

identified needs for the EIS at this time is based on the continuing increase in the United States' demand for natural gas. Year round development will expedite delivery of trillions of cubic feet of natural gas and thousands of barrels of oil/condensate to the market. Identified benefits that may be derived from oil and gas development also include increased royalty and tax revenue to local, State and Federal governments and additional opportunities for employment and economic benefits at the local and regional level. This proposal meets the goals and objectives of the National Energy Policy.

#### **Anticipated Issues and Management Concerns**

Preliminary issues identified at this time include: (1) Paleontological, archaeological, historic and cultural resources; (2) wildlife, including big game species (mule deer, antelope, etc.); (3) Threatened and Endangered plant and animal species; (4) BLM sensitive species such as the greater sage-grouse; (5) surface and ground water resources; (6) transportation and road access; (7) vegetation (including the potential introduction of noxious weeds, short-term re-vegetation and rehabilitation of disturbed areas, and long-term establishment and stabilization of perennial vegetation through recommended reclamation measures); (8) air quality and existing scenic quality of the landscape; (9) socio-economic impact; and (10) potential for amendment to the Pinedale Resource Management Plan.

This list of preliminary issues is not final. Identification of additional issues and/or issue refinement through the public participation process is anticipated. Comments should address: (1) Issues to be considered for analysis; (2) reasonable alternatives; and (3) relevant information for consideration relating to the analysis of year-round field development in the PAPA. The EIS will consider comments and other issues/concerns raised during the scoping period in addition to those issues identified in this notice. The BLM may use the information collected during the scoping period to: (1) Develop/analyze appropriate mitigation as Conditions of Approval under which the proposed development may take place; (2) consider potential reasonable alternatives to the proposed action; or (3) both.

#### **Consistency With Land Use Plans, NEPA, and Potential Plan Amendments**

The Pinedale RMP/EIS revision is currently under development. The BLM

will ensure that its actions with respect to future decisions are consistent with the applicable laws and regulations. In the event the decision on this EIS includes an amendment to the existing Pinedale RMP, the amendment will be based on the following preliminary Planning Criteria: (1) The plan amendment will recognize the existence of valid existing rights; (2) lands covered in the RMP amendment will be public lands, which include federal mineral estate with private surface; (3) the BLM will use a collaborative and multi-jurisdictional approach, where possible, to jointly determine the desired future condition of public lands; (4) the BLM will make all possible attempts to ensure that its management prescriptions and amended planning actions are as complementary as possible to other planning jurisdictions, within the boundaries described by law and policy; (5) the BLM will consider the management prescriptions on adjoining lands to minimize inconsistent management and, to the extent possible, BLM will coordinate inventories, planning, and management programs with other federal, state, tribal, and local governments and agencies; (6) management prescriptions will focus on the relative values of resources and not necessarily the combination of uses that will give the greatest economic return or economic output; (7) to the extent possible, the BLM will use current scientific information, research, new technologies and the results of resource assessments, monitoring and coordination to determine appropriate local and regional management strategies that will enhance or recover impaired ecosystems; and (8) the plan amendment will be completed in compliance with FLPMA, NEPA, and all other relevant federal laws, executive orders and management policies of the BLM.

#### **Alternatives**

The BLM has identified three preliminary alternatives including the proposed action:

- The no action alternative which would continue to allow drilling and development subject to winter restrictions.
- An alternative that would provide for year-round drilling and development activities without winter restrictions.
- An alternative that would provide for limited year-round drilling and development activities combined with application of timing restrictions to only the most critical wildlife habitats.

#### **Site-Specific NEPA**

While this EIS is intended to analyze site-specific impacts, additional site-specific NEPA analysis and/or documentation may be required before individual activities are approved based on a review of the specific conditions and any new information on environmental effects not considered in existing NEPA documentation at the time activities are proposed.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

##### **Bureau of Land Management**

**[CO-923-1430-ET; COC-28810]**

##### **Public Land Order No. 7647; Revocation of 2 Secretarial Orders and 15 Executive Orders; Colorado**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Public land order.

**SUMMARY:** This order revokes 2 Secretarial Orders and 15 Executive Orders insofar as they affect approximately 1,189,600 acres of public lands, National Forest System lands, and patented lands with federally-reserved mineral interests which were withdrawn for coal classifications in Colorado. These lands are no longer needed for the purpose for which they were withdrawn. This order will open the public lands to surface entry and nonmetalliferous mining, the National Forest System lands to such forms of disposition as may by law be authorized on National Forest System lands and to nonmetalliferous mining, and the federally-reserved mineral interests to nonmetalliferous mining.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 21, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Doris E. Chelius, BLM Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, 303-230-3706.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** These withdrawals were made to protect the coal reserves for the United States. Coal was declared a leasable mineral by the Mineral Leasing Act and the protection from these withdrawals is no longer needed.

#### **Order**

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by section 204(a) of the Federal Land Policy and

Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (2000), it is ordered as follows:

1. The Secretarial Orders of July 26, 1906, and February 11, 1910, as amended, which withdrew public lands, National Forest System lands, and private lands with federally-reserved mineral interests in Colorado to protect the coal reserves, are hereby revoked in their entirety.

2. The Executive Orders of October 10, 1906, July 7, 1910 (Colorado No. 1), September 2, 1910 (Colorado No. 2), September 14, 1910 (Colorado No. 4), January 14, 1911 (Colorado No. 6), January 28, 1911 (Colorado No. 7), December 16, 1911 (Colorado No. 8), December 16, 1911 (Colorado No. 9), May 28, 1912 (Colorado No. 10), March 17, 1913 (Colorado No. 11), January 24, 1914 (Colorado No. 12), October 14, 1915 (Colorado No. 13), and July 16, 1918 (No. 2915), as amended, which withdrew public lands, National Forest System lands, and private lands with federally-reserved mineral interests to protect the coal reserves, are hereby revoked in their entirety.

3. The Executive Orders of October 12, 1910 (Colorado No. 5) and October 13, 1910 (Colorado No. 4), which withdrew public lands, National Forest System lands, and private lands with federally-reserved mineral interests to protect coal reserves, are hereby revoked only insofar as they affect lands in Colorado.

The lands referenced in Paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 aggregate approximately 1,189,600 acres in Adams, Arapahoe, Archuleta, Boulder, Chaffee, Costilla, Delta, Denver, Douglas, Elbert, El Paso, Freemont, Garfield, Grand, Gunnison, Huerfano, Jackson, Jefferson, La Plata, Larimer, Lincoln, Los Animas, Mesa, Moffat, Montezuma, Montrose, Morgan, Ouray, Park, Pitkin, Pueblo, Rio Blanco, Routt, Saguache, Summit, and Weld Counties, and in the Grand Mesa, Gunnison, Routt, White River, and Uncompahgre National Forests. Copies of the withdrawal orders are available in the Colorado State Office at the address shown above.

4. At 9 a.m. on November 21, 2005, the public lands and interest in lands identified in Paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 will be opened to the operation of the public land laws generally, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. All valid applications received at or after 9 a.m. on November 21, 2005, shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing.

5. At 9 a.m. on November 21, 2005, the National Forest System lands, the public lands, and the lands with federally-reserved mineral interests referenced in Paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 will be opened to nonmetalliferous location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. Appropriation of any of the lands described in this order under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38 (2000), shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determination in local courts.

6. At 9 a.m. on November 21, 2005, the National Forest System lands identified in Paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 shall be opened to such forms of disposition as may by law be authorized on National Forest System lands, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law.

Dated: September 29, 2005.

**Rebecca W. Watson,**

*Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CA 670 1232 FH]

#### Proposed Supplementary Rules on Public Land in California

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed supplementary rules.

**SUMMARY:** This notice contains proposed supplementary rules which will apply to the public lands within the Adaptive Management Area (AMA) in the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area (ISDRA) managed by the El Centro Field Office in Imperial County, California. This action is necessary in order to maintain viable populations of all native species, maintain habitat connectivity,

and provide high quality, unique, world-class, day-use, semi-primitive, motorized recreation opportunities for off-highway vehicle (OHV) activities and non-vehicular recreational activities throughout the Adaptive Management Area and Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area. We intend the supplementary rules to allow the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to manage AMA area in order to provide recreational opportunities while allowing for the conservation of habitat and plants and species of concern.

**DATES:** You should submit your comments by November 21, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified with the subject line "AMA Supplementary Rule," by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: [rloup@ca.blm.gov](mailto:rloup@ca.blm.gov). Include AMA Supplementary Rule in the subject line of the message.
- Fax: 760-337-4490, Attn: Chief Ranger Ray LeLoup.
- Mail: Bureau of Land Management, El Centro Field Office, 1661 S. 4th Street, El Centro, CA 92243, Attn: Chief Ranger Ray LeLoup.
- Hand Delivery / Courier: 1661 South 4th St., El Centro, CA 92243.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chief Ranger Ray LeLoup, 760-337-4475.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Procedures for Submitting Comments
- II. Background
- III. Discussion of the Supplementary Rules
- IV. Procedural Matters

#### I. Procedures for Submitting Comments

Written comments on the proposed rule should be specific, confined to issues pertinent to the proposed rule, and should explain the reason for any recommended change. Where possible, comments should reference the specific section or paragraph of the proposal that you are addressing. BLM need not consider or include in the Administrative Record for the final rule comments which BLM receives after the close of the comment period (See **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (See **ADDRESSES**).

Comments, including names, street addresses, and other contact information of respondents, will be available for public review at 1661 S. 4th St., El Centro, CA 92243 during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to request that BLM consider withholding your name, street address, and other contact