

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Violation of this closure order is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months as provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7.

Dated: May 1, 1998.

James G. Kenna,

Deschutes Area Manager, Prineville District Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[MT-060-08-1610-00, 1616P]

Notice of Availability of the Draft Oil and Gas Supplemental Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the National Environmental Policy Act the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Oil and Gas Supplemental Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS). This is a draft supplement to the 1992 Judith-Valley-Phillips RMP and is available to the public for a 90-day review period. The Draft Oil and Gas Supplemental RMP/EIS addresses two additional alternatives for oil and gas leasing on 3.4 million acres in northcentral Montana: Fergus, Petroleum, Judith Basin, Phillips, and Valley Counties and the southern portion of Chouteau County. One of the alternatives would avoid oil and gas leasing in areas with valuable wildlife habitat. The other alternative, the preferred alternative, would provide for oil and gas leasing while protecting other resource values through stipulations or closing areas where resource values are not compatible with exploration and development.

DATES: The agency must receive comments on or before August 6, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments to David L. Mari, District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Lewistown District Office, P.O. Box 1160, Lewistown, MT 59457-1160.

Copies of the Draft Oil and Gas Supplemental RMP/EIS are available from the Bureau of Land Management, Lewistown District Office, P.O. Box 1160, Lewistown, Montana 59457-1160.

Public reading copies will be available for review at the following Bureau of Land Management locations: Montana State Office, 222 North 32nd Street, Billings, Montana; Lewistown District Office, Airport Road, Lewistown, Montana; Phillips Resource Area, 501 S 2nd Street East, Malta, Montana; and Valley Resource Area, Hwy 2 W, Glasgow, Montana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Majerus, 406-538-7461.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In September 1988, the National Wildlife Federation protested the issuance of oil and gas leases by the BLM in the State of Montana. The reasons for the protest were an inadequate analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act and non-compliance with the Endangered Species Act. The BLM's November 1988 decision on this protest was that BLM would suspend lease issuance on tracts with special wildlife stipulations until a new RMP/EIS was completed meeting the Bureau's supplemental program guidance.

In September 1988, the BLM issued a notice of intent to prepare an RMP/EIS for public lands in northcentral Montana. One of the issues identified for the RMP was oil and gas leasing. The draft Judith-Valley-Phillips RMP/EIS was released for public comment in July 1991. The National Wildlife Federation comments on the draft raised the concern that the November 1988 decision was not mentioned, much less identified as a practical alternative. The BLM responded to this comment in the final Judith-Valley-Phillips RMP/EIS that areas nominated for lease which require special stipulations to protect wildlife would not be offered for lease but this was an interim policy until the RMP/EIS was completed and not an alternative.

In December 1992 the BLM released the final Judith-Valley-Phillips RMP/EIS for a 30 day protest period. In January 1993, the National Wildlife Federation protested the final RMP/EIS because the document neither mentioned the 1988 decision nor identified an alternative of carrying the temporary arrangement forward to avoid leasing valuable wildlife habitat. After careful review of this issue by the BLM's Director the protest warranted a supplement to the final RMP/EIS addressing an alternative for oil and gas leasing that would avoid leasing valuable wildlife habitat.

(Authority: Sec. 202, Pub. L. 94-579, 90 Stat. 2747 (43 U.S.C. 1712) and Sec. 102, Pub. L. 91-190, 83 Stat. 852 as amended (42 U.S.C. 4332))

Dated: April 27, 1998.

B. Gene Miller,

Associate District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[UTU-60470, UTU-69463]

Utah; Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Leases

In accordance with Title IV of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act (Pub. L. 97-451), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas leases UTU-60470 and UTU-69463 for lands in Carbon County, Utah, was timely filed and required rentals accruing from April 1, 1998, the date of termination, have been paid.

The lessee has agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$5 per acre and 16-2/3 percent, respectively. The \$500 administrative fee for each lease has been paid and the lessee has reimbursed the Bureau of Land Management for the cost of publishing this notice.

Having met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Section 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate leases UTU-60470 and UTU-69463, effective April 1, 1998, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

Robert Lopez,

Group Leader, Minerals Adjudication Group.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[CA-370-1430-01, CA 15801, CAS 308, CAS 309, CA 6549, CAS 310]

Notice of Realty Action: Intent To Convey Lands for Landfill Purposes, Modoc County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Intent to convey lands for landfill purposes.

SUMMARY: The County of Modoc has requested that five landfills currently