

desert species. All comments received shall be taken into consideration during the preparation of the EIS, prior to issuance of a Record of Decision. Meeting locations and dates will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media and online at <http://www.ca.blm.gov/news/meetings.html>. Scoping comments previously submitted following publication of the 1991 Notice of Intent are still valid and will be considered together with comments received pursuant to this revised notice. Therefore, commentators do not need to resubmit comments but may provide additional comments or clarifications of those previously made. Written comments will be accepted up to thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The WMP addresses the management of 3.6 million acres of public lands administered by the BLM in eastern Kern County, southern Inyo County, northern Los Angeles County and western San Bernardino County, all of which are within the State of California. The BLM's Ridgecrest and Barstow field offices administer most of these public lands. A small amount of acreage administered by the BLM's Needles and Palm Springs field offices is also affected. All public lands are within the California Desert Conservation Area, and all lie within the jurisdiction of the BLM's California Desert District.

The WMP is being prepared collaboratively with local jurisdictions, state and other federal agencies. It is the intent of the collaborators that the WMP also serve as a habitat conservation plan (HCP) applicable to the 2.8 million acres of private lands within the planning area. Preparation of the HCP would facilitate the issuance of programmatic incidental take permits by the California Department of Fish and Game and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to participating cities and counties.

The first step in this effort was the publication of the December 5, 1991 notice of intent and the holding of public scoping meetings in January 1992. This initiated a collaborative planning process which involved scientific data collection and the discussion of conservation issues by representatives of agencies, local jurisdictions, public land users and others with an interest in the future of the western Mojave Desert. These issues included conservation strategies for the desert tortoise, Mohave ground squirrel and other sensitive desert plants and animals, a motorized vehicle access network for public lands in the region, and such multiple use issues as

livestock grazing, mining, cultural resources and recreation.

The EIS will assess the environmental impacts of a proposed action and a range of reasonable alternatives (including a "no action" alternative). Any necessary amendments to the BLM's CDCA Plan will be addressed. The EIS will evaluate whether the conservation strategies can recover western Mojave Desert populations of the threatened desert tortoise, the endangered Lane Mountain milkvetch and other sensitive species.

The BLM invites the public to help identify significant issues or concerns to be addressed in the EIS. These will be discussed at a series of additional public scoping meetings to be held in June 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be forwarded to the following address: Mr. William Haigh, West Mojave Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District Office, 6221 Box Springs Road, Riverside, CA 92507. Citizens submitting written comments will automatically be included in the mailing list.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William Haigh, West Mojave Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District Office, 6221 Box Springs Road, Riverside, CA 92507, telephone (760) 252-6080.

Dated: April 23, 2002.

Linda Hansen,

Acting District Manager, California Desert.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-930-1060-JJ]

Notice of Public Hearing; Boise, ID

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Idaho State Office, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: A public hearing will be held at the Lower Snake River District, Bureau of Land Management, Boise, Idaho, to receive statements concerning the use of helicopters and motor vehicles in wild horse gathering operations within Idaho for calendar year 2002.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, July 9, 2002, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Location: Lower Snake River District, Bureau of Land Management, 3948 Development Ave., Boise, Idaho, 83705.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kent Benson, Range Technician/Wild Horse

and Burro Specialist, Upper Snake River District, Bureau of Land Management, 15 East 200 South, Burley, Idaho 83318, or e-mail at Kent_Benson@blm.gov, or Jon Foster, Branch Chief Resources and Sciences, Idaho State Office, 1387 South Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709, or e-mail at Jon_Foster@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The hearing will allow interested persons to make oral statements concerning the use of helicopters and motor vehicles during wild horse gathering operations in Idaho, consistent with requirements for a public hearing described in 43 CFR 4840.1(b). All statements will be recorded.

Dated: May 8, 2002.

Fritz Rennebaum,

Acting State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Idaho.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UTU-76735]

Utah; Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

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 lease UTU-76735 for lands in San Juan County, Utah, was timely filed and required rentals accruing from October 1, 2001, the date of termination, have been paid.

The lessee has agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10 per acre and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively. The \$500 administrative fee 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 lease UTU-76735, effective October 1, 2001, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rate cited above.

Robert Lopez,

Chief, Branch of Minerals Adjudication.

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