alternative management approaches and identify all possible measures to avoid or minimize harm; an “environmentally preferred” alternative will also be identified.

Early in this scoping period the NPS will distribute a GMP newsletter to neighboring communities, state and federal agencies, associated American Indian tribes, County commissioners, local organizations, researchers and institutions, the Congressional delegation, and other interested members of the public. In addition, five public scoping meetings will be hosted during May 17 – 21, 2010, to provide opportunities for interested persons to learn about the proposed update of the GMP. Specific times and locations will be announced in the local and regional media, and details will be included in the GMP newsletter and also posted on the project Web site http://www.nps.gov/jotr (details may also be obtained by telephone, as noted below). Scoping Comments and Dates:

General public information requests or requests to be added to the GMP mailing list should be directed to Karin Messaros, Management Assistant, Joshua Tree National Park, Joshua, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms, California 92277. Telephone: (706) 367–5512. General information about Joshua Tree National Park is also available on the internet at http://www.nps.gov/jotr. If you wish to provide relevant information or suggest any issues to be considered in updating the GMP, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods: (1) Mail comments to Management Assistant Karen Messaros, (address as noted above); (2) transmit via the internet to karin_messaros@nps.gov or http://parkplanning.nps.gov/jotr; (3) hand-deliver comments to park headquarters at Joshua Tree National Park, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms, California 92277, or deliver at any of the public meetings. All written comments must be postmarked or transmitted not later than August 31, 2010. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Decision Process: Following due consideration of all public and agency comments as may be forthcoming; a draft EIS/GMP will be prepared. Availability would be announced through the Federal Register as well as via direct mailing, Web site postings, and through local and regional press media. After an opportunity for public review, a final EIS/GMP would be prepared. As a delegated EIS, the official responsible for the final decision on the plan update is the Regional Director, Pacific West Region; subsequently the official responsible for implementation of the updated GMP would be the Superintendent, Joshua Tree National Park.


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Cachuma Lake Resource Management Plan, Santa Barbara County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has made available the Final EIS for the Cachuma Lake Resource Management Plan (RMP). The RMP involves alternatives for future use of the project area for recreation and resource protection and management. A Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS was published in the Federal Register on July 25, 2008 (73 FR 43472). The written comment period on the Draft EIS ended on September 23, 2008. On October 9, 2008 a notice was published in the Federal Register (73 FR 59669) extending the comment period on the Draft EIS until October 31, 2008. The Final EIS contains responses to all comments received and reflects comments and any additional information received during the Draft EIS review period.

DATES: Reclamation will not make a decision on the proposed action until at least 30 days after release of the Final EIS. After the 30-day wait period, Reclamation will complete a Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD will state the action that will be implemented and will discuss all factors leading to the decision.

ADDRESSES: Send requests for a compact disc copy of the Final EIS to Mr. Jack Collins, Bureau of Reclamation, 1243 N Street, Fresno, CA 93721.

Copies of the Final RMP/EIS will be available at: http://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa_projdetails.cfm?Project_ID=283. See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for locations where copies of the Final EIS are available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jack Collins, Bureau of Reclamation, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., at (559) 349–4544 (TDD (559) 487–5933) or jwcollins@usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Cachuma Lake is an existing reservoir formed by Bradbury Dam, and located in Santa Barbara County, California. The dam, which provides irrigation, domestic, and municipal and industrial water supplies to the City of Santa Barbara, Goleta Water District, Montecito Water District, Carpinteria Valley Water District, and Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, was constructed in the 1950s. The Cachuma Project has delivered an average of 25,000 acre-feet per year over the past 45 years and encompasses approximately 9,250 acres. In 1956, operation and maintenance of the Cachuma project was transferred from Reclamation to the Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board. Reclamation still retains ownership of all project facilities and is responsible for the operation of the dam. The RMP will have a planning horizon of 20 years.

The new RMP would: (1) Ensure safe storage and timely delivery of high-quality water to users while enhancing natural resources and recreational opportunities; (2) protect natural resources while educating the public about the value of good stewardship; (3) provide recreational opportunities to meet the demands of a growing, diverse population; (4) ensure recreational diversity and the quality of the experience; and (5) provide the updated management considerations for establishing a new management agreement with the managing partner.

The Final EIS is a program-level analysis of the potential environmental impacts associated with adoption of the RMP. The Final EIS outlines the formulation and evaluation of alternatives designed to address these issues by representing the varied interests present at the Plan Area and identifies Alternative 2 (Enhancement) as the Preferred Alternative. The RMP is intended to be predominately self-mitigating through implementation of RMP management actions and strategies, and the EIS also includes
measures intended to reduce the adverse effects of the RMP.

Copies of the Final EIS are available at the following locations:

- Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region, Regional Library, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 94825.
- Bureau of Reclamation, South-Central California Area Office, 1243 N. Street, Fresno, CA 93721.
- Cachuma Lake State Recreation Area, Highway 154, Santa Barbara, CA 93454.
- Santa Maria Public Library, Central Location, 420 South Broadway Avenue, Santa Maria, CA 93454.
- Santa Barbara Public Library, 40 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.
- Bureau of Reclamation, Denver Office Library, Building 67, Room 167, Denver Federal Center, 6th and Kipling, Denver, CO 80225.

Before including your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in any correspondence, you should be aware that your entire correspondence—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you ask us to participate in this exploration program, you should be aware that your entire correspondence—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you ask us to participate in this exploration program, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: April 21, 2010.

David W. Gore,
Assistant Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Invitation To Participate; Coal Exploration License Application WYW179009, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Invitation to Participate in Coal Exploration License.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, and to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regulations, all interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Bridger Coal Company on a pro rata cost sharing basis in its program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America.

DATES: This notice of invitation will be published in the Rock Springs Daily Rocket-Miner once each week for 2 consecutive weeks beginning the week of May 17, 2010, and in the Federal Register. Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to both the BLM and Bridger Coal Company, as provided in the ADDRESSES section below, no later than 30 days after publication of this invitation in the Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the exploration plan are available for review during normal business hours in the following offices (serialized under number WYW179009): Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003; and, Bureau of Land Management, Rock Springs Field Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, WY 82901. The written notice to participate should be sent to the following addresses: Bridger Coal Company, c/o Interwest Mining Company, Attn: Scott Child, 1407 West North Temple, Suite 310, Salt Lake City, UT 84116, and the Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, Branch of Solid Minerals, Attn: Mavis Love, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the exploration program is to obtain structural and quality information of the coal. The Federal coal resources included in the exploration license application are located in the following described lands:

T. 22 N., R. 101 W., 6th P.M., Wyoming
Sec. 34: W³/₄.

Containing 320 acres, more or less, in Sweetwater County, WY.

The proposed exploration program is fully described and will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan to be approved by the BLM.

Authority: 43 CFR 3410.2–1(c)(1).

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Deputy State Director, Minerals and Lands.