On September 7, 2006, the Service announced the availability for public review and comment of a draft Template SHA, which was jointly developed by the Service and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), and a draft environmental assessment (EA), which was developed by the Service pursuant to Federal responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (71 FR 52816). The Service’s September 7, 2006, Federal Register notice also announced the receipt of three initial permit applications that were developed in accordance with the Template SHA. The final Template SHA, which contained only minor modifications from the draft released for public review, was signed by the Service and WDFW on October 24, 2006. On April 25, 2007, the Service announced the availability for public review and comment of another 13 permit applications that were developed in accordance with the Template SHA (72 FR 20557). To date, the Service has issued 16 permits under the Template SHA, which cover 109,425 acres that are within the historic distribution of the CBPR.

The primary objective of the Template SHA is to facilitate collaboration between the Service, WDFW, and prospective participants to voluntarily implement conservation measures to benefit the CBPR. Another objective of the Template SHA is to facilitate the processing of enhancement of survival permits that will provide incidental take of pygmy rabbit burrows. The Service will evaluate the permit applications, the human environment. The Service will not result in significant effects to the environment. The Service will evaluate the permit applications, related documents, and any comments submitted to determine whether the applications are consistent with the requirements of section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and their implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22, and 40 CFR 1506.6, respectively).

Mr. Jim Myers: The properties included within the proposed permit transfer total 1,320 acres in Grant County, Washington, and are located within the geographic area covered by the Template SHA. Ms. Mary Bolyard of ABS Farms LLC sold the property to Mr. Jim Myers, and his permit application requests the transfer of the permit from ABS Farms LLC. All of the area proposed for enrollment by Mr. Myers represent intervening properties (i.e., property outside of CBPR recovery emphasis areas) as defined in the Template SHA. WDFW biologists conducted evidence searches for CBPR on all ABS Farms LLC properties identified for enrollment under the Template SHA. No CBPRs or evidence of active pygmy rabbit burrows were detected during these surveys. Therefore, in accordance with the provisions of the Template SHA, the baseline for properties covered by the site plan to zero active pygmy rabbit burrows.

The Service has previously determined that implementation of the Template SHA will result in conservation benefits to the CBPR and will not result in significant effects to the human environment. The Service will evaluate the permit applications, related documents, and any comments submitted to determine whether the applications are consistent with the measures prescribed by the Template SHA and comply with relevant statutory and regulatory requirements. If it is determined that the requirements are met, a permit authorizing incidental take of the CBPR will be issued to the applicants. The final determinations for each permit will not be completed until after the end of the 30-day comment period, and we will fully consider all comments received.

Public Availability of Comments

All comments and materials we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety. Comments and materials we receive, as well as supporting documentation, will be made available for public inspection by appointment, during normal business hours, at our Eastern Washington Fish and Wildlife Field Office (see ADDRESSES).

Authority

We provide this notice in accordance with the requirements of section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and their implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22, and 40 CFR 1506.6, respectively).

Robyn Thorson,
Regional Director, Pacific Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Application for Withdrawal Extension and Notification of Public Meeting, Lake Roosevelt Expansion Area; Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management proposes to extend the duration of Public Land Order (PLO) No. 7420 for
an additional 20-year term. PLO No. 7420 withdrew 9,175 acres of National Forest System lands from location and entry under the United States mining laws, but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws. The purpose of the withdrawal is to protect the Bureau of Reclamation’s (BOR) Lake Roosevelt expansion area. This Notice also gives the public an opportunity to comment on the withdrawal extension application, and announces the date, time, and location of the public meeting.

DATES: Comments must be received by October 29, 2019. The BOR will hold a public meeting in connection with the proposed withdrawal extension on September 4, 2019.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be sent to the Bureau of Land (BLM) Arizona State Office, One North Central, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85004 or faxed to 602–417–9452. The BLM will not consider comments received via telephone calls.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Ferreira, Land Law Examiner, BLM, at 602–417–9598, by email at sferreir@blm.gov, or contact the BLM Arizona State Office, One North Central, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85004. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 or 1–800–877–8282 (in Alaska and Hawaii). Persons with speech or hearing impairments may call the FRS at 1–800–877–8533.

The withdrawal extension application, and announces the date, time, and location of the public meeting.

The use of a right-of-way, interagency agreement, or cooperative agreement would not provide adequate protection for the capital improvement investment that the BOR has made to the Lake Roosevelt Expansion Area.

No additional water rights are needed to fulfill the purpose of the requested withdrawal extension.

There are no suitable alternative sites since the land described contains the developed Lake Roosevelt Expansion Area.

For a period until the October 29, 2019 all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the withdrawal extension application may present their views in writing to the BLM to the address noted above. Comments, including name and street address of respondents, will be available for public review stated in the ADDRESSES section above during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting in connection with the application for withdrawal extension will be held at the BOR Glendale Office, 6150 W. Thunderbird Rd., Glendale, AZ 85306, on September 4, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The BOR will publish a Notice of the time and place in a local newspaper at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The withdrawal extension application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

Dated: July 22, 2019.

Joseph R. Balash, Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.

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