;  
Revocation of Secretarial Order Dated  
November 14, 1917, and Executive  
Order Dated May 4, 1918; Oregon**

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

**ACTION:** Public land order.

**SUMMARY:** This order revokes in their entirety a Secretarial order and an Executive order which withdrew 174.72 acres of public lands for the Bureau of Land Management's Waterpower Designation No. 15 and Powersite Reserve No. 686. The lands are no longer needed for the purposes for which they were withdrawn. This action will open 170.22 acres to surface entry, which have been and will remain open to mining. The 4.50-acre balance remains closed to surface entry and mining due to another existing withdrawal. All of the lands have been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 24, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Betty McCarthy, BLM Oregon/Washington State Office, PO Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208-2965, 503-952-6155.

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 (1988), it is ordered as follows:

1. The Secretarial Order dated November 14, 1917, which established Waterpower Designation No. 15, and the Executive Order dated May 4, 1918, which established Powersite Reserve No. 686, are hereby revoked in their entirety:

Willamette Meridian

Oregon and California Railroad Grant Lands  
(a) Waterpower Designation No. 15

T. 22 S., R. 5 W.,

Sec. 33, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , all land lying within 50 feet of centerline of transmission line.

T. 35 S., R. 5 W.,