

the fuel south to the PFS facility on the Goshute Reservation, a distance of approximately 26 miles. From BLM's perspective, Alternative 3 involves the authorization of a right-of-way to occupy public lands for the ITF; no RMP amendment would be necessary.

Alternative 4 involves constructing the PFS facility at Site B on reservation lands and transportation of SNF by heavy-haul tractor/trailers. As in alternative 3, PFS would seek a right-of-way to authorize use of an ITF on BLM lands. No rail corridor would be constructed under this alternative, and no amendment of BLM's RMP would be necessary.

Under the no action alternative, no PFS facility or transportation facilities would be built in Skull Valley. Under this alternative, NRC would deny the application for a license for the proposed PFS facility, and no certification by the Secretary of lease conditions would occur. From BLM's perspective, the right-of-way applications filed by PFS would be denied. The Band would be free to pursue alternative uses for the land in the northwest corner of the Reservation.

Jim Hughes,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Meeting of the California Desert District Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Public Laws 92-463 and 94-579, that the California Desert District Advisory Council to the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, will participate in a field tour of BLM-administered public lands on Friday, March 31, 2006, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and meet in formal session on Saturday, April 1 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Rooms A, B and C in the CalWorks Building within the Imperial County Center II Complex, located at 2895 South 4th Street, in El Centro, California.

The Council and interested members of the public will depart for a field tour of the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA) at 8 a.m. from the parking lot of the Best Western John Jay Inn, located at 2352 South 4th Street in El Centro. The public is welcome to participate in the tour, but should plan on providing their own transportation,

drinks, and lunch. Tour stops and presentations/updates will focus on BLM management of the ISDRA, including monitoring and fee collection.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All Desert District Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Public comment for items not on the agenda is scheduled at the beginning of the meeting Saturday morning. Time for public comment may be made available by the Council Chairman during the presentation of various agenda items, and is scheduled at the end of the meeting.

Although the Saturday meeting is tentatively scheduled from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., the meeting could conclude prior to 1 p.m. should the Council conclude its discussions. Therefore, members of the public interested in a particular agenda item or discussion should schedule their arrival accordingly.

Written comments may be filed in advance of the meeting for the California Desert District Advisory Council, c/o Bureau of Land Management, Public Affairs Office, 22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, California 92553. Written comments also are accepted at the time of the meeting and, if copies are provided to the recorder, will be incorporated into the minutes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doran Sanchez, BLM California Desert District Public Affairs Specialist, (951) 697-5220.

Dated: January 30, 2006.

Steven J. Borchard,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

[WYW153578]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of Section 371(a) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the lessee, Charles A. Einarsen, timely filed a petition for reinstatement of competitive oil and gas lease WYW153578 in Natrona County, Wyoming. The lessee paid the required rental accruing from the date of termination, September 1, 2002, and submitted a signed agreement, specifying future rental and royalty rates for this lease would be at \$10.00 per acre or fraction of an acre and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent respectively. In accordance with

43 CFR 3103.4-1 and 43 CFR 3108.2-3(f) the lessee petitioned to reduce the rental and royalty rates for the subject lease to the rates specified in Sections 1 and 2 of the original lease agreement and submitted justification and rationalization for the request. After thoroughly reviewing the lessee's petition and taking into consideration the information submitted, we have granted the request to reduce the rental rates to those in Section 1 of the original lease agreement but have denied the request for a reduced royalty rate. The purpose of granting a reduced royalty rate is to extend the productive life of an existing well. Normally it cannot be determined whether a lease can be successfully operated at the higher royalty rate required for reinstated leases until the lease has been fully developed. Because the productivity of the leasehold has not been fully determined, the request for a reduced royalty rate is premature.

No leases were issued that affect these lands. The lessee had paid the required \$500 administrative fee for lease reinstatement and \$166 cost for publishing this Notice.

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

- The original terms and conditions of the lease;
- The rental rates specified in Section 1 of the original lease agreement; and
- The increased royalty of 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent or 4 percentages above the existing competitive royalty rate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Land Management, Pamela J. Lewis, Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication, at (307) 775-6176.

Pamela J. Lewis,

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