

Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*) and/or the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing endangered species (50 CFR Part 17) and/or marine mammals (50 CFR Part 18). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of the complete applications or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be submitted to the Director (address above). Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

**PRT-075014**

*Applicant:* Norman L. Delan, JR., Fleetwood, PA,

The applicant requested a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Viscount Melville Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal use on August 18, 2003, (68 FR 49511). Subsequent to this publication, the Service determined that the polar bear was actually sport hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population. Therefore, we are republishing the request with the correct population.

**PRT-072002**

*Applicant:* Michael VandeMaele, Mattawan, MI,

The applicant requested a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Viscount Melville Sound polar bear population in Canada for personal use on June 5, 2003 (68 FR 33734). Subsequent to this publication, the Service determined that the polar bear was actually sport hunted from the Southern Beaufort Sea polar bear population. Therefore, we are republishing the request with the correct population.

**PRT-073810**

*Applicant:* Virgil R. Graber, Orrville, OH,

The applicant requested a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Northern Beaufort Sea polar bear population in Canada for personal use on August 27, 2003 (68 FR 51588). Subsequent to this publication, the Service determined that the polar bear was actually sport hunted from the Viscount Mellville polar bear population prior to April 30, 1994. Therefore, we are republishing the request with the correct population.

Dated: September 12, 2003.

**Charles S. Hamilton,**

*Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Issuance of Permits**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of permits for marine mammals.

**SUMMARY:** The following permits were issued.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358-2281.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358-2104.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that on the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

**MARINE MAMMALS**

Permit No.	Applicant	Receipt of application <b>Federal Register</b> notice	Permit issuance date
072605 .....	Charles C. Adams, Jr .....	68 FR 40291; July 7, 2003 .....	Sept. 11, 2003.
073841 .....	Ryan C. Hoerauf .....	68 FR 41167; July 10, 2003 .....	Sept. 11, 2003.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

**[WY-920-1320-EL, WYW158843]**

**Coal Lease Exploration License, WY**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of invitation for coal exploration license.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 2(b) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by section 4 of the Federal

Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, 90 Stat. 1083, 30 U.S.A. 201(b), and to the regulations adopted at 43 CFR part 3410, all interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Antelope Coal Company on a pro rata cost sharing basis in its program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in the following-described lands in Campbell and Converse Counties, Wyoming:

- T. 40 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
  - Sec. 3: Lots 15-18;
  - Sec. 4: Lots 5-20;
  - Sec. 5: Lots 5-7, 10-15, 17-20;
  - Sec. 8: Lots 2-4;
  - Sec. 9: Lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8;
  - Sec. 10: Lots 3-6;
- T. 41 N., R. 71 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
  - Sec. 28: Lots 1, 2, 5-16;
  - Sec. 29: Lots 5-16;
  - Sec. 32: Lots 1-4, 6-11, 13-16;
  - Sec. 33: Lots 1-16.

Containing 3,859.82 acres, more or less.

All of the coal in the above-described land consists of unleased Federal coal within the Powder River Basin Known Recoverable Coal Resource Area. The purpose of the exploration program is to obtain data to assess coal quality.

**ADDRESSES:** The proposed exploration program is fully described and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the Bureau of Land Management. Copies of the exploration plan (serialized under number WYW158843) are available for review during normal business hours in the following offices: Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003; and, Bureau of Land Management, Casper Field Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, WY 82604.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice of invitation will be published in "The News-Record" of Gillette, WY, and "The Douglas Budget" of Douglas, WY, once each week for two consecutive weeks beginning the week of September 29, 2003, and in the **Federal Register**. Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to both the Bureau of Land Management and Antelope Coal Company no later than October 29, 2003. The written notice should be sent to the following addresses: Antelope Coal Company, Attn: Patrick Baumann, P.O. Box 3008, Gillette, WY 82717, and the Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, Branch of Solid Minerals, Attn: Mavis Love, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003.

The foregoing is published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to 43 CFR 3410.2-1(c)(1).

Dated: August 13, 2003.

**Phillip C. Perlewitz,**

*Acting Deputy State Director, Minerals and Lands.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[OR118-6333-DT, HAG03-0218]

#### Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Approved Amendments to the Medford Resource Management Plan for the Kelsey Whisky Landscape Management Planning Area

**AGENCY:** Glendale Resource Area, Medford District, Bureau of Land Management.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the National Environmental Policy Act, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the approved Amendment to the Medford Resource Management Plan (RMPA) for the Kelsey Whisky Landscape planning area.

The Medford District Manager and Glendale Resource Area Field Manager will subsequently be proposing decisions to implement specified wildlife habitat enhancement, fuels treatments, forest density management, commercial timber harvests and road construction projects identified in Alternative 1 of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

**DATES:** The approved Medford RMP amendment decisions are effective

immediately. Subsequent project or RMP implementation actions, such as timber sales, will occur over the next five-seven years and be announced locally and provide for additional public reviews. These projects are described in the preferred alternative of the FEIS and will be subject to 15-day protest periods as provided by 43 CFR 5003. Those decisions will be announced to the public through the publication of timber sale notices or their equivalent in *The Grants Pass Daily Courier* and *Umpqua Free Press* newspapers, as well as posted on the Medford District Web site at <http://www.or.blm.gov/Medford> under "Planning Documents".

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Lynda L. Boody, Field Manager, Glendale Resource Area, Bureau of Land Management, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, OR 97504, and 541-618-2279.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The analysis area encompasses approximately 104,000 acres of public land managed by the Glendale Resource Area, Medford District, BLM, located in Josephine, Douglas and Curry counties in southwestern Oregon. The analysis document was prepared in conformance with Section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and associated BLM planning regulations at 43 CFR 1610.5-5 and National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act and other applicable laws, regulations and policies.

The BLM Oregon State Director's decision amends the Medford District Resource Management Plan by adding off-highway vehicle (OHV) restrictions to the transportation plan for a total reduction of 16.6 miles through road decommissioning and road closures with gates and barricades. In addition, 21.2 miles of existing roads would be improved or reconstructed and 1.5 miles of temporary roads authorized to facilitate transportation and management for other actions in the area. The State Director also determined that there was no immediate need to designate any special management areas, and authority or need to re-inventory for areas with wilderness characteristics.

Single copies of the draft and final environmental impact statements and the approved Medford RMP amendment document are available at the Medford District Office. Single copies will also be available for inspection during normal working hours at the Oregon State Office, Public Room, 333 SW 1st Avenue, Portland, Oregon, 97204. The document may also be reviewed on the

BLM Web site at <http://www.or.blm.gov/Medford> under "Planning Documents".

The road closure or transportation plan decisions amending the Medford District Resource Management Plan are effective immediately. Public participation has occurred throughout the planning process. A Notice of Intent was published in the **Federal Register** on June 7, 1999 and the Draft EIS Notice of Availability was published in the **Federal Register** on April 12, 2002. Public comments were solicited during scoping and through a 90 day comment period for the Draft EIS. The comments were analyzed and utilized where applicable to clarify and strengthen the Final EIS. A Final EIS was published March 21, 2003 and was available to the public for 30 days. Two protests on the planning component of the Final EIS were resolved. There were no formal findings of inconsistencies with officially approved or adopted natural resource related plans, programs or policies by the Governor of Oregon, per 43 CFR 1610.3-2(e).

**Authority:** Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Dated: July 2, 2003.

**Lynda L. Boody,**

*Field Manager Glendale Resource Area, Medford District Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-050-5853-EU]

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Las Vegas Valley Disposal Area as Expanded by the Clark County Conservation of Public Land and Natural Resources Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-282, November 6, 2002, as Well as Other Designated Disposal Areas Within the Las Vegas Valley

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for land disposal and other land use authorizations in the Las Vegas Valley.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides notice that the BLM intends to prepare a comprehensive EIS with the specific purpose to authorize transfer of title disposal actions or uses of public land in the Las Vegas Valley. The project area consists of all lands currently identified for disposal within the Las Vegas