

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Indian Affairs****Indian Gaming**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of approved Class III Gaming Compact.

**SUMMARY:** This notice publishes the extension to an approved Class III Gaming Compact between the Crow Tribe and the State of Montana. Under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, the Secretary of the Interior is required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 13, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA) Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the **Federal Register** notice of approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands.

The Crow Tribe and the State of Montana have agreed to an extension of the existing agreement and will extend the compact until July 5, 2005. The Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, is publishing notice that the Fifth Amendment to and Extension of the Agreement for Class III gaming between the Crow Tribe and the State of Montana is in effect.

Dated: July 23, 2004.

**Aurene M. Martin,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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

[NM091-9941-EK-HE931; OMB Control Number 1004-0180]

**Information Collection Submitted to The Office of Management and Budget Under the Paperwork Reduction Act**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has sent a request to extend the current information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). On March 7, 2003, the BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 11123) requesting comment on this information collection. The comment period ended on May 6, 2003. BLM received no comments. You may obtain copies of the collection of information and related forms and explanatory material by contacting the BLM Information Collection Clearance Officer at the telephone number listed below.

The OMB must respond to this request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. For maximum consideration your comments and suggestions on the requirements should be directed within 30 days to the Office of Management and Budget, Interior Department Desk Officer (1004-0180), at OMB-OIRA via facsimile to (202) 395-6566 or e-mail to [OIRA\\_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov). Please provide a copy of your comments to the Bureau Information Collection Clearance Officer (WO-630), Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Blvd., Springfield, Virginia 22153.

*Nature of Comments:* We specifically request your comments on the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the BLM, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of our estimates of the information collection burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use;
3. Ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information we collect; and
4. Ways to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

*Title:* Gas Well Data Survey of Helium-Bearing Natural Gas.

*OMB Control Number:* 1004-0180.

*Bureau Form Number(s):* 3100-12.  
*Abstract:* the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) collects and uses the information to evaluate the helium resources of the United States.

Respondents are owners and operators of the helium-bearing natural gas wells and transmission lines.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Description of Respondents:* Owners and operators of the helium-bearing gas wells and transmission lines.

*Estimated Completion Time:* 15 minutes.

*Annual Responses:* 200.

*Application Fee Per Response:* 0.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 50.

*Bureau Clearance Officer:* Michael Schwartz, (202) 452-5033.

Dated: May 5, 2004.

**Michael H. Schwartz,**

*Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****Notice of Availability of the Andrews Management Unit/Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement and the Steens Mountain Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Plan**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, and the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000 (Steens Act), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Proposed Resource Management Plan (PRMP) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Andrews Management Unit (AMU)/Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA) and has also prepared the Steens Mountain Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Plan.

**DATES:** BLM Planning Regulations (43 CFR 1610.5-2) state that any person who participated in the planning process, and has an interest that may be adversely affected, may protest. The protest must be filed within 30 days of the date that the Environmental Protection Agency publishes this notice

in the **Federal Register**. Instructions for filing of protests are described in the "Dear Interested Party" letter of the AMU/Steens Mountain CMPA PRMP/FEIS and included in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this Notice.

Written comments on the Steens Mountain Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Plan will be accepted for 30 days following publication of the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability (NOA) for the PRMP/FEIS in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Foulkes, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon, 97738, telephone (541-573-4400), fax (541-573-4411), or e-mail (*OR\_Burns\_RMP@or.blm.gov*).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This planning activity encompasses approximately 1,649,470 acres of public land consisting of the 1,221,314-acre Andrews Management Unit (public land in the Andrews Resource Area outside of the CMPA) and public land in the 428,156-acre CMPA established by the Steens Act. The CMPA includes the 170,084-acre Steens Mountain Wilderness and 105 miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers. These lands are managed by the Andrews Resource Area, Burns District, and are located primarily in Harney County in southeastern Oregon. In addition, 53,436 acres of the Three Rivers Resource Area, falling within the CMPA, are also included in this planning effort. The BLM has and will continue to work closely with all interested parties to identify management decisions that are best suited to the needs of the public. Final decisions will supercede the Andrews Management Framework Plan (1982), subsequent amendments, and the Donner Und Blitzen Wild and Scenic Rivers Plan (1993), and will amend the Three Rivers RMP for those lands within the CMPA while providing direction for management of these public lands for approximately 20 years.

This land use plan focuses on the principles of multiple use management and sustained yield as prescribed by Section 202 of the FLPMA. The PRMP/FEIS considers and analyzes five alternatives. These alternatives were developed based on internal BLM formulation and extensive public input following scoping (February 2002), review of the Summary of the Analysis of the Management Situation (April 2002), newsletter (July 2002), review and comment on the Draft RMP/EIS (October 2003–January 2004), and numerous meetings with local governments, Burns Paiute Tribe,

cooperating agencies, Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council, and the Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC).

The SMAC consists of 12 members representing various interests and one nonvoting member who is a liaison to the Governor of Oregon. The SMAC was established by the Secretary of the Interior as mandated by the Steens Act to advise the Secretary in preparation and implementation of a management plan for the CMPA including the Steens Mountain Wilderness. The SMAC has held 18 public meetings in various locations since its creation, has taken an in-depth look at management of the CMPA, and has provided specific advice on the Steens Mountain Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Plan as well as the RMP.

The alternatives detailed in the PRMP/FEIS provide for a wide array of land use allocations and management direction as well as variable levels of resource protection, commodity production, and authorized land and resource uses. Alternative D, the BLM preferred alternative, (as modified by public comment on the Draft RMP/EIS) is now the Proposed RMP providing a balance of resource uses, such as livestock grazing and various forms of recreation, while protecting wilderness characteristics, Wild and Scenic Rivers and Areas of Critical Environmental Concern. The Proposed Plan will help BLM achieve the purpose of the CMPA which is to conserve, protect, and manage the long-term ecological integrity of the area. Approved RMPs/Records of Decision (one for the CMPA and one for the AMU) will be made available for the public following resolution of any protests.

The proposed alternatives for the Steens Mountain Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers plan were developed during the RMP process and have had the same level of public involvement. The Steens Mountain Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers plan will be a stand-alone implementation plan and an Appendix to the PRMP/FEIS.

Copies of the AMU/Steens Mountain CMPA PRMP/FEIS have been sent to affected Federal, State, and Local Government agencies and to interested parties. The PRMP/FEIS is available for public inspection at the Burns District Office in Hines, Oregon, during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays). Interested persons may also review the PRMP/FEIS on the internet at <http://www.or.blm.gov/Burns>. Comments on the Draft RMP/EIS received from the public and internal BLM review comments were

incorporated into the proposed plan where appropriate. Public comments resulted in the addition of clarifying text, but did not significantly change proposed land use decisions.

Instructions for filing a protest with the Director of the BLM regarding the PRMP/FEIS may be found at 43 CFR 1610.5. A protest may only raise those issues that were submitted for the record during the planning process. E-mail and faxed protests will not be accepted as valid protests unless the protesting party also provides the original letter by either regular or overnight mail postmarked by the close of the protest period. Under these conditions, BLM will consider the e-mail or faxed protest as an advance copy and it will receive full consideration. If you wish to provide BLM with such advance notification, please direct faxed protests to the attention of the BLM protest coordinator at 202-452-5112 and e-mails to *Brenda\_Hudgens-Williams@blm.gov*. Please direct the follow-up letter to the appropriate address provided below. To be considered complete, your protest must contain (at a minimum) the following information:

(1) Name, mailing address, telephone number and the affected interest of the person filing the protest(s).

(2) A statement of the part or parts of the proposed plan being protested. To the extent possible, reference specific pages, paragraphs, and sections of the document.

(3) A copy of all your documents addressing the issue or issues which were discussed with the BLM for the record.

(4) A concise statement explaining why the proposed decision is believed to be incorrect. This is a critical part of your protest. Document all relevant facts, as much as possible. A protest merely expressing disagreement with the State Director's proposed decision without providing any supporting data will not be considered a valid protest.

All protests must be in writing and mailed to the following address: Regular Mail, Director, WO-210/LS-1075, Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Brenda Hudgens-Williams, Department of the Interior, P.O. Box 66538, Washington DC, 20240.

Overnight Mail, Director, WO-210/LS-1075, Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Brenda Hudgens-Williams, Department of the Interior, 1620 L Street NW., Suite 1075, Washington, DC 20036.

To be considered timely, your protest must be postmarked no later than the last day of the protest period. Though not a requirement, we suggest you send

your protest by certified mail, return receipt requested. You are also encouraged, but not required, to forward a copy of your protest to the Project Manager at the address listed below. This may allow us to resolve the protest through clarification of intent or alternative dispute resolution methods.

The Director will promptly render a decision on the protest. This decision will be in writing and will be sent to the protesting party by certified mail, return receipt requested. The decision of the Director shall be the final decision of the Department of the Interior.

Comments on the Steens Mountain Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Plan should be mailed to Gary Foulkes, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon, 97738, faxed to 541-573-4411, or e-mailed to [OR\\_Burns\\_RMP@or.blm.gov](mailto:OR_Burns_RMP@or.blm.gov).

Please note that comments, including names and street addresses, are available for public review and/or release under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Individual respondents may request confidentiality. Respondents who wish to withhold name and/or street address from public review or from disclosure under FOIA, must state this prominently at the beginning of the written comment. Such request will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or official organizations or business, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

**Elaine M. Brong,**

*State Director, Oregon/Washington.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[MT-920-04-1310-FI-P; (MTM 84947)]

#### Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease MTM 84947

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Per 30 U.S.C. 188(d), the lessee timely filed a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease MTM 84947, Stillwater County, Montana. The lessee paid the required rental accruing from the date of termination.

No leases were issued that affect these lands. The lessee agrees to new lease

terms for rentals and royalties of \$10 per acre and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent or 4 percentages above the existing competitive royalty rate. The lessee paid the \$500 administration fee for the reinstatement of the lease and \$155 cost for publishing this notice.

The lessee met the requirements for reinstatement of the lease per sec. 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188). We are proposing to reinstate the lease, effective the date of termination subject to:

- The original terms and conditions of the lease;
- The increased rental of \$10 per acre;
- The increased royalty of 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent or 4 percentages above the existing competitive royalty rate; and
- The \$155 cost of publishing this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Karen L. Johnson, Chief, Fluids Adjudication Section, BLM Montana State Office, PO Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107, 406-896-5098.

Dated: July 27, 2004.

**Karen L. Johnson,**

*Chief, Fluids Adjudication Section.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management.

[UTU80585]

#### Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease, Utah

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** 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 UTU80585 for lands in Grand County, Utah, was timely filed, and required rentals accruing from March 1, 2004, the date of termination, have been paid.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Teresa Catlin, Acting Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals at (801) 539-4122.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The lessee has agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$5 per acre and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent, respectively. The \$500 administrative fee for the lease 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 UTU80585, effective March 1, 2004, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

Dated: July 16, 2004.

**Teresa Catlin,**

*Acting Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[OR-958-1430-FN; HAG 04-0204; WAOR-19795]

#### Opening of Public Land Subject to Section 24 of the Federal Power Act; Washington

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice opens to disposal by land exchange approximately 4.5 acres of public land, withdrawn for Power Project No. 2149 by Federal Power Commission Order dated July 12, 1962, subject to the provisions of Section 24 of the Federal Power Act.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 13, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ralph Kuhns, BLM Oregon/Washington State Office, PO Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208, 503-808-6163.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has determined that the power value of the public land described below will not be injured or destroyed for the purposes of power development by its conveyance to the licensee for Power Project No. 2149, subject to and with the reservation of the right of the United States or its licensee to enter upon, occupy and use any or all of the land for power purposes. Any use not authorized by the license for the hydropower project or by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission will continue to be prohibited.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by the Act of June 10, 1920, Section 24, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 818, and pursuant to the determination by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in DVWA-288, dated April 1, 2004, it is ordered as follows:

At 8:30 a.m. on August 13, 2004, the following described land, withdrawn by the Federal Power Commission Order