

Background

Permits for enhancement of survival through CCAAs encourage non-Federal property owners to implement conservation measures for species that are, or are likely to become, candidates for Federal listing as endangered or threatened by assuring property owners they will not be subjected to increased property use restrictions if the covered species becomes listed in the future. Application requirements and issuance criteria for permits for enhancement of survival through CCAAs are in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.22(d) and 17.32(d). See also our policy on CCAAs (64 FR 32726; June 17, 1999).

Proposed Candidate Conservation Agreement With Assurances

The CCAA that is the subject of this notice is a programmatic agreement between the Service and the MDIFW to further the conservation of the NEC (*Sylvilagus transitionalis*). Under the CCAA, the MDIFW would establish a program in which individual property owners can enroll. To enroll in the program, a property owner would enter into a cooperative agreement with the MDIFW that contains a site-specific management plan for the enrolled lands, and the MDIFW would then issue the property owner a Certificate of Inclusion. The site-specific management plan will specify conservation measures to address known threats to the NEC; those measures may include, but are not limited to, cutting vegetation to promote establishment of shrubland habitat, maintaining existing shrubland habitat, planting seeds and seedlings, controlling invasive plants species, removing non-native eastern cottontails should they occur in Maine in the future, and translocating NEC to newly created habitats. The plan will also specify measures to minimize the incidental take of NEC that might occur as a result of implementing the conservation measures or conducting other covered activities. The Certificate of Inclusion issued to the property owner will authorize this incidental take of the NEC if the species becomes listed under the ESA in the future.

The MDIFW seeks to enroll up to 12,000 acres (ac) (4,856 hectares (ha)) of private and State-owned land for NEC habitat management in York, Cumberland, Androscoggin, Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Knox, Oxford, Kennebec, and Waldo Counties in Maine. Lands targeted for NEC habitat management are generally those for which the current land use maintains or is capable of

minimal take of NECs. Site potential for enrolled lands will be evaluated through a Habitat Suitability Index. Because resources for implementing conservation measures on enrolled lands are limited, sites with the highest potential value will be prioritized for enrollment based on proximity to existing occupied sites, along with other habitat parameters. Also eligible for enrollment are those lands under the same ownership that are adjacent to lands being managed for the benefit of NEC (hereafter referred to as "adjacent lands"). These adjacent lands include areas where otherwise lawful ongoing and future activities (e.g., hay production and timber harvesting) may result in inadvertent take of NEC. Although the amount of adjacent acreage that a property owner will enroll under this CCAA will depend on the circumstances specific to the property and property owner, we estimate that the typical property owner will enroll an area of adjacent lands about equal to five times the area of the lands managed for NEC. Therefore, about 60,000 ac (24,000 ha) of adjacent lands are associated with the 12,000 ac (4,856 ha) targeted for NEC habitat management. If we were to reach our target of 12,000 ac (4,856 ha) managed for NEC under this CCAA, then we estimate a total of about 72,000 ac (29,000 ha) would be enrolled under this CCAA.

As required by NEPA, we evaluated the effects to the environment that would result from issuance of the requested permit, and we do not foresee any significant effects. Therefore, we are proposing to categorically exclude this action from further analysis under NEPA. Entering into a cooperative agreement is strictly voluntary for property owners, and the activities to be covered under the permit are generally activities already occurring on these properties.

Next Steps

We will evaluate the permit application, associated documents, and comments we receive to determine whether the permit application meets the requirements of the ESA, NEPA, and implementing regulations. If we determine that all requirements are met, we will sign the proposed CCAA and issue a permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA to the MDIFW for take of NEC. We will not make our final decision until after the end of the 30-day public comment period, and we will fully consider all comments we receive during the public comment period.

Dated: May 27, 2014.

Paul R. Phifer,

Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Northeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Proclaiming Certain Lands as Reservation for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community of Minnesota

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Reservation Proclamation.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public that the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs proclaimed approximately 569.01 acres, more or less, as an addition to the Reservation for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community of Minnesota on June 20, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robin A. White, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Real Estate Services, MS-4642-MIB, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240, at (202) 207-1110.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by part 209 of the Departmental Manual.

A proclamation was issued according to the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 986; 25 U.S.C. 467), for the land described below. The land was proclaimed to be an addition to the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Reservation for the exclusive use of Indians on that reservation who are entitled to reside at the reservation by enrollment or tribal membership.

Reservation of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, Township of Shakopee, County of Scott and State of Minnesota

Parcel Number 1 MWCC

Legal Description excluding land transferred to Scott County
Containing 569.01 acres, more or less

Parcel 1: Tax PID# 279150050

The West Half of the Southwest Quarter (W¹/₂ of the SW¹/₄) and the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest

Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 15, Township 115 North, Range 22 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Scott County, Minnesota.

Also

Those parts of Government Lots 4 and 5 in Section 15, Township 115 North, Range 22 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Scott County, Minnesota, lying southerly of the southerly right of way line of County Road 16 as described in the Land Exchange and Conveyance Agreement, filed as Document No. 728960 and of record in the Office of the County Recorder in said Scott County, said southerly right of way line being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Government Lot 4; thence N. 00°13'28" W., along the east line of said Government Lot 4, a distance of 830.62 feet to southerly right of way line of County Road 16 and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence N. 69°45'59" W., along said southerly right of way line, a distance of 1,372.72 feet; thence continuing along said southerly right of way line northwesterly along a tangential curve, concave to the north, a distance of 896.88 feet, a radius of 3,917.72 feet, and a delta angle of 13°07'00"; thence continuing along said southerly right of way line N. 56°38'59" W., tangent to last described curve, a distance of 494.50 feet; thence continuing along said southerly right of way line northwesterly along a tangential curve, concave to the south, a distance of 122.17 feet, a radius of 4,032.00 feet, a delta angle of 01°44'10", a chord bearing of N. 57°31'04" W., and a chord distance of 122.17 feet to the west line of said Government Lot 5 and the POINT OF TERMINATION, said point being southerly 616.83 feet from the northwest corner of said Government Lot 5.

Parcel 2: Tax PID# 279160010

The South Half of the Northeast Quarter (S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$) and the North Half of the Southeast Quarter (N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$) EXCEPT the Westerly 100 feet thereof, and the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$), all in Section 16, Township 115 North, Range 22 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Scott County, Minnesota.

Also

That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$) in Section 16, Township 115 North, Range 22 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Scott County, Minnesota, lying northerly of the northerly right of way line of County Road 16 as described in the Land

Exchange and Conveyance Agreement, filed as Document No. 728960 and of record in the Office of the County Recorder in said Scott County, being more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at the Northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, thence S. 00°42'26" W., along the east line of said Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter, a distance of 343.57 feet to the northerly right of way line of County Road 16; thence along said northerly right of way line northwesterly along a non-tangential curve, concave to the south, a distance of 274.52 feet, a radius of 1,764.54 feet, a delta angle of 8°54'50", a chord bearing N. 69°32'38" W., and a chord distance of 274.24 feet; thence continuing along said northerly right of way line N. 74°00'04" W., a distance of 398.96 feet; thence Northwesterly along a non-tangential curve, concave to the south, a distance of 497.59 feet, a radius of 4182.00 feet, a delta angle of 6°49'02", a chord bearing N. 72°44'04" W., and a chord distance of 497.30 feet to the north line of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence S. 89°29'43" E., along said north line, a distance of 1,119.63 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Also

That part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$) in Section 16, Township 115 North, Range 22 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Scott County, Minnesota, lying southerly of the southerly right of way line of County Road 16 as described in the Land Exchange and Conveyance Agreement, filed as Document No. 728960 and of record in the Office of the County Recorder in said Scott County, and said southerly right of way line being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Government Lot 4 of Section 15 in said Township 115 North, Range 22 West; thence N. 00°13'28" W., along said east line of Government Lot 4, a distance of 830.62 feet to southerly right of way line of County Road 16; thence N. 69°45'59" W., along said southerly right of way line, a distance of 1,372.72 feet; thence continuing along said southerly right of way line northwesterly along a tangential curve, concave to the north, a distance of 896.88 feet, a radius of 3,917.72 feet, and a delta angle of 13°07'00"; thence continuing along said southerly right of way line N. 56°38'59" W., tangent to last described curve, a distance of 494.50 feet; thence continuing along said southerly right of way line northwesterly along a tangential curve, concave to the south,

a distance of 122.17 feet, a radius of 4,032.00 feet, a delta angle of 01°44'10", a chord bearing of N. 57°31'04" W., and a chord distance of 122.17 feet to the east line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing northwesterly, along the last described curve and said southerly right of way line, a distance of 1,427.23 feet, a radius of 4,032.00 feet, a delta angle of 20°16'52", a chord bearing of N. 68°31'35" W., and a chord distance of 1,419.79 feet to the west line of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 16 and the POINT OF TERMINATION, said point being southerly 108.74 feet from the northwest corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter.

Parcel 3: Tax PID# 279210050

The Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 21, Township 115 North, Range 22 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Scott County, Minnesota.

Parcel 4: Tax PID# 279220010

The Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 22, Township 115 North, Range 22 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Scott County, Minnesota.

Parcel 5: Tax PID# 279150050

The South Three-fourths of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter (S $\frac{3}{4}$ of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 15, Township 115 North, Range 22 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Scott County, Minnesota.

Parcel 6: Tax PID# 279220010

The Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 22, Township 115 North, Range 22 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Scott County, Minnesota, EXCEPTING THEREFROM the following described tract: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 22; thence S. 01°08'57" W., along the said east line, a distance of 621.16 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing along the said east line S. 1°08'57" W., a distance of 349.75 feet; thence N. 88°39'13" W., a distance of 501.20 feet; thence N. 03°09'13" W., a distance of 326.00 feet; thence N. 88°39'00" E., a distance of 526.16 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Dated: June 20, 2014.

Kevin K. Washburn,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale COC–75916, CO

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain Federal coal reserves in the Spruce Stomp Tract described below in Delta County, Colorado, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended.

DATES: The lease sale will be held at 10 a.m. on July 30, 2014. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 9:30 a.m., July 30, 2014.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale will be held in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, CO 80215. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Cashier, BLM Colorado State Office, at the address given above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kyle Free, Solid Minerals Engineer, by telephone at 303–239–3774, or by email at kfree@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This coal lease sale is being held in response to a lease by application (LBA) filed by Bowie Resources, LLC. The Federal coal reserves to be offered consist of all reserves recoverable by underground mining methods in the following described lands located in Delta County, Colorado:

Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 12 S., R. 91 W., 6th P.M.,
Sec. 31, lots 11 to 26, inclusive;
Sec. 32, lots 10 to 15, inclusive.

T. 12 S., R. 92 W., 6th P.M.,
Sec 36, S^{1/2}.

T. 13 S., R. 91 W., 6th P.M.,
Sec. 5, lots 2, 3, 4, 10, and 11,
E^{1/2}SW^{1/4}NE^{1/4}, N^{1/2}NW^{1/4}SW^{1/4}NE^{1/4},
N^{1/2}N^{1/2} SE^{1/4} NW^{1/4}, N^{1/2}NE^{1/4}NE^{1/4}SE^{1/4},
NE^{1/4}NW^{1/4}NE^{1/4}SE^{1/4},
W^{1/2}W^{1/2}NE^{1/4}SE^{1/4}, E^{1/2}NW^{1/4}SE^{1/4};
Sec. 6, lots 1 to 4, inclusive.

T. 13 S., R. 92 W., 6th P.M.,
Sec. 1, lots 5 to 8, inclusive.

These lands contain 1,790.20 acres, more or less.

The tracts contain an estimated 8.02 million tons of recoverable coal reserves. The underground minable coal is ranked as B bituminous coal. The estimated coal quality on an as-received basis for the Tracts is as follows:

British Thermal Unit	
(BTU)	12,896 BTU/lb.
Volatile Matter	23.23%
Moisture	3.38%
Fixed Carbon	62.16%
Sulfur Content	0.63%
Ash Content	10.60%

The tracts will be leased to the qualified bidder of the highest cash amount provided that the high bid meets or exceeds the BLM's estimate of the fair market value of the tract. The minimum bid for the tracts is \$100 per acre or fraction thereof. No bid that is less than \$100 per acre, or fraction thereof, will be considered. The minimum bid is not intended to represent fair market value. The fair market value will be determined by the authorized officer after the sale.

The sealed bids should be sent by certified mail, return-receipt requested, or be hand delivered to the Cashier, BLM Colorado State Office, at the address given above and clearly marked "Sealed Bid for COC–75916 Coal Sale—Not to be opened before 10 a.m., July 30, 2014." The cashier will issue a receipt for each hand-delivered bid. Bids received after 9:30 a.m. on July 30, 2014 will not be considered. If identical high bids are received, the tying high bidders will be requested to submit follow-up sealed bids until a high bid is received. All tie-breaking, sealed-bids must be submitted within 15 minutes following the sale official's announcement at the sale that identical high bids have been received. A lease issued as a result of this offering will provide for payment of an annual rental of \$3 per acre, or fraction thereof, and a royalty payable to the United States in the amount of 8 percent of the value of coal mined by underground methods.

Prior to lease issuance, the high bidder, if other than the applicant, must pay the BLM the cost recovery fees in the amount of \$48,015.20 in addition to all processing costs the BLM incurs after

the date of this sale notice (43 CFR 3473.2).

Bidding instructions for the LBA tracts offered and the terms and conditions of the proposed coal lease are included in the Detailed Statement of Lease Sale and available from the BLM Colorado State Office at the address above. Case file documents, COC–75916, are available for inspection at the BLM Colorado State Office Public Room.

Ruth Welch,

BLM Colorado State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare a Joint Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Impact Report for the West of Devers Upgrade Project, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Palm Springs/South Coast Field Office intends to prepare a joint Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Impact Report (EIR/EIS) in cooperation with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in order to analyze Southern California Edison's proposal for the West of Devers Upgrade Project (WOD UP) in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. This notice announces the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

DATES: Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until July 31, 2014. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local news media, newspapers and the BLM Web site at: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd.html> and at the CPUC Web site at: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/asp/westofdevers/westofdevers.htm>. In order to be included in the analysis, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 30-day scoping period or 15 days