

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Geological Survey****Technology Transfer Act of 1986**

AGENCY: United States Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed cooperative research and development agreement (CRADA) negotiations.

SUMMARY: The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is contemplating entering into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with GeoSIG AG to develop a strong-motion seismograph system.

INQUIRIES: If any other parties are interested in similar activities with the USGS, please contact John R. Evans (650-329-4753 or jrevans@usgs.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is to meet the USGS requirement stipulated in the Survey Manual.

Dated: November 2, 1999.

Steven R. Bohlen,

Acting Chief Geologist.

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

[CA-30-3130-AG; CACA-35742-F1]

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Opening order, Humboldt, California.

SUMMARY: This notice opens lands to disposal by Recreation and Public Purposes Grant.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately upon publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charlotte Hawks, Arcata Field Office, BLM, 1695 Heindon Road, Arcata, CA 95521-4573, (707) 825-2319.

SUPPLEMENTALRY INFORMATION: On November 21, 1995, the land described below was segregated from appropriation under the public land laws and mining laws as part of exchange proposal CACA 35742-F1. The parcel was subsequently dropped from the exchange proposal.

On the date of publication of this notice, the land described below will be opened to the operation of the public land laws, generally, and the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. The parcel remains segregated from all appropriation by Recreation and Public Purposes Classification CACA 39081.

Humboldt Meridian, California

T.5S., R.3E., Sec. 11, SW1/4SW1/4.

Containing 40.00 acres.

Lynda J. Roush,

Arcata Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement****Proposed Replacement of Wright Water Distribution Looping Project**

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of application for grant funding; public comment period on request to fund the Wright Water Distribution Looping Project.

SUMMARY: OSM is announcing its receipt of a grant application from the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Abandoned Mine Land Division (AMLD). Wyoming is requesting \$160,000 from the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund to pay the cost of replacing the Wright Water Distribution Looping Project. In its application, the State proposes paying for the construction cost as a public facility project that will benefit a community impacted by coal mining.

This notice describes when and where you may read the grant application for funding the Wright Water Distribution Looping Project. It also sets the time period during which you may send written comments on the request to us.

DATES: We will accept written comments until 4:00 p.m., m.s.t., December 20, 1999.

ADDRESSES: You should mail or hand-deliver written comments to Guy V. Padgett, Casper Field Office Director, at the address shown below. You may read Wyoming's grant application for this proposed project during normal business hours Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) at the same address. Also, we will send one free copy of the grant application to you if you contact OSM's Casper Field Office, Guy V. Padgett, Director, Casper Field Office, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Federal Building, Rm. 2403, 100 East "B" Street, Casper, Wyoming 82601-1918.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Guy V. Padgett, Telephone: (307) 261-6555. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours.

Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the rulemaking (or administrative) record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the rulemaking [or administrative] record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available from public inspection in their entirety.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background on Title IV of SMCRA**

Title IV of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) established an Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation (AMLR) program. The purpose of the AMLR program is to reclaim and restore lands and waters that were adversely affected by past mining. The program is funded by a reclamation fee paid by active coal mining operations. Lands and waters eligible for reclamation under Title IV are primarily those that were mined, or affected by mining, and abandoned or inadequately reclaimed before August 3, 1977, and for which there is no continuing reclamation responsibility under State, Federal, or other laws.

Title IV of SMCRA allows States to submit AMLR plans to us. We, on behalf of the Secretary, review those plans and consider any public comments we receive about them. If we determine that a State has the ability and necessary legislation to operate an AMLR program, the Secretary can approve it. The Secretary's approval gives a State exclusive authority to put its AMLR plan into effect.

Once the Secretary approves a State's AMLR plan, the State may apply to us for money to fund specific projects that will achieve the goals of its approved plan. We follow the requirements of the Federal regulations at 30 CFR parts 874, 875, and 886 when we review and approve such applications.

II. Background on the Wyoming AMLR Plan

The Secretary of the Interior approved Wyoming's AMLR plan on February 14, 1983. You can find background information on the Wyoming AML program, including the Secretary's findings and our response to comments, in the February 14, 1983 **Federal**