

acquisition) was designed to include most of the on-site area known to be occupied by the golden-cheeked warbler. With respect to the five federally-listed karst invertebrates, the preserve was designed and configured to incorporate the remaining suite of biotic and abiotic factors needed to promote the integrity of fully-functioning karst ecosystems on which the endangered invertebrates depend.

The Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) as part of the Proposed Alternative would substantially avoid impacts to the golden-cheeked warbler and five federally-listed karst invertebrates listed above. Impacts that cannot be avoided would be minimized and mitigated to the maximum extent practicable. The draft EA/HCP describes the impacts that would likely result to the affected species (the take); what steps the Applicants would take to avoid, minimize, and mitigate such impacts; the funding that would be made available to implement those steps; the alternative actions; and the options available within them.

Two other alternatives included in the EA/HCP are the "no action" alternative and the "past development alternatives considered." The "no action" alternative assumes that the proposed development does not occur, and that no application for an incidental take permit is processed. The "past development alternatives considered" pertain to larger and smaller development areas that were discussed.

In accordance with the Act, and 50 CFR 17.22, in December 1997 the Applicants applied for seven section 10(a)(1)(B) incidental take permits (PRT-838754, PRT-841088, PRT-841090, PRT-841093, PRT-841117, PRT-841120, and PRT-841125), covering approximately 216 acres known as the Hart Triangle (former entire tract), Travis County, Texas. These permits would have allowed for take of the affected species associated with construction, operation, and occupation of residential and commercial development along with streets, utilities, and other improvements and facilities. However, the Service concluded that the seven HCPs would not have avoided, minimized, and mitigated for the potential impacts to the affected species to the maximum extent practicable. Therefore, because of this and other inadequacies in the applications, the Service denied all seven applications.

Subsequently, the Applicants filed suit against the Service claiming it had "taken" their property under the 5th Amendment. The plaintiffs and the Service agreed to enter mediation

beginning in October 1999. After further HCP negotiations, the Service prepared a draft EA/HCP for development of portions of the 216-acre Hart Triangle. The draft EA/HCP was noticed in the **Federal Register** on June 02, 2000, but was never accepted by the Applicants, and therefore never finalized. The permit (TE-027690) was never issued.

Since the June 2000 **Federal Register** Notice, approximately 146 acres of the former 216-acre Hart Triangle have been sold and/or transferred to Travis County and are managed as part of the BCP. The incidental take permit application under consideration is for the remaining 70 acres.

Christopher T. Jones,

Acting Regional Director, Southwest Region, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-910-08-1739-NSSI]

Notice of Public Meeting, North Slope Science Initiative, Science Technical Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, North Slope Science Initiative, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, North Slope Science Initiative (NSSI) Science Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) will meet as indicated below:

DATES: The meeting will be held February 6 and 7, 2008, in Fairbanks, Alaska. On February 6, 2008, the meeting will begin at 9 a.m. at the University of Alaska Fairbanks International Arctic Research Center, Room 401. Public comments will begin at 3 p.m. On February 7, 2008, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the same location.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John F. Payne, Ph.D., Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative (910), c/o Bureau of Land Management, 222 W. Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513, (907) 271-3431 or e-mail john_f_payne@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NSSI, STAP provides advice and recommendations to the NSSI Oversight Group (OG) regarding priority needs for management decisions across the North

Slope of Alaska. These priority needs may include recommendations on inventory, monitoring, and research activities that lead to informed land management decisions. The topics to be discussed at the meeting include:

- Task orders to the STAP.
- NSSI business processes.
- Project coordination with senior NSSI agency staff.
- NSSI priority issues and projects.
- Other topics the OG or STAP may raise.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the STAP through the NSSI Executive Director. When making public comment, participants should know that their address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in their comment, along with their entire comment, may be made publicly available at any time. Commenters can ask that personal identifying information be withheld from their comments, but this cannot be guaranteed. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, transportation, or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the NSSI Executive Director.

Dated: December 20, 2007.

Thomas P. Lonnie,

Alaska State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ES-930-5104-FI]

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.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of Public Law 97-451, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a petition for reinstatement of the oil and gas leases, ARES 52198 and ARES 52200 located in Scott and Montgomery County, Ouachita N.F., Arkansas, and ARES 53624 located in Yell County, Ouachita N.F., Arkansas. The petition was filed on time and was accompanied

by all rentals due since the date the leases terminated under law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Ann Dickerson, Land Law Examiner, at 703-440-1512, or Bureau of Land Management—Eastern States, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10 per acre (competitive) and \$5 per acre (non-competitive), or fraction thereof, per year and 16 2/3 percent respectively. The lessee has paid the required administrative fee and publication fee 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 Section 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 188), and the BLM is proposing to reinstate the leases listed above, effective September 1, 2004 (ARES 52198 and ARES 52200) and November 1, 2005 (ARES 53624), under the original terms and conditions of the leases and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above. The BLM has not issued any valid leases affecting the lands.

Dated: December 21, 2007.

Steven R. Wells,

Acting State Director, Eastern States.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-922-08-1310-FI-P;SDM 90990]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease SDM 90990

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Per 30 U.S.C. 188(d), GPE Energy, Inc. and Spyglass Cedar Creek LP timely filed a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease SDM 90990, Harding County, South Dakota. 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 16-2/3 percent or 4 percentages above the existing competitive royalty rate. The lessee paid the \$500 administration fee for the reinstatement of the lease and \$163 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 2/3 percent or 4 percentages above the existing competitive royalty rate; and
- The \$163 cost of publishing this Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen L. Johnson, Chief, Fluids Adjudication Section, BLM Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669, 406-896-5098.

Dated: December 19, 2007.

Karen L. Johnson,

Chief, Fluids Adjudication Section.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-320-08-7122-ES-5812; AZA 33391 and AZA 34206]

Arizona: Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action.

SUMMARY: The following public lands in Yuma County, Arizona, have been examined by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and found suitable for classification for lease or conveyance to the Yuma County Free Library District (AZA 33391) and Yuma County (AZA 34206) under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*, and under Section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act, 43 U.S.C. 315(f), and Executive Order No. 6910.

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona (AZA 33391)

T. 11 S., R. 24 W.

Sec. 6, W¹/₂E¹/₂E¹/₂W¹/₂N¹/₂N¹/₂SW¹/₄SW¹/₄,
W¹/₂E¹/₂W¹/₂N¹/₂N¹/₂SW¹/₄SW¹/₄,
W¹/₂W¹/₂N¹/₂N¹/₂SW¹/₄SW¹/₄.

The area described contains 4.375 acres.

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona (AZA 34206)

T. 11 S., R. 24 W.

Sec. 6, E¹/₂E¹/₂E¹/₂W¹/₂N¹/₂N¹/₂SW¹/₄SW¹/₄,
E¹/₂N¹/₂N¹/₂SW¹/₄SW¹/₄.

The area described contains 5.625 acres.

Neither Yuma County Free Library District nor Yuma County have acquired for public purposes other than recreation, more than the 640-acre limitation allowed in any calendar year according to the regulations found at 43 CFR 2741.7(a)(3).

The Yuma County Free Library District and Yuma County have submitted statements in compliance with the regulations at 43 CFR 2741.4(b). The Yuma County Free Library District is proposing to construct a new library (South County Branch Library) of 30,773 square feet; and Yuma County is proposing to construct new county services buildings (Yuma County South Complex) totaling approximately 18,800 square feet. The Yuma County South Complex would provide satellite offices for the following county departments: Health, Courts, Probation, Assessor, Board of Supervisors, and Information Technology. There would also be parking lots, and other necessary site improvements such as access lanes and retention areas.

DATES: Submit comments on or before February 14, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Detailed information including but not limited to, a proposed development plan and documentation relating to compliance with applicable environmental and cultural resource laws, is available for review at the BLM Yuma Field Office, 2555 E. Gila Ridge Road, Yuma, Arizona 85365.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Realty Specialist Francisca Mueller Realty Specialist, (928) 317-3237.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lands are not needed for any Federal purposes.

Lease or conveyance of the lands for recreational or public purposes use is consistent with the BLM Yuma District Resource Management Plan dated February 1987, and would be in the public interest.

All interested parties will receive a copy of this notice once it is published in the **Federal Register**. The notice will be published in a newspaper of local circulation for three consecutive weeks. The regulations do not require a public meeting.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease or conveyance under the R&PP Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws.

The lease or conveyance of the land, when issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations: