

2. Issues to be resolved through policy or administrative action; or
3. Issues beyond the scope of the RMPs/EIS.

Rationale will be provided in the RMPs/EIS for each issue placed in category two or three. In addition to these major issues, a number of management questions and concerns will be addressed in the RMPs/EIS. The public is encouraged to help identify these questions and concerns during the scoping phase.

The BLM will use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the RMPs/EIS 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, including but not limited to: Rangeland management, minerals and geology, wildland fire and fuels management, outdoor recreation, archaeology, paleontology, wildlife and fisheries, lands and realty, soil, water and air, global climate change, wild horses, environmental justice, sociology and economics.

The following planning criteria have been proposed to guide development of the RMPs/EIS, avoid unnecessary data collection and analyses, and to ensure the RMPs/EIS are tailored to the issues. Other criteria may be identified during the public scoping process. After gathering comments on planning criteria, the BLM will finalize the criteria and provide feedback to the public on the criteria to be used throughout the planning process. Some of the planning criteria that are under consideration include:

- The planning process for the Billings and PPNM RMPs will include a single EIS and culminate with the issuance of two Records of Decision (RODs).
- The RMPs/EIS will be completed in compliance with FLPMA, NEPA, the Endangered Species Act (ESA), and all other applicable laws, regulations and BLM policies.
- The RMPs/EIS will establish new guidance and identify existing guidance upon which the BLM will rely in managing public lands within the Billings Field Office and the PPNM.
- The RMPs/EIS will incorporate by reference the *Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management (August 1997)*; *Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) Amendment (August 1998)*; *the Off-Highway Vehicle EIS and Plan Amendment for Montana, North Dakota, and Portions of South Dakota (June 2003)*; *the 1992 Oil & Gas EIS/Amendment of the Powder River, Billings, & South Dakota RMPs*; the

Montana Final Statewide Oil and Gas EIS and Proposed Amendment of the Powder River and Billings RMP (January 2003); *the Montana/Dakotas Statewide Fire/Fuels Management Plan (September 2003)*; *Final Programmatic EIS on Wind Energy Development (June 2005)*; *Best Management Practices for Forestry in Montana*; *the Montana Streamside Management Zone Law and Rule*; and, *when finalized, the Supplemental EIS to the Montana Statewide Oil and Gas Amendment*; and *the Vegetation Treatments Using Herbicides EIS*.

- The RMPs/EIS will incorporate, by reference, all prior wilderness study area (WSA) findings that affect public lands in the planning area.
- The planning team will use a collaborative and multi-jurisdictional approach, where applicable, throughout the planning process.
- The planning process will include early consultation meetings with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) during the development of the RMPs/EIS.
- The RMPs/EIS will result in determinations as required by special program and resource specific guidance detailed in Appendix C of the BLM's Planning Handbook (H-1610-1).
- The Billings RMP will incorporate the requirements of the BLM Handbook H-1624-1, *Planning for Fluid Minerals*.
- The RMPs/EIS will incorporate the requirements of the interagency reference guide entitled *Reasonably Foreseeable Development Scenarios and Cumulative Effects Analysis* developed by the Rocky Mountain Federal Leadership Forum on NEPA, Oil and Gas, and Air Quality.
- The RMPs/EIS will recognize the State of Montana's responsibility to manage wildlife populations, including uses such as hunting and fishing, within the planning area.
- To the extent possible, goals and objectives in the RMPs/EIS for plants and wildlife (including special status species) will incorporate or respond to goals and objectives from established recovery plans, conservation strategies, strategic plans, etc.
- Decisions in the RMPs/EIS will strive to be compatible with the existing plans and policies of adjacent local, state, tribal, and federal agencies to the extent they are in conformance with legal mandates on management of public lands.
- The scope of analysis will be consistent with the level of analysis in approved plans and in accordance with Bureau-wide standards and program guidance.

- Geospatial data will be automated within a geographic information system (GIS) to facilitate discussions of the affected environment, alternative formulation, analysis of environmental consequences, and display of the results.

- Resource allocations must be reasonable and achievable within available technological and budgetary constraints.

- Best management practices (BMPs) for oil and gas, road drainage, grazing, wind energy, and water quality BMPs for Montana forests, fire rehab, power lines, etc. will be added.

- The planning process will involve Native American Tribal governments and will provide strategies for ensuring the Tribes' needs are considered, analyzed and that the BLM fulfills its trust responsibilities.

- The lifestyles and concerns of area residents will be recognized in the RMPs/EIS.

- The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will be consulted on any potential effect of the RMPs/EIS on cultural resources under provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470f) and under the National Programmatic Agreement.

Dated: May 8, 2008.

Howard A. Lemm,
Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-910-0777-XP-241A]

State of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Arizona Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet on June 19, 2008, in Phoenix, Arizona, at the BLM National Training Center located at 9828 North 31st Avenue in Phoenix from 8 a.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m. Morning agenda items include: Review of the March 6, 2008, meeting minutes for RAC and Recreation Resource Advisory Council

(RRAC) business; BLM State Director's update on statewide issues; RAC member orientation on BLM Programs and Federal Advisory Committee Act; presentations on BLM Solar Projects; and the proposed Goodyear Road; RAC questions on BLM Field Managers Rangeland Resource Team proposals; and reports by RAC working groups. A public comment period will be provided at 11:30 a.m. on June 19, 2008, for any interested publics who wish to address the Council on BLM programs and business.

Under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, the RAC has been designated the RRAC, and has the authority to review all BLM and Forest Service (FS) recreation fee proposals in Arizona. The afternoon meeting agenda on June 19 will include review and discussion of the Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) Working Group Report, REA Work Group meeting schedule and future BLM/FS recreation fee proposals.

DATES: *Effective Date:* June 19, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Stevens, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, One North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85004-4427, 602-417-9504.

Helen M. Hankins,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-922-08-1310-FI-P; NDM 87494 and NDM 87496]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Leases NDM 87494 and NDM 87496

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Per 30 U.S.C. 188(d), Continental Resources, Inc. timely filed a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas leases NDM 87494 and NDM 87496, McKenzie County, North Dakota. The lessee paid the required rentals 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 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent or 4 percentages above the existing competitive royalty rate. The lessee paid the \$500 administration fee for the reinstatement

of each lease and \$163 cost for publishing this Notice.

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

- The original terms and conditions of the leases;
- The increased rental of \$10 per acre;
- The increased royalty of 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ 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: May 9, 2008.

Karen L. Johnson,

Chief, Fluids Adjudication Section.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Extension of Concession Contract

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Public Notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jo A. Pendry, Concession Program Manager, National Park Service, Washington, DC, 20240, Telephone 202-513-7156.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 36 CFR 51.23, public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to extend the following expiring concession contract for a period of up to 1 year, or until such time as a new contract is executed, whichever occurs sooner.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The listed concession authorization will expire by its terms on or before May 31, 2008. The National Park Service has determined that the proposed short-term extension is necessary in order to avoid interruption of visitor services and has taken all reasonable and appropriate steps to consider alternatives to avoid such interruption.

Conc ID No.	Concessioner name	Park
PORE003-98	American Youth Hostels.	Point Reyes National Seashore.

Dated: April 11, 2008.

Katherine H. Stevenson,

Acting Assistant Director, Business Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for 1029-0067

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM or We) are announcing that the information collection request for 30 CFR 705 and the Form OSM-23, Restriction on financial interests of State employees, has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and reauthorization. The information collection package was previously approved and assigned clearance number 1029-0067. This notice describes the nature of the information collection activity and the expected burden and cost.

DATES: OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, you should submit your comments to OMB by June 16, 2008, in order to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Department of Interior Desk Officer, by telefax at (202) 395-6566 or via e-mail to OIRA_Docket@omb.eop.gov. Also, please send a copy of your comments to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave, NW., Room 202-SIB, Washington, DC 20240, or electronically to jtrelease@osmre.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection package contact John A. Trelease at (202) 208-2783, or electronically to jtrelease@osmre.gov. You may also view the collection at