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Comment Due Date: Your comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before June 5, 2000.

Dated: March 28, 2000.

Michael E. Lincoln,
Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan and Receipt of an Application for a Permit for the Incidental Take of the Houston Toad (*Bufo houstonensis*) During Construction of One Single Family Residence on 0.5 Acres of the 4.55 Acres of Adjacent Lots 27 and 28 of the Pine Forest Subdivision, Unit 9, Block 2 and Lots 562 and 564 in the Tahitian Village Subdivision, Unit 2, Block 5, Bastrop County, TX

SUMMARY: Ray Don Tilley (Applicant) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for an incidental take permit pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The Applicant has been assigned permit number TE-023965-0. The requested permit, which is for a period of 5 years, would authorize the incidental take of the endangered Houston toad (*Bufo houstonensis*). The proposed take would occur as a result of the construction and occupation of one single family residence on 0.5 acres of the 4.55 acres of adjacent Lots 27 and 28 of the Pine Forest Subdivision, Unit 9, Block 2 and Lots 562 and 564 of the Tahitian Village Subdivision, Unit 2, Block 5, Bastrop County, Texas.

The Service has prepared the Environmental Assessment/Habitat Conservation Plan (EA/HCP) for the incidental take application. A determination of jeopardy to the species or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will not be made until at least 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

DATES: Written comments on the application should be received on or before May 8, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the application may obtain a copy by writing to the Regional Director, U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103. Persons wishing to review the EA/HCP may obtain a copy by contacting Scott Rowin, Ecological Services Field Office, 10711 Burnet Road, Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78758 (512/490-0063). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (8 to 4:30) at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Austin, Texas. Written data or comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted to the Field Supervisor, Ecological Services Field Office, Austin, Texas, at the above address. Please refer to permit number TE-023965-0 when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott Rowin at the above Austin Ecological Services Field Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of endangered species such as the Houston toad. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

Applicant: Ray Don Tilley plans to construct a single family residence on 0.5 acres of the 4.55 acres of adjacent Lots 27 and 28 of the Pine Forest Subdivision, Unit 9, Block 2 and Lots 562 and 564 of the Tahitian Village Subdivision, Unit 2, Block 5, Bastrop County, Texas. This action will eliminate 0.5 acres or less and result in indirect impacts within the lot. The applicant proposes to compensate for this incidental take of the Houston toad by providing \$1,500 to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the specific purpose of land acquisition and management within Houston toad habitat, as identified by the Service.

Geoffrey L. Haskett,

Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY/PL-00/012+1310]

South Baggs Area Natural Gas Development Project

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the South Baggs Area Natural Gas Project (Project). The FEIS analyzes the environmental consequences of Merit Energy Company's (Merit) proposal to drill up to fifty (50) additional natural gas wells in the Project area over the next 10 years. The Project area encompasses approximately 12,352 acres of Federal, State, and private lands located approximately 3 miles west of the town of Baggs in Carbon County, Wyoming, within the administrative jurisdiction of the BLM Rawlins Field Office. Approximately 43 oil and gas wells have been drilled within the Project area to date.

DATES: Written comments on the FEIS will be accepted for 30 days following the date that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes their notice of availability of the FEIS in the **Federal Register**. The EPA notice is expected to be published April 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: Larry Jackson, Team Leader, Rawlins Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1300 N. Third Street, P.O. Box 2407, Rawlins, Wyoming 82301, or e-mail to: rawlins_wymail@blm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry Jackson, phone 307-328-4231.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Project FEIS analyzes the impacts of drilling from 40 (Alternative A) to 90 (Alternative B) natural gas wells, along with constructing access roads, pipelines, and other ancillary facilities (compressor station, water disposal sites, etc.) on 10,067 acres of Federal land and 2,285 acres of non-Federal lands. The exact numbers of additional wells, the locations of those wells, and the timing for drilling them are contingent upon drilling success, production technology, and economic considerations. The No Action Alternative analyzes the current level of drilling and development (43 wells) in the South Baggs Project area.

If you wish to comment on the FEIS, we request you make your comments as specific as possible. Comments will be more helpful if they include suggested changes, sources, or methodologies. Opinions or preference will not receive a formal response; however, BLM will consider them in its decision.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address listed above during regular

business hours (7:45 a.m.–4:30 p.m.) Monday through Friday, except holidays. 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 or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: March 30, 2000.

Alan L. Kesterke,

Associate State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY–040–00–1310–EJ]

Jonah Field Environmental Assessment, Sublette County, WY

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of an Environmental Assessment (EA) addressing impacts associated with a modification to development of the Jonah Field, as approved by the Jonah II Natural Gas Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: This Environmental Assessment addresses modifications to the April 27, 1998, Record of Decision (ROD) for the Jonah Field II Natural Gas Project (EIS). In that ROD, BLM approved development of the Jonah Field at one gas well per 80 acres. Project proponents, McMurtry Oil Company and Amoco Production Company, have requested BLM approval to develop the east half of the field at one well per 40 acres.

At this point, the analysis of the proposed project modification has resulted in a finding of no significant impact (FONSI). Should new or additional information be provided during the public review and comment period on the EA that would identify significant impacts resulting from the proposed project modification, the EA will become the draft supplemental EIS. Subsequently, a final EIS and ROD would be issued. The public will be notified through newspaper articles and a subsequent **Federal Register** notice, if

significant impacts are identified and if the EA process will be replaced with the EIS process. If the FONSI is not reversed, the decision record for the EA will be prepared and issued.

DATES: Public comments concerning this proposed project modification will be accepted for 45 days following the date this notice is published in the **Federal Register**. Copies of the EA will have been distributed by mail to local media and known interested parties on or before the date this notice is published.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: Bureau of Land Management, Rock Springs Field Office, ATTN: Arlan Hiner, Project Manager, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Arlan Hiner, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Rock Springs Field Office, Telephone 307–352–0206. Information and a copy of the Jonah Field Natural Gas Project Modification EA can be obtained from Mr. Hiner at the above phone number or from the following BLM offices: Rock Springs Field Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901; Pinedale Field Office, 432 East Mill Street, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941; and Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Jonah Field Natural Gas Project is located approximately 32 miles south of Pinedale, Wyoming, and 28 miles north of Farson, Wyoming, within Townships 28 and 29 North, Ranges 107, 108, and 109 West, Sublette County. The 29,200 acre project area includes 26,640 acres of Federally-owned surface and minerals, 640 acres of privately-owned surface over Federally-owned minerals, and 1,920 acres of surface and minerals owned by the State of Wyoming. Currently, 170 active gas wells, out of 497 wells approved in the Jonah II EIS ROD, have been drilled in the project area.

The project proponents would like to proceed with drilling gas wells in the east half of the project area at a 40 acre spacing (16 wells per section), beginning in the summer of 2000. They expect that drilling 497 wells will allow them to adequately extract the natural gas. There are 170 wells located within the Jonah Field, which are served by three transportation pipelines. This field development modification will not require any additional transportation pipelines. The proposed development modification would include a separator, dehydrator, production tanks, and tin horns (for holding produced water) at

each surface well location; an access road and gas gathering pipeline to each surface well location; water supply wells; and produced water disposal systems (either injection wells or surface pits).

The companies will be allowed to continue to drill wells at 80 acre spacing, as approved by the ROD for the Jonah II EIS, until the decision on the development modification is made.

Dated: March 29, 2000.

Alan R. Pierson,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA–160–1430–ET; CACA 7820]

Public Land Order No. 7435; Revocation of Public Land Order No. 460; California; Correction

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Correction.

SUMMARY: In **Federal Register** document 00–7213 beginning on page 15648 in the issue of Thursday, March 23, 2000, make the following correction:

On page 15648 in the second column, the section and subdivision which reads “Sec. 14, N $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{4}$ ” is hereby corrected to read “Sec. 14, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ”.

Dated: March 29, 2000.

Duane Marti,

Acting Chief, Branch of Lands (CA–931).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

30 Day Notice of Request for Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of submission to OMB and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104–13), this notice announces the National Park Service’s (NPS) intention to request an extension for a currently approved information collection request used in the Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program administered by the NPS.