SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Mammoth Pacific, L.P. (MPLP) has submitted an application to the BLM to build and operate the Casa Diablo IV Geothermal Development Project in the immediate vicinity of the existing MPLP geothermal projects near the intersection of California State Route 203 and U.S. Highway 395 approximately 3 miles east of Mammoth Lakes, California. The proposed project would be located on Inyo National Forest lands and adjacent private lands within portions of Federal geothermal leases CACA–11667, CACA–11672 and CACA–14408. The proposed project would include construction of a new 33–MW binary geothermal power plant, which would be the fourth geothermal plant in the vicinity; up to 16 wells for production and reinjection, drilled to an approximate 1,600 to 2,000-ft depth; and associated pipelines. A 500-foot transmission line is proposed to interconnect the new power plant to the existing Southern California Edison (SCE) substation at Substation Road. The proposed Casa Diablo IV plant, access roads, well pads, pipelines and transmission line would occupy approximately 100 acres. Of the 16 proposed production/injection well locations, 14 were previously analyzed and approved as slim holes and exploration wells in EA–170–02–15 (2001) and EA–170–05–04 (2005). Three of these exploration wells have already been drilled as of the time of the publication of this notice. The proposed well field area contains two existing production wells and associated pipelines that currently serve three existing power plants in the area.

The leases being developed are already part of a geothermal unit, which is currently producing energy sufficient to operate three existing geothermal plants in the area: The 10–MW “MP–1/G1 plant,” the 15–MW “MP–II/G2 plant,” and the 15–MW “PLES–I/G3 plant.”

The BLM Bishop Field Office will be the lead Federal agency responsible for coordinating the environmental analysis for the Case Diablo IV project under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). Authorization of the proposed project would require approval from the BLM as the lead Federal agency responsible for geothermal leasing and development on Federal lands, in coordination with the U.S. Forest Service (FS) as a cooperating agency responsible for surface management and uses on Inyo National Forest lands within the project area. If approved, permits and licenses to be issued by the BLM would include approval of the Plan of Utilization, Geothermal Sundry Notices, Geothermal Drilling Permits, a Commercial Use Permit, a Site License and a Facility Construction Permit. The BLM authorizations would include Conditions of Approval for surface use and occupancy based on recommendations from the FS to ensure consistency with the Inyo National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. The FS would issue a special use permit for the transmission line. For the BLM, the Bishop Field Manager is the authorized officer. For the FS, the Inyo National Forest Supervisor is the authorized officer. The GBUAPCD will be the lead state agency responsible for coordinating the environmental analysis under the California Environmental Quality Act. The GBUAPCD would issue an Authority to Construct Permit and a Permit to Operate. The approving official is the Air Pollution Control Officer.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the process for developing the EIS/EIR. The BLM, FS and GBUAPCD have identified the following preliminary issues: air quality; social and economic impacts; groundwater quantity and quality; surface water quantity and quality; geology and soils; plants and animals; cultural resources; transportation; noise and vibration; lands with wilderness characteristics; and recreation.

The BLM will use and coordinate the NEPA commenting process to satisfy the public involvement process for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f) as provided for in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). Native American tribal consultations will be conducted in accordance with policy, and tribal concerns will be given due consideration, including impacts on any Indian trust assets. Federal, State, and local agencies, along with other stakeholders that may be interested or affected by the BLM’s decisions on this project are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM to participate as a cooperating agency.

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.

Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7.
Bernadette Lovato,
Bishop Field Manager.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Collect Fees on Public Land in Tangle Lakes, Alaska, Glennallen Field Office Under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.
ACTION: Notice of intent.
SUMMARY: Pursuant to applicable provisions of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004 (REA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Glennallen Field Office will begin to collect fees in 2011 upon completion of construction at the Tangle Lakes Campground, mile 121.5 Denali Highway, Alaska (Section 34, T. 21 S., R. 9 E., Fairbanks Meridian).
DATES: Submit comments on or before April 25, 2011. The public is encouraged to comment. Effective 6 months after the publication of this notice and upon completion of construction, the BLM Glennallen Field Office will initiate fee collection in the Tangle Lakes Campground, unless the BLM publishes a Federal Register notice to the contrary. Future adjustments in the fee amount will be modified in accordance with the Glennallen Field Office’s recreation fee business plan; consultation with the BLM Anchorage District Office; and the public being notified prior to any fee increase.
ADDRESSES: Field Manager, Glennallen Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 147, Mile Post 186.5 Glenn Highway, Glennallen, Alaska 99588.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elijah Waters, Recreation Branch Chief or Marcia Butorac, Outdoor Recreation Planner, 907–822–3217; address: P.O. Box 147, Mile Post 186.5 Glenn Highway, Glennallen, Alaska 99588; e-mail: AK_GFO_GeneralDelivery@blm.gov.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Tangle Lakes Campground is located in central Alaska along the Denali Highway at milepost 21.5 and lies within the nationally designated Delta Wild and Scenic River corridor and within the nationally registered Tangle Lakes Archaeological District. Under section 3(g) of the REA, the Tangle Lakes Campground will qualify as a site wherein visitors can be charged an “Expanded Amenity Recreation Fee.” Pursuant to the REA and regulations at 43 CFR part 2931, fees may be charged for developed campgrounds. Money collected from fees will be used at the Tangle Lakes Campground for visitor services as well as repair, maintenance, and facility enhancement that affects visitor enjoyment, access, health, and safety. The BLM is committed to provide and receive fair value for the use of developed recreation facilities and services that meet public-use demands, provide quality experiences, and protect important resources. Camping fees collected at the Tangle Lakes Campground will help ensure funding for the maintenance of facilities and provide recreational opportunities and resource protection. The amount of the recreation fee shall be commensurate with fees charged at the other campgrounds within the Glennallen Field Office administrative boundaries with consideration to benefits and services provided to the visitor, cost of operation and maintenance, market assessment, and public comment. Camping fees will be posted at the site and collection will take place utilizing a self-service station. Campers using the America the Beautiful—the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass (Interagency Senior Pass and Interagency Access Pass) will receive a 50 percent discount to the camping fee.

Reconstruction of the Tangle Lakes Campground is planned for the summer of 2011. The improvements will provide designated campsites with tables, tent or trailer space and fire rings, as well as a picnic area, parking, roadways, trails and improved outhouses. The campground currently maintains accessible toilet facilities, bear-proof refuse containers, and drinking water. Upon completion of construction, the facility will comply with the REA regulation for developed campgrounds allowing for an expanded amenity recreation fee.

Public comments from recreationists have been gathered for many years through voluntary registration stands and Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) surveys regarding fee collection within the Glennallen Field Office area. Fees are expected by visitors using Glennallen Field Office campground facilities. In 2004, 52.2 percent of GPRA-surveyed visitors reported they were willing to pay more for their stay in Glennallen Field Office campgrounds. In 2008, 86 percent of the GPRA survey respondents visiting Glennallen Field Office campgrounds felt that the fee was appropriate for the site.

As provided for in section 4(d)(1)(C) of the REA, the Governor of Alaska chose not to establish a committee to review recreation fee proposals. The Glennallen Field Office did engage the public through meetings for the update of the Delta Wild and Scenic River management plan. The public was provided details of the planned improvements and collection fees at the Tangle Lakes Campground and given an opportunity to comment. Visitors to the campground over the last several years have been informed of the pending facility changes and fees being charged at the site.

In December 2004, the REA was signed into law. For 10 years, the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture have authority under the REA to establish, modify, charge, and collect fees for use of some Federal recreation lands and waters, and contains specific provisions addressing public involvement in the establishment of recreation fees. The REA also directs the Secretaries to publish a 6-month advance notice in the Federal Register whenever new recreation fee areas are established. In accordance with BLM recreation fee program policy, the Glennallen Field Office is developing a Recreational Fee Business Plan to be available at the Glennallen Field Office and the Anchorage District Office. The business plan explains the fee collection process and how fees will be used at the fee site.

The BLM welcomes public comments. Please send comments to the address specified in the ADDRESSES section. 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.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 6803(b).

Gary Reimer,
District Manager, Anchorage District Office.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Invitation to Participate In Coal Exploration License, Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: All interested qualified parties are hereby invited to participate with Ark Land Company on a pro rata cost sharing basis in its program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in Sevier County, Utah.

DATES: The notice of invitation to participate in this coal exploration license was published, once each week for 2 consecutive weeks, in the Emery County Progress (beginning the third week of December 2010), and by virtue of this announcement in the Federal Register.

Any person seeking to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to both the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Ark Land Company, as provided in the ADDRESSES section below, no later than April 25, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the exploration license and plan are available for review from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays (serialized under the number of UTU–88235) in the public room of the BLM State Office, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The written notice to participate in the exploration program should be sent to Stan Perkes, Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, Division of Lands and Minerals, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145 and to Mark Bunnell, Geologist, Ark Land Company, c/o Sufo Mine, 597 South, 800 West, Salina, Utah 84654.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stan Perkes by telephone (801) 539–4036, or by e-mail: Stan_Perkes@blm.gov.