

gas development, including coal bed methane, and coal mining on the tracts proposed for leasing;

2. Potential impacts to big game herds and hunting;
3. Potential impacts to sage grouse;
4. Potential impacts to Threatened and Endangered species;
5. The need for considering the cumulative impacts of leasing decisions combined with other existing and proposed development in the Wyoming Powder River Basin;
6. Potential health impacts related to blasting; and
7. The potential impacts on air and water quality.

If you have specific concerns about these issues, or have other concerns or issues that BLM should consider in processing this application, please express them at the public meeting or address them in writing to the above address. Written comments should be received by October 31, 2001, in order to be fully considered in the draft EIS.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address listed above during regular business hours (7:45 a.m.—4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: August 29, 2001.

Donald E. Shepard,

Acting Deputy State Director, Minerals and Lands.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-080-1610-DO]

Vernal Field Office Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to hold public scoping meetings for the Vernal Field

Office Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Vernal Field Office, Utah, is initiating public scoping meetings in order to provide for public involvement opportunities for the Vernal Field Office Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The new RMP is being prepared in coordination with other Federal, State, and local agencies, and affected public land users.

DATES: The BLM will be hosting local and regional scoping meetings/open houses throughout October and November of 2001. Locations of scoping meetings/open houses will also be published in the local and regional news papers at least 15 days before the meetings.

ADDRESSES: Meetings will be held at the following locations and times; Duchesne County Courthouse, 734 North Center Street, Duchesne, Utah, Wednesday, October 17, 2001, 7 to 9 p.m. Vernal Western Park, 302 East 200 North, Vernal, Utah, Thursday, October 18, 2001, 7 to 9 p.m. Utah Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West Temple, Suite 1040, Salt Lake City, Utah, Thursday, October 25, 2001, 7 to 9 p.m. Daggett County Courthouse, 95 North 100 West, Manila, Utah, Thursday, November 1, 2001, 6 to 8 p.m. Green River City Office, 240 East Main Street, Green River, Utah, Thursday, November 8, 2001, 6 to 8 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dave Howell, Field Manager or David Moore, Supervisory Planning Coordinator, Vernal Field Office, Vernal, Utah, (435) 781-4400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 12, 2001, the Vernal Field Office published in the **Federal Register**, (Volume 66, Number 48, pages 14415-14417), a notice of intent to plan, and prepare a resource management plan and environmental impact statement. The notice provided early opportunities for the public to comment on

preliminary issues and planning criteria. It also requested additional information that the public may have on various resources within the field office area. The notice stated that another **Federal Register** Notice would be published to identify the dates and locations of future scoping meetings. This notice constitutes that notification.

Individual comments received during the scoping/open house meetings including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM office listed above

during regular business hours.

Comments received during the scoping meetings will also be summarized and made available in a scoping report, shortly after the public meetings have been held.

If you wish to withhold your name and/or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: September 14, 2001.

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State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated; Oil and Gas Lease

August 23, 2001.

Pursuant to the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188(d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3(a) and (b)(1), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease WYW 134944 for lands in Natrona County, Wyoming, was timely filed and was accompanied by all the required rentals accruing from the date of termination.

The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16²/₃ percent, respectively.

The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$158 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice. The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Section 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease WYW13944 effective February 1, 2001, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the