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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease WYW183782, Carbon County, WY

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed reinstatement.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a petition from Kirkwood Oil and Gas, LLC & Kirkwood Resources, LLC for reinstatement of terminated competitive oil and gas lease WYW183782 in Carbon County, Wyoming. The lessees filed the petition for reinstatement on time and have met all filing requirements. No leases were issued that affect these lands. The BLM proposes to reinstate this lease.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandra Blackburn, Branch Chief, Fluid Minerals Adjudication, Bureau of Land Management Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Rd., Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009; phone: 307-775-6176; email: s75black@blm.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lessees agree to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$20 per acre or fraction thereof and 20 percent, respectively. The lessees have paid the required administrative fee and have reimbursed the BLM for the cost of publishing this notice.

The lessees met the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as provided in sections 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral

Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188). The BLM is proposing to reinstate the lease effective January 1, 2025, in accordance with 43 CFR 3108.23(d) subject to:

- Original terms and conditions of the lease;
- Increased rental of \$20 per acre;
- Increased royalty of 20 percent; and
- A 2-year lease extension.

(Authority: 30 U.S.C. 188 (e)(4) and 43 CFR 3108.23)

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Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Bridger Pipeline Expansion Project, Montana

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 Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (MLA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to consider the effects of constructing and operating a 36-inch buried crude oil pipeline and by this notice is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

DATES: This notice initiates the public-scoping process for the EIS. The BLM requests that the public submit comments concerning the scope of the analysis, potential alternatives, and identification of relevant information and studies by May 1, 2026. To afford the BLM the opportunity to consider comments in the Draft EIS, please ensure your comments are received prior to the close of the 30-day scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments related to the Bridger Pipeline Expansion project by any of the following methods:

- *Website:* <https://eplanning.blm.gov>.
Search NEPA number: DOI-BLM-MT-C020-2026-0054-EIS.
- *Mail:* BLM Miles City Field Office, Bridger Pipeline Expansion Project Comments, 111 Garryowen Rd., Miles City, Montana 59301.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined online at the project website noted above and at the BLM Miles City Field Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Phillip Blundell, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, telephone 406-896-5119; address 111 Garryowen Rd., Miles City, Montana 59301; email pblundell@blm.gov. Contact Mr. Blundell to have your name added to our mailing list. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Mr. Blundell. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 30, 2026, the BLM—Miles City Field Office received an SF-299 application and Plan of Development from Bridger Pipeline LLC (Bridger) for the Bridger Pipeline Expansion project (Project).

The Project would extend from the United States/Canada border in Phillips County, Montana to an existing crude oil terminal facility near Guernsey in Platte County, Wyoming. The pipeline proposes to traverse private and State lands and Federal lands managed by the BLM, U.S. Forest Service (USFS), and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Project will seek a Presidential Permit to authorize construction and operation of facilities crossing the U.S./Canada border. The Project would also require the use of temporary and permanent access roads, main line valves, pump stations, and temporary workspaces.

Under the MLA authority, the BLM will serve as the lead for the Federal agencies and the environmental analysis will be undertaken by the BLM and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) who will be working as Joint Leads. DEQ requires completion of an EIS under the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) as part of their Major Facilities Siting Act process. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and USFS will be acting as cooperating agencies on the Project. Additional Federal, State, and local government entities may join the Project as cooperating agencies, co-leads, or in some other official capacity in the future.

Bridger is seeking a 30-year renewable right-of-way (ROW) grant for a 36-inch oil pipeline and associated