

through D and manages development of CBM in an environmentally sound manner. The Draft EIS discloses the environmental consequences of each alternative.

A copy of the Draft EIS and Amendment has been sent to all individuals, agencies, and groups who have expressed interest or as required by regulation or policy. Copies are also available upon request from the BLM at the address listed above.

#### Public Participation

There has been continual public participation throughout the EIS process. A Notice of Intent to prepare the EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on December 19, 2000, initiating a 30-day public scoping period. The scoping period closed January 31, 2001, after a two-week extension. Public scoping meetings were held at Broadus, Miles City, Ashland, Billings, and Helena, Montana from January 4 through January 11, 2001. A brochure was mailed May, 2001 updating the public on the status of the Draft EIS and Amendment.

Four designated cooperating agencies are also helping BLM and the State prepare the EIS: The Bureau of Indian Affairs, the United States Department of Energy, the Crow Tribe, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The Northern Cheyenne Tribe declined to become a cooperating agency, but has been invited by BLM to participate in all cooperating agency activities. Consultation with both the Crow and Northern Cheyenne tribes has taken place throughout the process to gather their input and concerns. Consultation with FWS has been initiated, and the BLM has also met with individuals from the general public, special interest groups, industry, and local governments upon their request. The Coal Bed Methane Coordination Group, whose purpose is to share information on coal bed methane, consists of representatives from local governments, special interest groups, the tribes, other federal agencies, industry, ranchers, and the State. The group has shared its concerns with BLM and remains updated on the EIS. In addition, the State has held monthly coordination calls with the BLM and with the public invited to listen in.

The BLM and the State will conduct public hearings across Montana (anticipated in April 2002) on the Draft EIS and Amendment. The time and locations of the hearings will be announced in local news releases.

To help BLM identify and consider issues and concerns on the alternatives,

comments on the Draft EIS and Amendment should be as specific as possible; for example, comments should refer to specific pages or chapters in the document. After the comment period ends, all comments will be analyzed and considered by the BLM in preparing the Final EIS.

Dated: January 11, 2002.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Conversion of Potential Wilderness as Designated Wilderness, Haleakala National Park

Public Law No. 94-567, Approved October 20, 1976 designated 19,270 acres of Haleakala National Park as wilderness and an additional 5,500 acres as potential wilderness additions. These wilderness designations apply to portions of Haleakala National Park depicted on a map entitled "Wilderness Plan, Haleakala National Park", numbered 162-20,006-A and dated July 1972, known as the Haleakala Wilderness.

Section 3 of Pub. L. 94-567 directed the Secretary of the Interior to designate that potential wilderness additions be converted to "designated" wilderness through the publication of a notice in the **Federal Register** stating that these lands have been acquired by the federal government and that any previous uses thereon that are prohibited by the Wilderness Act (Pub. L. 88-577) have ceased.

All lands, with the exception of 51 acres owned by East Maui Irrigation Inc., designated as potential wilderness on map #162-20, 006 have been acquired and are now owned by the U.S. government as administered by Haleakala National Park. There are no current or proposed uses of the 5,449 acres proposed for conversion which are incompatible with the Wilderness Act. Since the 51 acres included within the Maui Irrigation parcel is not owned by the federal government, it will continue to be identified as "potential wilderness" in keeping with the instructions of Pub. L. 94-567.

These 5,449 acres of federally owned land now fully comply with the instructions contained in Pub. L. 95-625. Accordingly, this notice hereby converts the 5,449 acres of "potential wilderness: within Haleakala National Park to designated wilderness." The

5,449 acres are accordingly added to the 19,270 acres already preserved within the National Wilderness Preservation System and bring the total area of designated wilderness at Haleakala National Park to 24,719 acres of wilderness and 51 acres of "potential wilderness". It is noted that construction of fences to exclude feral animals and access into the wilderness via helicopter for fence maintenance to control destructive invasive alien plants and non-native animals may be necessary to preserve wilderness resources and ecosystem processes.

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*Director, National Park Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested

**ACTION:** 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: New Collection; Mental Health and Community Safety Initiative Equipment and Training Progress Report.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" until April 15, 2002. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

If you have comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Gretchen DePasquale, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, 1100 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20530. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary