

ACTION: Notice of approved amendment to Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Fifth Renewal of Agreement between the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and the State of Montana regarding Class III gaming on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation which was executed on February 17, 1998.

DATES: This action is effective May 8, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Pierskalla, Acting Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 219-4068.

Dated: April 30, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

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DATES: This action is effective May 8, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Pierskalla, Acting Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 219-4068.

Dated: April 30, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-962-1410-00-P; F-19155-4]

Notice for Publication; Alaska Native Claims Selection

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision to issue conveyance under the provisions of Section 14(e) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(e), will be issued to Doyon, Limited for approximately 120 acres. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Birch Creek, Alaska, within T. 19 N., R. 7 E. and T. 17 N., R. 11 E., Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska.

A notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner. Copies of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 ((907) 271-5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government or regional corporation, shall have until June 8, 1998, to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

Elizabeth Sherwood,

Land Law Examiner, ANCSA Team, Branch of 962 Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-050-1150-00:G8-0170]

Prineville District; Cave Closure; Oregon

May 1, 1998.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice is hereby given that Stout Cave, Deschutes County, Oregon, is closed yearlong to all visitor use for a three-year period ending on May 1, 2001.

Effective immediately, Stout Cave, in Deschutes County, Oregon, is closed to *all* visitor use (caving, sport climbing, etc.) for a three-year period ending on May 1, 2001. The term "cave" applies to any naturally occurring void, cavity, recess, or system of interconnected passages which occurs beneath the surface of the earth and to any natural pit, sinkhole, or other feature which is an extension of the entrance. The term "sinkhole" applies to the area below the rim and extending to the cave's entrance. The purpose of this closure is to protect roosting western big-eared bats from human disturbance. This Special Status species is extremely sensitive to human disturbance. Also, this closure is necessary in order to determine the specific type and location of bat use in the absence of human disturbance. Current levels of human disturbance prevent further evaluation of bat use. Without this information, impacts to biota from current and proposed human uses at the cave cannot be analyzed. BLM cave management policy directs that protective measures, including cave closures, be implemented where known or potential adverse impacts to sensitive animals is present. Closure needs will be re-evaluated at the end of the three-year closure period. Exemptions to this closure will apply to administrative personnel for monitoring purposes; other exemptions to this restriction may be made on a case-by-case basis by the authorized officer. Exemptions could include approved research, essential search and rescue, and other emergency actions or administrative operations for the protection of cave resources. The authority for this closure is 43 CFR 8364.1: Closure and restriction orders.

A more specific location of public lands under this closure order is not provided in order to protect sensitive cave resources. Cave locations are exempt from the Freedom of Information Act under the Federal Cave Resources Protection Act of 1988.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sarah Nichols, Cave Protection Specialist, BLM Prineville District, P.O. Box 550, Prineville, Oregon 97754, telephone (541) 416-6725.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Violation of this closure order is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months as provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7.

Dated: May 1, 1998.

James G. Kenna,

Deschutes Area Manager, Prineville District Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[MT-060-08-1610-00, 1616P]

Notice of Availability of the Draft Oil and Gas Supplemental Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the National Environmental Policy Act the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Oil and Gas Supplemental Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS). This is a draft supplement to the 1992 Judith-Valley-Phillips RMP and is available to the public for a 90-day review period. The Draft Oil and Gas Supplemental RMP/EIS addresses two additional alternatives for oil and gas leasing on 3.4 million acres in northcentral Montana: Fergus, Petroleum, Judith Basin, Phillips, and Valley Counties and the southern portion of Chouteau County. One of the alternatives would avoid oil and gas leasing in areas with valuable wildlife habitat. The other alternative, the preferred alternative, would provide for oil and gas leasing while protecting other resource values through stipulations or closing areas where resource values are not compatible with exploration and development.

DATES: The agency must receive comments on or before August 6, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments to David L. Mari, District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Lewistown District Office, P.O. Box 1160, Lewistown, MT 59457-1160.

Copies of the Draft Oil and Gas Supplemental RMP/EIS are available from the Bureau of Land Management, Lewistown District Office, P.O. Box 1160, Lewistown, Montana 59457-1160.

Public reading copies will be available for review at the following Bureau of Land Management locations: Montana State Office, 222 North 32nd Street, Billings, Montana; Lewistown District Office, Airport Road, Lewistown, Montana; Phillips Resource Area, 501 S 2nd Street East, Malta, Montana; and Valley Resource Area, Hwy 2 W, Glasgow, Montana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Majerus, 406-538-7461.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In September 1988, the National Wildlife Federation protested the issuance of oil and gas leases by the BLM in the State of Montana. The reasons for the protest were an inadequate analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act and non-compliance with the Endangered Species Act. The BLM's November 1988 decision on this protest was that BLM would suspend lease issuance on tracts with special wildlife stipulations until a new RMP/EIS was completed meeting the Bureau's supplemental program guidance.

In September 1988, the BLM issued a notice of intent to prepare an RMP/EIS for public lands in northcentral Montana. One of the issues identified for the RMP was oil and gas leasing. The draft Judith-Valley-Phillips RMP/EIS was released for public comment in July 1991. The National Wildlife Federation comments on the draft raised the concern that the November 1988 decision was not mentioned, much less identified as a practical alternative. The BLM responded to this comment in the final Judith-Valley-Phillips RMP/EIS that areas nominated for lease which require special stipulations to protect wildlife would not be offered for lease but this was an interim policy until the RMP/EIS was completed and not an alternative.

In December 1992 the BLM released the final Judith-Valley-Phillips RMP/EIS for a 30 day protest period. In January 1993, the National Wildlife Federation protested the final RMP/EIS because the document neither mentioned the 1988 decision nor identified an alternative of carrying the temporary arrangement forward to avoid leasing valuable wildlife habitat. After careful review of this issue by the BLM's Director the protest warranted a supplement to the final RMP/EIS addressing an alternative for oil and gas leasing that would avoid leasing valuable wildlife habitat.

(Authority: Sec. 202, Pub. L. 94-579, 90 Stat. 2747 (43 U.S.C. 1712) and Sec. 102, Pub. L. 91-190, 83 Stat. 852 as amended (42 U.S.C. 4332))

Dated: April 27, 1998.

B. Gene Miller,

Associate District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[UTU-60470, UTU-69463]

Utah; Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Leases

In accordance with Title IV of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act (Pub. L. 97-451), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas leases UTU-60470 and UTU-69463 for lands in Carbon County, Utah, was timely filed and required rentals accruing from April 1, 1998, the date of termination, have been paid.

The lessee has agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$5 per acre and 16-2/3 percent, respectively. The \$500 administrative fee for each lease has been paid and the lessee has reimbursed the Bureau of Land Management for the cost of publishing this notice.

Having met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Section 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate leases UTU-60470 and UTU-69463, effective April 1, 1998, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

Robert Lopez,

Group Leader, Minerals Adjudication Group.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[CA-370-1430-01, CA 15801, CAS 308, CAS 309, CA 6549, CAS 310]

Notice of Realty Action: Intent To Convey Lands for Landfill Purposes, Modoc County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Intent to convey lands for landfill purposes.

SUMMARY: The County of Modoc has requested that five landfills currently