

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

[UT-080-1310-00]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the Resource Development Group Uinta Basin Natural Gas Project, Uintah County, UT**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an EIS on the Resource Development Group Uinta Basin Natural Gas Project, Uintah County, Utah and notice of scoping.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Vernal, Utah Field Office, will be writing an EIS on proposed natural gas development in 79,800 acres in the Atchees Wash oil and gas production region. The project is located primarily on BLM administered lands (69,560 acres). The project area also includes 9,080 acres administered by the State of Utah, and 1,160 acres of patented land. Sixty-four wells and 139 miles of primary and secondary roads exist within the project area. The proponent anticipates the drilling of up to 423 additional wells at a rate of 15 to 40 a year, accessed by approximately 126 miles of new roads. Unpainted steel sales-gas gathering lines would be laid on the surface and integrated into the existing gas pipeline gathering and transmission network. New compressor stations would not be required in the project area.

The number of proposed wells has been adjusted by the proponent from 970 wells in the original Environmental Assessment (EA No. UT-080-1997-50) based on further review of the following factors: topography; slopes with a grade of 40 percent or greater; mitigation of potential impacts on critical mule deer winter range; maximizing use of existing roads; drilling of deeper wells to drain larger reservoirs; and avoidance of the 100-year flood plain along Bitter Creek. Major issues include potential impacts on critical mule deer winter range, recreational and visual resources near the White River Canyon and wilderness values. Alternatives identified at this time include the proposed action and the no action alternatives.

DATES: Public scoping comments will be accepted on or before November 22, 1999. A public scoping open house and information meeting will be held on November 18, 1999 from 4-7 p.m. at the

Western Park, 302 East 200 South, Vernal, Utah. If you have any information, data or concerns related to potential impacts of the proposed action including the issues identified above, or have suggestions for additional alternatives, please submit them to the address listed below.

ADDRESSES: Written scoping comments should be sent to: Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Vernal Field Office, 170 South 500 East, Vernal, Utah 84078, ATTN: Resource Development Group Uinta Basin Natural Gas Project.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents will be available for public review at the BLM Vernal Field Office and will be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). They may be published as part of the EIS and other related documents. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review and disclosure under the FOIA, 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 or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Duane De Paepe (435) 781-4403 or e-mail: ddepaepe@ut.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In April, 1997, the Vernal Field Office initiated an EA (UT-080-1997-50) for this proposed project, located in the Book Cliffs Resource Area, Uintah County, Utah. In June, 1998, the EA was made available to the public and governmental agencies for a 30-day review and comment period. Forty-nine comment letters were subsequently received. Based on these comments, the EA was amended and published in final form in February, 1999. A Decision Record (DR)/ Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was signed on January 29, 1999, and was published with the EA and Conditions of Approval.

As a result of this decision, 12 requests for a State Director Review were received. In addition, a request for a stay of the DR/FONSI was received. A stay was issued until April 16, 1999, pending thorough review of the requests received. The stay was subsequently extended until the review could be completed and a decision issued. On May 21, 1999 the DR/FONSI was vacated and the proposal was remanded to the Vernal Field Office for the preparation of an EIS. A proposed

action for this EIS was received by the BLM on September 10, 1999.

Sally Wisely,
State Director.

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

[UT-912-00-0777-XQ]

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting of the Utah Resource Advisory Council.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management's Utah Statewide Resource Advisory Council meeting will be held on November 17-18, 1999, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide the Council with an overview of the Resource Advisory Council in Utah, its past accomplishments and activities, some Utah specifics, and an overview of BLM programs in general.

The meeting will be held at the Best Western Salt Lake Plaza Hotel, Aspen Rooms 1 and 2, 122 West South Temple. It is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on November 17 and conclude at noon on November 18. A public comment period, where members of the public may address the Council, is scheduled for 3:45 p.m. on November 17. All meetings of the BLM's Resource Advisory Council are open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sherry Foot, Special Programs Coordinator, Utah State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 324 South State Street, Salt Lake City, 84111; phone (801) 539-4195.

Dated: October 15, 1999.

Sally Wisely,

Utah BLM State Director.

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

[CA-170-1020-DH; Marble Creek, Allotment #6025]

Notice of Intent: To Amend the Bishop Resource Management Plan, Bishop Field Office, CA**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to consider amending the Bishop Resource

Management Plan (RMP) decision relating to season of use on the Marble Creek Allotment (#6025), Mono County, CA.

SUMMARY: The Marble Creek allotment lies on the alluvial fans on the west side and at the foot of the White Mountains, in the "Tri-Valley" area of Mono County, north of Bishop. It includes approximately 15,700 acres of public land. The current number of AUMs for the allotment is 845. At this time, there is no proposal to change the number of AUMs. The current season of use is year round. The proposal is to consider eliminating summer grazing. Sustained summer grazing may be inappropriate due to the vegetation, soils and climate of the allotment.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Final determination on the RMP amendment will be made using an environmental analysis following public comments.

Detailed information concerning the RMP amendment is available at the BLM Bishop Field Office, 785 N. Main St. Suite E, Bishop, Ca 93514 or by contacting Mark Gish at (760) 872-4881.

Comments: For a period of 45 days from the initial date of publication of this notice, interested parties may submit valid comments on the Bishop RMP amendment to the BLM Bishop Field Manager, 785 N. Main St. Suite E, Bishop, CA 93514.

Dated: October 15, 1999.

Steve Addington,

Field Manager, Bishop Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-170-1610-DH; CACA 41112]

Notice of Intent To Consider Amending the Bishop Resource Management Plan, Bishop Field Office, CA; Notice of R&PP Proposal: Bodie State Park, Mono County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to consider amending the Bishop Resource Management Plan's list of public land disposal parcels, adding 364± acres; and a Notice of Proposed Disposal under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act (R&PP) for the said 364 acres to the Bodie State Park in Mono County, CA.

SUMMARY: The town of Bodie is arguably the largest and best preserved ghost town in the western US. In 1962, the California State Parks acquired 500

acres of the town to create the Bodie State Park. The historic Bodie Mining District (including the town and surrounding areas) has been a National Historic Landmark since 1964 and lies at the center of the BLM's Bodie Bowl Area of Environmental Concern (ACEC).

Mineral exploration on BLM and private lands within the Bodie Bowl resumed in the 1980's. With passage of the Bodie Protection Act in 1994 and acquisition of over 500 acres of private lands by the Park, the ACEC was essentially closed to mineral development. Due to the history of cultural and industrial development within the Bodie Bowl ACEC, properties acquired by the Park do not form a cohesive whole. There are three outlying Park properties that are not connected to the main Park unit at all. There is a major wedge of federal land separating the newly acquired Park property from the main unit. There are also an unknown number of "slivers" of federal property scattered throughout the southern and eastern portion of the Park which were due to the nonconforming independent surveys submitted at the time of the mineral patent transfers from the public domain or which were bits of public domain that were never subject to patent. State Parks believes that management efforts and implementation of necessary limited improvements and safety measures could be streamlined if ownership patterns were adjusted and clarified through this proposed first phase of a Bodie property consolidation.

The proposed R&PP involves the following lands located within the Bodie Bowl Area of Environmental Concern and adjacent to Bodie State Park in the County of Mono, California:

Selected Federal Lands, to be Patented to Bodie State Park:

Mount Diablo Meridian, California,

- T. 4 N., R. 26 E.
 - A. All federal lands within the current boundary of Bodie SHP.
 - B. Section 9 All federal land in SE¹/₄NW¹/₄, E¹/₂SW¹/₄, W¹/₂NE¹/₄, SW¹/₄SE¹/₄, E¹/₂SE¹/₄SE¹/₄, and south of the Bodie Aurora Road in S¹/₂NE¹/₄NW¹/₄ and N¹/₂NE¹/₄, totaling about 208.5 ac (±).
 - C. Section 16 All federal land in NW¹/₄, WN¹/₄NE¹/₄, W¹/₂SW¹/₄, and NE¹/₄SW¹/₄, totaling about 89.6 ac (±).
 - D. Section 17 All federal land in SE¹/₄SE¹/₄, totaling about .023 ac (±).
 - E. Section 20 All federal land east of the Cottonwood Canyon Road in E¹/₂NE¹/₄ and NE¹/₄SE¹/₄, totaling about 38.7 ac (±).
 - F. Section 21 All federal land in W¹/₂NW¹/₄ and north of the cottonwood Canyon Road in NW¹/₄SW¹/₄, totaling about 27 ac (±).

Acres are approximate due to the possibility of other unmapped federal

lands within the boundaries of the existing State Historic Park and uncertain exterior boundaries.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Final determination on the R&PP proposal and the RMP amendment will be made using an environmental analysis following public comments. Public land within any Wilderness Study Area would not be involved in this proposal.

Upon publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**, the public lands described above are segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws for a period of 270 days from the date of publication. The segregative effect shall terminate as provided by 43 CFR 2711.1-2(d).

Detailed information concerning the RMP amendment and the proposed R&PP disposal is available at the BLM Bishop Field Office, 785 N. Main St. Suite E, Bishop, CA 93514 or by contacting Larry Primosch or Douglas Dodge at (760) 872-4881.

Comments

For a period of 45 days from the initial date of publication of this notice, interested parties may submit valid comments on the Bishop RMP amendment or the proposed R&PP disposal to the BLM Bishop Field Manager, 785 N. Main St. Suite E, Bishop, CA 93514. A public meeting will be held on Monday, November 8 at 6 pm in the town of Bridgeport to gather comments and help define the issues which must be addressed in the environmental analysis.

Dated: October 15, 1999.

Steve Addington,

Field Manager, Bishop Field Office.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act, Meeting Notice

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: United States International Trade Commission.

TIME AND DATE: October 28, 1999 at 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Room 101, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, Telephone: (202) 205-2000.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Agenda for future meeting: none.
2. Minutes.
3. Ratification List.
4. Inv. No. TA-201-70 (Injury Phase) (Circular Welded Carbon Quality Line