

budget table and any figures provided in the narrative.

With the volume of proposals received, it is expected that the NAWWO will not be able to contact proposal sources to verify and/or request supplement data and/or materials. Thus, those proposals lacking required information or containing conflicting information will not be considered for funding.

For more information, and to request the Small Grants instructional booklet, call (703) 358-1784, facsimile (703) 358-2282, or send e-mail to R9ARW_NAWWO@MAIL.FWS.GOV. Contact the Small Grants Coordinator, Dr. Keith A. Morehouse, if you would like to receive the instructions booklet e-mail or on a computer disk.

In conclusion, the Service requires that upon their arrival in the NAWWO, proposal packages must be complete with regard to all of the information requested, in the format requested, and on time.

Dated: December 19, 1997.

Jamie Rappaport Clark,

Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-066-1310-03]

Amendment to Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Natural Gas Development in Carbon and Emery Counties, Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Utah.

ACTION: Amendment to Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Natural Gas Development in Carbon and Emery Counties, Utah.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(G)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management, Price Field Office is directing the preparation of an EIS by a third-party contractor on the impacts of proposed natural gas development on public, National Forest, State and private lands in Carbon and Emery Counties in central Utah. The U.S. Forest Service, Manti-La Sal National Forest, is participating in EIS preparation as a cooperating agency in accordance with Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1501.6.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Development of natural gas in the Castle

Valley area is proposed by Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, Chandler and Associates, Inc., Questar Pipeline Company and Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc. The BLM is preparing an EIS to analyze a conceptual natural gas development model based on the companies' proposals. Subsequent to initial scoping for the EIS, the project area boundary was adjusted to include a small portion of National Forest System Lands. The U.S. Forest Service was invited to participate as a cooperating agency to provide information regarding direct impacts of proposed wells on National Forest System Lands and information needed to address potential project-related cumulative effects adjacent to Forest lands and resources. Additionally, The Forest Service will make a NEPA decision dealing with activities on National Forest System lands.

Description of the Proposed Action

Field development of existing Federal leases within an area of approximately 111,000 acres in the Castle Valley area of Carbon and Emery Counties, Utah, is proposed. The project would involve 375 wells with related facilities including roads, pipelines, power lines compressor stations, and water disposal facilities. Up to 10 of these wells may be on National Forest System lands. The BLM and USFS also propose to approve development of natural gas within the project area and approve individual drilling applications, right of way authorizations and special use permits. The BLM and USFS propose to make independent NEPA decisions for activities on lands under their respective jurisdictions.

Alternatives

The EIS will analyze the Proposed Action, a No-Action Alternative, An Environmental Protection Measure Alternative, and a Wildlife Corridor Protection Alternative.

Other Relevant Information

To accommodate existing Federal leases in the area and help define the project area ecologically, the western border of the south project area in Emery County was adjusted to primarily follow the 8000-foot contour line. This boundary shift incorporated approximately 10,000 acres of National Forest System Lands. The BLM and USFS will prepare separate Record of Decision for respective portions of the EIS.

Additional information, including maps, a scoping summary and a list of issues developed through the scoping process are included in the Ferron

Natural Gas EIS Homepage located at: blm.gov/utah/minerals/ferron.html

The project schedule is as follows:

File Draft EIS—May 1998

File Final EIS—November 1998

Record of Decision—December 1998

Public Input

Three public scoping meetings were held in February 1997 to receive oral comments. Comments received from the public were included in development of EIS issues and alternatives. The BLM and USFS determined that inclusion of National Forest System Lands did not change the scope of the proposal.

ADDRESSES: Any comments should be sent to George Diwachak, Team Leader, Ferron Natural Gas EIS, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, UT, 84145-0155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Diwachak, (801) 538-4043.

Dated: January 26, 1998.

G. William Lamb,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Fire Management Activities: Oregon and Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to review and modify fire management plans, as necessary, and to conduct associated public participation.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Oregon (Burns, Coos Bay, Eugene, Lakeview, Medford, Prineville, Roseburg, Salem, and Vale Districts) and Washington (Spokane District) are reviewing their fire management activities on all of the BLM-administered public lands in Oregon and Washington. New fire management plans for all BLM districts must be completed in Fiscal Year 1998. The initial phase for completing these plans will address fire management direction based on existing land management plans, and will be available for public review by early February at the BLM offices indicated below. Other possible public involvement activities may include open houses, workshops, and/or field trips if there is sufficient interest.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Meeting dates and other public participation activities in BLM