

from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The end time of 4:00 p.m. for the meeting may be changed depending on the work remaining for the RAC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Armstrong, New Mexico State Office, Planning and Policy Team, Bureau of Land Management, 1474 Rodeo Road, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115, telephone (505) 438-7436.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Resource Advisory Council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with the management of public lands. The Council's responsibilities include providing advice on long-range planning, establishing resource management priorities and assisting the BLM to identify State and regional standards for rangeland health and guidelines for grazing management.

Dated: December 4, 1998.

Gary A. Stephens,

Acting Deputy State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-921-41-5700; WYW139826]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

Pursuant to the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188 (d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3 (a) and (b)(1), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease WYW139826 for lands in Washakie County, Wyoming, was timely filed and was accompanied by all the required rentals accruing from the date of termination.

The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$5.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively.

The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$125 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice. The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Section 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease WYW139826 effective September 1, 1998, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the

increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

Dated: November 30, 1998.

Pamela J. Lewis,

Chief, Leasable Minerals Section.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-921-41-5700; WYW139749]

Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

November 30, 1998.

Pursuant to the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188(d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3(a) and (b)(1), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease WYW139749 for lands in Washakie County, Wyoming, was timely filed and was accompanied by all the required rentals accruing from the date of termination. The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively.

The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$125 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice. The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Section 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease WYW139749 effective September 1, 1998, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

Pamela J. Lewis,

Chief, Leasable Minerals Section.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-921-41-5700; WYW137207]

Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

November 30, 1998.

Pursuant to the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188 (d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3 (a) and (b)(1), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease WYW137207 for lands in Washakie County, Wyoming, was timely filed and was accompanied by all the required

rentals accruing from the date of termination.

The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively.

The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$125 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice. The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Section 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease WYW137207 effective September 1, 1998, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

Pamela J. Lewis,

Chief, Leasable Minerals Section.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-924-5410-00-E029; MTM 88573]

Application for Conveyance of Mineral Interest; Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is given that, pursuant to section 209b of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1719(b)), Ms. Anne M. Moreland and Mr. John L. Mayer have applied to purchase the mineral estate described as follows:

Principal Meridian, Montana

T. 5 S., R. 17 E., sec. 30, lots 3 and 4. Containing 81.55 acres, more or less.

The mineral interest will be conveyed in whole or in part upon favorable mineral examination.

The purpose is to allow consolidation of surface and subsurface mineral ownership where there are no known mineral values or in those instances where the United States mineral reservation interferes with or precludes appropriate nonmineral development and such development is a more beneficial use of the land than the mineral development.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tami Lorenz, Legal Instruments Examiner, BLM Montana State Office, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107, 406-255-2846.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** as provided in 43 CFR 2720.1-1(b), the mineral interests within the legal description given above will be segregated to the extent that they will not be subject to appropriation under the mining and mineral leasing laws. The segregative effect of the application shall terminate upon issuance of a conveyance document, final rejection of the application, or 2 years from the date of filing of the application, July 31, 1998, whichever occurs first.

Dated: December 2, 1998.

Randy D. Heuscher,

Acting Deputy State Director, Division of Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-040-1610-00]

Availability of the Challis Proposed Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Idaho.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and BLM Planning Regulations (43 CFR part 1600), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Upper Columbia—Salmon Clearwater Districts has prepared a Proposed Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement (Proposed RMP/Final EIS) for the Challis Resource Area. The Challis Proposed RMP/Final EIS has been published and is available for public review by requesting a copy from the address indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section below.

The Challis Proposed RMP/Final EIS describes and analyzes the BLM's proposed plan for managing approximately 792,657 acres of BLM public lands in the Challis Resource Area, located in Custer and Lemhi counties of east-central Idaho. When implemented, the Challis RMP would replace the three Management Framework Plans currently used by the Challis Resource Area. The Challis RMP would also amend the Little Lost-Birch Creek Management Framework Plan (BLM 1981) by designating the Donkey Hills Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), which includes 4,714 acres managed by the Upper Snake

River District—BLM in Butte County, Idaho.

DATES: Written comments on the Final EIS for the Challis Proposed RMP must be submitted or postmarked no later than Tuesday, January 19, 1999. Written protests on the Challis Proposed RMP must also be submitted or postmarked no later than Tuesday, January 19, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Challis Proposed RMP/Final EIS may be obtained upon request by contacting the Bureau of Land Management, Route 2, Box 610, Salmon, Idaho 83467; phone (208) 756-5400. Written comments on the Final EIS should be addressed to Kathe Rhodes, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, Route 2, Box 610, Salmon, Idaho 83467. Protests of the Challis Proposed RMP must be filed with the Director, Bureau of Land Management; Attention: Ms. Brenda Williams, Protests Coordinator; WO-210/LS-1075; Department of the Interior; Washington, DC 20240. A description of protest procedures may be obtained from Kathe Rhodes, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, Route 2, Box 610, Salmon, Idaho 83467; phone (208) 756-5440.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathe Rhodes, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, Route 2, Box 610, Salmon, Idaho 83467; phone (208) 756-5440. Documents relevant to the Challis Proposed RMP/Final EIS planning process are available for public viewing at the Salmon BLM office on Highway 93 South, Salmon, Idaho.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Challis Proposed RMP/Final EIS describes and analyzes the BLM's proposed plan for addressing the planning issues and management concerns identified through public involvement and BLM input. The Proposed RMP proposes resource condition objectives, land use allocations, and management actions and direction to guide resource management of the Challis Resource Area on a long term, sustainable basis during the next 15 to 20 years.

The Proposed RMP/Final EIS describes changes from and corrections to the Challis Draft RMP/EIS (BLM, May 1996), updates the discussion of the affected environment, provides an analysis of environmental consequences for the Proposed RMP, records public comments on the Draft RMP/EIS, and documents the BLM's responses to those comments. The Proposed RMP is based on the Preferred Alternative (Alternative 2) described in the Challis Draft RMP/EIS, as modified in response to public

and tribal comments and internal BLM recommendations. When compared with the Preferred Alternative, the Proposed RMP increases the level of protection to aquatic, riparian, and upland resources by limiting off-highway vehicle use to existing roads, vehicle ways, and trails throughout the Resource Area. The Proposed RMP also clarifies numerous decisions, and thereby improves the BLM's ability to implement effective management in order to address resource concerns and improve resource conditions. Finally, the Proposed RMP includes an emphasis on integrated resource activity planning and watershed assessment, in order to ensure that individual project proposals are considered within the context of broader landscape issues.

The Proposed RMP includes decisions related to two types of designations: (a) The Proposed RMP describes the BLM's Wild and Scenic River suitability findings for rivers within the Challis Resource Area; and (b) the Proposed RMP designates public lands as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs). The Proposed RMP would continue to designate approximately 13,968 acres within existing ACECs, in order to highlight unique plant communities, paleontological resources, fragile soils and a bighorn sheep population for management and protection; these existing ACECs include 5,975 acres of existing Research Natural Areas (RNAs). The Proposed RMP would expand one existing ACEC by 322 acres. The Proposed RMP would also designate approximately 73,916 acres within seven additional ACECs, in order to highlight the following resources for management and protection: unique plant communities; fragile soils; a geologic area of interest; unique riparian habitats; fisheries habitats; roadless primitive and scenic values; crucial bighorn sheep and elk habitats; and unique cultural resources. Approximately 3,871 acres of Research Natural Areas would be designated within these seven additional ACECs.

Following a 30-day public review period, a concurrent 30-day protest period, a concurrent 60-day Governor's review, and resolution of written protests or concerns raised during these protest and review periods, the BLM will prepare a Record of Decision for the approved RMP. The public will be notified in the **Federal Register** when the Record of Decision for the Challis RMP becomes available.

Comments on the protests of the Challis Proposed RMP/Final EIS, including the names and street addresses of respondents, will be