

(*Branchinecta longiantenna*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*). Federally threatened animals include the vernal pool fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta lynchi*) and delta green ground beetle (*Elaphrus viridis*). The portions of the plan dealing with the delta green ground beetle and Solano grass are a revision of the 1985 Delta Green Ground Beetle and Solano Grass Recovery Plan.

The recovery plan addresses conservation of 10 plant species of concern, including *Astragalus tener* var. *ferrisiae* (Ferris' milk vetch), *Astragalus tener* var. *tener* (alkali milk vetch), *Atriplex persistens* (persistent-fruited saltscale), *Eryngium spinosepalum* (spiny-sepaled button-celery), *Gratiola heterosepala* (Boggs Lake hedge-hyssop), *Juncus leiospermus* var. *ahartii* (Ahart's dwarf rush), *Legenere limosa* (legenere), *Myosurus minimus* var. *apus* (little mouse tail), *Navarretia myersii* ssp. *deminuta* (pincushion navarretia), and *Plagiobothrys hystriculus* (bearded popcorn flower). The three animal species of concern addressed in the recovery plan include the mid-valley fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta mesovallensis*), California fairy shrimp (*Linderiella occidentalis*), and western spadefoot toad (*Spea hammondi*).

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the recovery plan are available by request from the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2605, Sacramento, California (telephone (916) 414-6600); Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, 6010 Hidden Valley Road, Carlsbad, California (telephone (760) 431-9440); Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office, 2493 Portola Road, Suite B, Ventura, California (telephone (805)-644-1766); Southwest Oregon Field Office, 2900 NW., Stewart Parkway, Roseburg, Oregon (telephone (541) 957-3473); and Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office, 1655 Heindon Road, Arcata, California (telephone (707) 822-7201). An electronic copy of this recovery plan will also be made available on the World Wide Web at <http://pacific.fws.gov/ecoservices/angered/recovery/plans.html> and <http://angered.fws.gov/recovery/index.html#plans>. Printed copies of the recovery plan will be available for distribution in 4 to 6 weeks.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Betty Warne, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above Sacramento address.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Restoring endangered or threatened animals and plants to the point where

they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their ecosystems is a primary goal of our endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, we are working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for the conservation of the species, establish criteria for downlisting or delisting listed species, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measures needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) (Act), requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act as amended in 1988 requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Draft Recovery Plan for Vernal Pool Ecosystems of California and Southern Oregon was available for public comment from November 18, 2004, through March 18, 2005 (69 FR 67601). Information presented during the public comment period has been considered in the preparation of this final recovery plan, and is summarized in an appendix to the recovery plan. We will forward substantive comments regarding recovery plan implementation to appropriate Federal or other entities so they can take these comments into account during the course of implementing recovery actions.

The 33 species covered in this recovery plan occur primarily in vernal pool, swale, or ephemeral freshwater habitats within California and southern Oregon and are largely confined to a limited area by topographic constraints, soil types, and climatic conditions. Surrounding (or associated) upland habitat is critical to the proper ecological function of these vernal pool habitats. Most of the vernal pool plants and animals addressed in the recovery plan have life histories adapted to the short period for growth and reproduction within inundated or drying pools interspersed with long dormant periods when pools are dry, and extreme year-to-year variation in rainfall. Threats to the species include habitat loss, fragmentation, and degradation due to urban development, recreation, agricultural conversion and practices, and altered hydrology; non-native invasive species; inadequate regulatory mechanisms; incompatible grazing regimes; and stochastic events. All species covered in the recovery plan primarily are threatened by the loss,

fragmentation, or degradation of vernal pool habitat throughout the following areas: the Central Valley of California, the southern Sierra foothills, the Carrizo Plain, portions of the Coast Ranges, the Modoc Plateau, the Transverse Ranges, Los Angeles, and San Diego areas of California, and the Klamath Mountains region in Oregon. Therefore, areas currently, historically, or potentially occupied by the species are recommended for habitat protection and/or special management considerations.

The objectives of this recovery plan are to: (1) Ameliorate the threats that caused the species to be listed, and ameliorate any other newly identified threats in order to be able to delist these species; and (2) ensure the long-term conservation of the species of concern. These objectives will be accomplished through implementation of a variety of recovery measures including habitat protection, management and restoration; monitoring; reintroduction, introduction, and enhancement; research and status surveys; and public participation, outreach, and education.

#### Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: December 16, 2005.

**Paul Henson,**

*Acting Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-1310-01; WYW144809]

#### Wyoming: Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease WYW144809

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of 371(a) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the lessees: Carpenter and Sons, Inc.; Goolsby and Associates, LLC; North Finn, LLC; Tika Energy Inc., and American Oil and Gas, Inc. timely filed a petition for reinstatement of noncompetitive oil and gas lease WYW144809 in Johnson County, Wyoming. The lessees paid the required

rental accruing from the date of termination, April 1, 2002.

No leases were issued that affect these lands. The lessees have agreed to the new lease terms for rentals of \$5.00 per acre and royalties of 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent or 4 percentages above the existing noncompetitive royalty rates. The lessees have paid the required \$500 administrative fee for the reinstatement of the lease and \$166 cost for publishing this Notice.

The lessees have met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease per Section 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 increased rental of \$5.00 per acre; and
- The increased royalty of 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent or 4 percentages above the existing noncompetitive royalty rates.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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

**Pamela J. Lewis,**

*Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-1310-01; WYW144811]

#### Wyoming: Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease WYW144811

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of 371(a) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the lessees: Carpenter and Sons, Inc.; Goolsby and Associates, LLC; North Finn, LLC; Tika Energy Inc.; and American Oil and Gas, Inc. timely filed a petition for reinstatement of noncompetitive oil and gas lease WYW144811 in Johnson County, Wyoming. The lessees paid the required rental accruing from the date of termination, April 1, 2002.

No leases were issued that affect these lands. The lessees have agreed to the new lease terms for rentals of \$5.00 per acre and royalties of 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent or 4 percentages above the existing

noncompetitive royalty rates. The lessees have paid the required \$500 administrative fee for the reinstatement of the lease and \$166 cost for publishing this Notice.

The lessees have 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 increased rental of \$5.00 per acre; and
- The increased royalty of 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent or 4 percentages above the existing noncompetitive royalty rates.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-1310-01; WYW144810]

#### Wyoming: Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease WYW144810

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of 371(a) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the lessees: Carpenter and Sons, Inc.; Goolsby and Associates, LLC; North Finn, LLC; Tika Energy Inc.; and American Oil and Gas, Inc. timely filed a petition for reinstatement of noncompetitive oil and gas lease WYW144810 in Johnson County, Wyoming. The lessees paid the required rental accruing from the date of termination, April 1, 2002.

No leases were issued that affect these lands. The lessees have agreed to the new lease terms for rentals of \$5.00 per acre and royalties of 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent or 4 percentages above the existing noncompetitive royalty rates. The lessees have paid the required \$500 administrative fee for the reinstatement of the lease and \$166 cost for publishing this Notice.

The lessees have 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 increased rental of \$5.00 per acre; and
- The increased royalty of 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent or 4 percentages above the existing noncompetitive royalty rates.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-1310-01; WYW127411]

#### Wyoming: Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease WYW127411

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188(d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3(a) and (b)(1), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a petition for reinstatement from Nance Petroleum Corporation of noncompetitive oil and gas lease WYW127411 for lands in Campbell County, Wyoming. The petition was filed on time and was accompanied by all the rentals due since the date the lease terminated under the law.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$5.00 per acre or fraction thereof, per year and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$166 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice. The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Sections 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate