

- The RMPR will incorporate, where applicable, management decisions brought forward from existing planning documents.

- The BLM will work cooperatively and collaboratively with cooperating agencies and all other interested groups, agencies, and individuals.

- The BLM and cooperating agencies will jointly develop alternatives for resolution of resource management issues and management concerns.

- The planning process will incorporate the New Mexico *Standards for Public Land Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management*. Changes in grazing management will only be considered in Unit 5.

- Areas with special or unique resource values will be evaluated for potential administrative designations, including Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, or other appropriate designations.

- Any free flowing river and its associated land corridor found to be eligible for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System (NWSRS) will be addressed in the RMPR by developing alternatives for its suitability for inclusion in the NWSRS and interim protective management of its outstandingly remarkable values.

- Wilderness Study Areas will continue to be managed under the BLM's *Interim Management Policy for Lands under Wilderness Review (IMP)* until Congress either designates all or portions of the WSA as wilderness or releases the lands from further wilderness consideration. The BLM no longer designates additional WSAs through the RMP process, or manages any lands other than existing WSAs in accordance with the Wilderness IMP. Areas with wilderness characteristics, however, will be considered in the RMP as described in Appendix C of the Land Use Planning Handbook.

- Forest management strategies will be consistent with the Healthy Forests Restoration Act.

- Fire management strategies will be consistent with the Albuquerque District Fire Management Plan (2004 or as it may subsequently be amended).

- GIS and metadata information will meet Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) standards, as required by Executive Order 12906. All other applicable BLM data standards will also be followed.

- The planning process will provide for ongoing consultation with American Indian tribal governments and strategies for protecting recognized traditional uses.

- Planning and management direction will focus on the relative values of

resources and not the combination of uses that will give the greatest economic return or economic output.

- Where practicable and timely for the planning effort, the best available scientific information, research, and new technologies will be used.

- The Economic Profile System (EPS) will be used as one source of demographic and economic data for the planning process. EPS data will provide baseline data and contribute to estimates of existing and projected social and economic conditions.

The BLM will use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the plan in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Specialists with expertise in the following disciplines will be involved in the planning process: air quality, archaeology and cultural resources, cave and karst resources, energy resources, facilities development, forestry, hydrology, lands and realty, minerals and geology, outdoor recreation, paleontology, rangeland management, sociology and economics, soils, special status species, visual resources management, wildland fire ecology, wilderness resources, wildlife and fisheries.

Linda S.C. Rundell,

New Mexico State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-923-1310-FI; WYW155778]

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.

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 EOG Resources, Inc. and Southwestern Energy Production Company for Competitive oil and gas lease WYW155778 for land in Sweetwater 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 \$10.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16⅓ percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$163 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 lease WYW155778 effective September 1, 2007, under the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above. BLM has not issued a valid lease affecting the lands.

Pamela J. Lewis,

Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-923-1310-FI; WYW155779]

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.

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 EOG Resources, Inc. and Southwestern Energy Production Company for Competitive oil and gas lease WYW155779 for land in Sweetwater 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 \$10 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16⅔ percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$163 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 lease WYW155779 effective September 1, 2007, under the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above. BLM has not issued a valid lease affecting the lands.

Pamela J. Lewis,

Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-923-1310-FI; WYW158648]

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.

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 Mike Tinker for Competitive oil and gas lease WYW158648 for land in Big Horn 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 \$10 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$163 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 lease WYW158648 effective October 1, 2007, under the original terms and conditions of the lease and the

increased rental and royalty rates cited above. BLM has not issued a valid lease affecting the lands.

Pamela J. Lewis,

Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-923-1310-FI; WYW158649]

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.

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 Mike Tinker for Competitive oil and gas lease WYW158649 for land in Big Horn 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 \$10 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$163 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 lease WYW158649 effective October 1, 2007, under the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above. BLM has not issued a valid lease affecting the lands.

Pamela J. Lewis,

Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Southern Delivery System, Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability for the Southern Delivery System Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) and Announcement of Public Meetings.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation published a notice in the **Federal Register** on September 8, 2003, (68 FR 52953) announcing commencement of work under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) on an environmental impact statement for the Southern Delivery System project (SDS). We are now notifying the public that Reclamation has completed the Draft EIS which is now available for public review and comment. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Environmental Protection Agency, Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are cooperating agencies in preparing the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS provides information and analyses on seven alternatives that were developed for the project based on key issues. Ten key issues relevant to the proposed SDS associated with water flow and quality, stream channel morphology, sedimentation, water rights, fish and aquatic life, wetlands, wildlife, socioeconomic, and recreation are addressed in the analysis. Significant effects on natural resources are examined and mitigation measures, where appropriate to avoid or minimize impacts, are incorporated into the alternatives. The Draft EIS includes appendices with technical analyses and supporting documentation of the analysis findings and summaries.

DATES: A 60-day public comment period on the Draft EIS commences with the publication of this notice. Written comments are due by April 26, 2008, and should be submitted to the address provided below.

ADDRESSES: Send comments in writing on the Draft EIS to: Southern Delivery System EIS, *Attention:* Ms. Kara Lamb, Bureau of Reclamation, Eastern Colorado Area Office, 11056 W. County Road 18E, Loveland, CO 80537-9711. Comments may also be submitted via facsimile at (970) 663-3212 (*attention:* Ms. Kara Lamb; Southern Delivery System EIS) or *e-mail* to: klamb@gp.usbr.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *Additional Information and Copies of Reports:* For copies of the Draft EIS and