

Features common to all action alternatives: The Companies would agree to some "operator committed" mitigation measures when operating on Federal surface lands.

DATES: The FEIS will be available for review for 30 calendar days following the date that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes its NOA in the **Federal Register**. A Record of Decision (ROD) will be prepared following the close of the 30 day review period.

How To Submit Comments

Comments may be mailed directly or delivered to the BLM at: Jonah Infill Drilling Project FEIS, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Field Office, 432 East Mill Street, PO Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941.

You may mail comments electronically to WYMail_Jonah_Infill@blm.gov. Please put "Attention: Mike Stiewig" in the subject line.

To receive full consideration by the BLM all FEIS comment submittals must include the commenter's name and street address.

Our practice is to make comments, including the names and street addresses of each respondent, available for public review at the BLM office listed above during the business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays. Your comments may be published as part of the EIS process. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address, or both, from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comments.

Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. We will not consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: December 1, 2005.

Robert A. Bennett,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-030-1610-DT]

Notice of Availability of the Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment and Final Environmental Impact Statement for McGregor Range, Otero County, NM

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment/Final Environmental Impact Statement (PRMPA/FEIS) for McGregor Range in Otero County, New Mexico. The planning area encompasses approximately 608,000 surface acres of public land withdrawn by the Department of Army and jointly managed by the Las Cruces District Office and Fort Bliss Texas. It is located in south central Otero County in southern New Mexico. The BLM has and will continue to work closely with all interested parties to identify management decisions that are best suited to the needs of the public. Final decisions will supersede those in the previous RMPA for McGregor Range that was completed in 1990, and will provide direction for management of the resources and public uses of the withdrawn public land.

DATES: The PRMPA/FEIS for McGregor Range will be available for a 30-day protest period in accordance with BLM's land use planning regulations (43 CFR 1610.5-2). Protests must be filed within 30 days of the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its notice of availability of the FEIS.

ADDRESSES: Written protests must be submitted to: Director, Bureau of Land Management, Attention: Ms. Brenda Hudgens-Williams, Protests Coordinator, WO-210, P.O. Box 66538, Washington, DC 20035.

Alternatively, and to expedite delivery, you may send your protest using an express delivery service to: Director, Bureau of Land Management, Attention: Ms. Brenda Hudgens-Williams, Protests Coordinator, WO-210, 1620 L Street, NW., Suite 1075, Washington, DC 20036.

E-mail and faxed protests will not be accepted as valid protests unless the

protesting party also provides the original letter by either regular or overnight mail postmarked by the close of the protest period. Under these conditions, BLM will consider the e-mail or faxed protest as an advance copy and it will receive full consideration. If you wish to provide BLM with such advance notification, please direct faxed protests to the attention of the BLM protest coordinator at 202-452-5112, and e-mails to Brenda_Hudgens-Williams@blm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Phillips, BLM Las Cruces District Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 or by telephone (505) 525-4377; Fax (505) 525-4412.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This land use plan amendment focuses on the principle of multiple-use management and sustained yield as prescribed by Section 202 of FLPMA. The Proposed RMPA/FEIS considers and analyzes four alternatives. These alternatives have been developed based on extensive public input following scoping (July 2001), review and comment on the Draft RMPA/EIS (January 2005-April 2005), and numerous meetings with local governments, interested groups, local citizens, and the New Mexico Resource Advisory Council. Alternative A is the proposed plan and provides for a balance of resource use and conservation.

The BLM Planning Regulations, 43 CFR 1610.5-2, state that any person who participated in the planning process and has an interest which may be adversely affected may protest. A protest may raise only those issues which were submitted for the record during the planning process. Protests must be filed within 30 days of the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its notice of availability of the FEIS. Specific dates of the protest period will be announced through the local news media and the following BLM Web site: http://www.blm.gov/nhp/spotlight/state_info/planning.htm. To be considered timely, your protest must be postmarked no later than the last day of the protest period. Though not a requirement, we suggest that you send your protest by certified mail, return receipt requested. You are also encouraged, but not required, to forward a copy of your protest to the Las Cruces District Manager at 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005. To be considered complete, your protest must contain (at a minimum) the following information:

(1) Name, mailing address, telephone number and the affected interest of the person filing the protest(s).

(2) A statement of the issue or issues being protested.

(3) A statement of the part or parts of the proposed plan being protested. To the extent possible, reference specific pages, paragraphs, and sections of the document.

(4) A copy of all your documents addressing the issue or issues which were discussed with the BLM for the record.

(5) A concise statement explaining why the proposed decision is believed to be incorrect. This is a critical part of your protest. Document all relevant facts, as thoroughly as possible. Disagreement, by itself, with a proposed decision or with how the data are used, or unsupported allegations of violations of regulation, law, legal precedents, or other guidance, will not meet the requirement of the regulations.

Freedom of Information Act Considerations: Public submissions for this planning effort, including names and street addresses or respondents, will be available for public review in their entirety after the protest period closes at the Las Cruces District Office during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish for BLM to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of the submission. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals representing organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Las Cruces District Office in Las Cruces, New Mexico during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. A hard copy of the document may be requested from the BLM Las Cruces District Office at the address and phone number above. After resolution of any protests an approved RMPA/Record of Decision will be prepared and is expected to be available in early 2006.

Dated: October 17, 2005.

Linda S.C. Rundell,

New Mexico State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Amendment to the Cascade Resource Management Plan

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA, 43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) amendment to address offering the sale of public lands within Ada, Canyon, Payette, and Valley Counties, Idaho not currently identified for disposal.

DATES: The public scoping period for the proposal will commence with publication of this notice. Comments regarding this proposal must be submitted in writing to the address below within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Rosemary Thomas, Four Rivers Field Manager, Boise District, Bureau of Land Management, 3948 Development Road, Boise, ID 83705.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Effie Schultsmeier, Four Rivers Realty Specialist, at the Boise District Office, 208-384-3357. Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Boise District Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed RMP amendment and land sales involve approximately 2,056 acres of public land north of Star in Ada County, around Pickles Butte and north of Lake Lowell in Canyon County, east of Payette in Payette County, and within the city limits of Cascade in Valley County. The purpose of a portion of the sales in Canyon and Payette Counties is to provide land for purchase by the respective counties for important public objectives including expansion of the landfill at Pickles Butte, further development at Clay Peak Motorcycle Park, and various other recreation and public use opportunities. The other lands will be evaluated for sale as the tracts are difficult and uneconomic to manage as part of the public lands, some of which will serve to expand

communities or provide economic development opportunities. As part of the RMP amendment, an Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared to analyze designation of the public land for disposal and sale of the land. Approximately 3,175 acres of additional lands which are currently identified for disposal in the Cascade RMP will also be evaluated for disposal via sale. Comments will be accepted throughout the RMP amendment and EA process. Prior to a sale offer, a Notice of Realty Action will be prepared and published in accordance with 43 CFR 2711.1-2. The plan amendment will fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), and BLM management policies. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Boise District Office during regular business hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EA. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment.

Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

Rosemary Thomas,

Four Rivers Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Environmental Documents Prepared for Proposed Oil and Gas Operations on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of the availability of environmental documents; prepared for OCS Mineral Proposals on the Gulf of Mexico OCS.

SUMMARY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), in accordance with Federal regulations that implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA),