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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Northern San Juan Basin Coal Bed Methane Development Project Final Environmental Impact Statement, Colorado


ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the National Forest Management Act of 1976, and other regulatory requirements, the Joint Lead Agencies announce the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Northern San Juan Basin Coal Bed Methane Development Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for natural gas development in La Plata and Archuleta Counties, Colorado. The Joint Lead Agencies have issued the ROD to document agency decisions, including selection of FEIS Preferred Alternative 7, with specific modifications and requirements for monitoring and mitigation.

DATES: The ROD documents the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service’s (USFS) decisions and describes the agencies’ appeal processes and timeframes. Official notice of USFS appeal processes and timeframes will be published separately in the newspaper of record, the Durango Herald. Those wishing to appeal USFS decisions should rely on the information presented in that official notice when published.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the ROD may be sent by mail to the San Juan Public Lands Center, 15 Burnett Court, Durango, CO 81301, Attn: Walt Brown, or by e-mail to: nsjb-feis@arcadis-us.com. The ROD is available electronically at http://www.nsjb-eis.net, or http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/sanjuan/projects/projects.shtml. Hard copies of the ROD are available for review at the San Juan Public Lands Center, 15 Burnett Court, Durango Colorado 81301, the Columbine Ranger District and Field Office, 367 Pearl Street, Bayfield Colorado 81122, and the Pagosa Ranger District and Field Office, 180 Second Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Walt Brown or Jim Powers at the above address, or phone: 970–385–1372.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FEIS analyzes industry’s gas field development proposal (approximately 185 new gas wells involving federal authority) and four other alternatives in a 125,000-acre Study Area in the Northern San Juan Basin of Colorado. The Study Area occupies portions of La Plata and Archuleta Counties, and is bounded on the south by the Southern Ute Reservation and on the west, north and east by the arcing line of the base of the Pictured Cliffs sandstone. The Study Area consists of approximately 7,000 acres of BLM administered land, 49,000 acres of U.S. Forest Service administered land, 9,000 acres of private lands with federal minerals and 60,000 acres of state or privately held (fee) lands with non-federal minerals.

The ROD is based on the FEIS and its supporting project record. The ROD documents BLM and USFS project decisions, including selection of FEIS Preferred Alternative 7 (approximately 138 new gas wells involving federal authority), with specific modifications. The ROD also documents requirements for gas field development in the Northern San Juan Basin within the framework of modified Alternative 7, including monitoring, mitigation, and environmental protection measures.


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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service
Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on April 12, 2007 at the U.S. Forest Service Office, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA, 96150. This Committee, established by the Secretary of Agriculture on December 15, 1998 (64 FR 2876), is chartered to provide advice to the Secretary on implementing the terms of the Federal Interagency Lake Tahoe Partnership on the Lake Tahoe Region and other matters raised by the Secretary.

DATES: The meeting will be held April 12, 2007, beginning at 1 p.m. and ending at 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Forest Service Office, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA, 96150.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arla Hains, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Forest Service, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, (530) 543–2773.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Items to be covered on the agenda include: (1) A public hearing on the Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committees’ Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Round 8 project recommendations; and, (2) the Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee Communications Plan. All Lake Tahoe Basin Federal Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend at the above address. Issues may be brought to the attention of the Committee during the open public comment period at the meeting or by filing written statements with the secretary for the Committee before or after the meeting. Please refer any written comments to the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit at the contact address stated above.


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