

2002. That NRDA Plan was released in accordance with the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Regulations found at Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulation Part 11.

Interested members of the public are invited to review and comment on the Draft Study Plan. Copies of the Draft Study Plan are available from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's New York Field Office at 3817 Luker Road, Cortland, New York 13045.

Additionally, the Draft Study Plan is available on the FWS Hudson River NRDA Web site at: <http://www.fws.gov/contaminants/restorationplans/HudsonRiver/HudsonRiver.cfm>. All comments received on the Draft Study Plan will be considered and a response provided either through revision of the Study Plan and incorporated into the Final Study Plan or by letter to the commentor. The Trustees will also prepare a Responsiveness Summary responding to public comments that will be released to the public.

Author: The primary author of this notice is Ms. Kathryn Jahn, New York Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 3817 Luker Road, Cortland, NY 13045.

Authority: The authority for this action is the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*).

Dated: February 21, 2006.

Marvin E. Moriarty,

Regional Director, Region 5, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UTU-84198]

Notice of Invitation To Participate in a Coal Exploration Program

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is an invitation to participate in a Coal Exploration program. Ark Land Company has filed the application for the Muddy Canyon Tract. All qualified parties are invited to participate with Ark Land Company on a pro rata cost sharing basis in its program for the exploration of certain Federal coal deposits in the following described lands in Sevier County, Utah:

T. 20 S., R. 5 E., SLM, Utah
Sec. 31, W¹/₂SW¹/₄;

T. 21 S., R. 4 E., SLM, Utah
Sec. 1, all;
Sec. 11, E¹/₂E¹/₂;
Sec. 12, N¹/₂, SW¹/₄, W¹/₂SE¹/₄;
Sec. 13, W¹/₂NE¹/₄, NW¹/₄;
Sec. 14, E¹/₂NE¹/₄;

T. 21 S., R. 5 E., SLM, Utah
Sec. 6, all.

Containing 1,848.62 acres.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Buge, Salt Lake City, Bureau of Land Management, (801) 539-4086.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice of such election to the Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145, and to Mark Bunnell, Mine Geologist, Ark Land Company, Skyline Mine, HC 35 Box 380, Helper, Utah 84526. BLM must receive your written notice within thirty days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Any party wishing to participate in this exploration program must be qualified to hold a lease under the provisions of 43 CFR 3472.1 and must share all cost on a pro rata basis. An exploration plan submitted by Ark Land Company, detailing the scope and timing of this exploration program is available for public review during normal business hours in the public room of the BLM State Office, 440 W. 200 S., Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah, under serial number UTU-84198.

Kent Hoffman,

Deputy State Director, Lands and Minerals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-610-1610-DP]

Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision, West Mojave Plan, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) management policies, the BLM announces approval of the West Mojave (WEMO) Plan and Record of Decision (ROD). The approved WEMO Plan/ROD amends the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan by providing management direction for approximately 3.3 million acres of public lands administered by the BLM's

California Desert District, located in Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino Counties in southern California. Approval of the WEMO Plan/ROD terminates all interim measures identified in the *Consent Decree in Center for Biological Diversity, et al. v. BLM* (C-00-0927 WHA (JCS)) with regard to the West Mojave Planning area.

DATES: The approved WEMO Plan is effective upon signing of the ROD.

ADDRESSES: The WEMO Plan/ROD is available on the BLM Web site, <http://www.ca.blm.gov>. Copies of the WEMO Plan/ROD are also available upon request from the District Manager, California Desert District Office, located at 22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553. Copies may be examined at the District Office in Moreno Valley, and at BLM's Ridgecrest Field Office, located at 300 S. Richmond Road, Ridgecrest CA 93555, and Barstow Field Office located at 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow CA 92311, during regular business hours from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Razo, California Desert District, at (951) 697-5217.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The approved WEMO Plan is associated with a multi-jurisdictional habitat conservation plan (HCP), encompassing 9.3 million acres in Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino counties, to be conducted under the lead jurisdiction of San Bernardino County and the City of Barstow. The ROD approves only the WEMO Plan, which applies to the Federal lands managed by BLM. Approval of the HCP is dependent on future local government actions.

An approved WEMO Plan and HCP will provide a streamlined program for public agencies and private parties to comply with requirements of the State and Federal Endangered Species Acts.

BLM, San Bernardino County, the City of Barstow, and many other entities cooperated or participated in the WEMO Plan's development. Those entities include three other counties, 10 other cities, the California Department of Fish and Game, the California Department of Transportation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, four U.S. military bases, and numerous non-governmental organizations and businesses. Extensive public involvement occurred during scoping, draft WEMO Plan/EIS, and proposed WEMO Plan/Final EIS reviews.

BLM's approval of the WEMO Plan/ROD enables BLM, its partners, and its stakeholders to begin implementing