

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

[AK-930-5420-FR-L035; FF-94661 & FF-94662]

Notice of Applications for Recordable Disclaimers of Interest for Lands Underlying Fish Lake and Mark Creek in Alaska**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.**SUMMARY:** The State of Alaska has filed applications for recordable disclaimers of interest in certain lands underlying the Fish Lake and Mark Creek in Alaska by the United States.**DATES:** Comments on the State of Alaska's applications should be submitted on or before July 12, 2006. Comments on the BLM Draft Land Report should be submitted on or before June 12, 2006.**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to the Chief, Branch of Lands and Realty, BLM Alaska State Office, 222 West 7th Avenue #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**Callie Webber at 907-271-3167 or you may visit the BLM recordable disclaimer of interest Web site at <http://www.ak.blm.gov>.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 22, 2005, the State of Alaska (State) filed applications for recordable disclaimers of interest pursuant to Section 315 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the regulations contained in 43 CFR Subpart 1864 for lands underlying Fish Lake (FF-94661), approximately 690 acres, and Mark Creek (FF-94662), approximately 11 miles in length. Fish Lake and Mark Creek are both located within the Tanana River region of Alaska. A recordable disclaimer of interest, if issued, will confirm the United States has no valid interest in the subject lands. The notice is intended to notify the public of the pending applications and the State's grounds for supporting it. The State asserts that Fish Lake and Mark Creek are navigable and under the Equal Footing Doctrine, Submerged Lands Act of 1953, Alaska Statehood Act, and the Submerged Lands Act of 1988, ownership of these submerged lands automatically passed from the United States to the State at the time of statehood in 1959.

The State's application for Fish Lake (FF-94661) is for "all submerged lands lying below the ordinary high water line of Fish Lake within Townships 13 and

14 North, Range 19 East, Copper River Meridian, Alaska." The State's application for Mark Creek (FF-94662) is for "all submerged lands lying within the bed of Mark Creek, and the interconnected unnamed lake system, between the ordinary high water lines of the left and right banks, from its origins within Township 13 North, Range 20 East, Copper River Meridian, Alaska downstream through the interconnected unnamed lake system to its confluence with the Chisana River in Township 14 North, Range 19 East, Copper River Meridian, Alaska". The State did not identify any known adverse claimant or occupant of the affected lands.

A final decision on the merits of the applications will not be made before July 12, 2006. During the 90-day period, interested parties may comment upon the State's applications, FF-94661 and FF-94662, and supporting evidence. Interested parties may comment on the evidentiary evidence presented in the BLM's Draft Land Report on or before June 12, 2006.

Comments, including names and street addresses of commenters, will be available for public review at the Alaska State Office (see address above), during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to hold your name or address from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. 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.

Dated: February 28, 2006.

Russell D. Blome,*Acting Chief, Branch of Lands and Realty.*

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[CO-922-06-1310-FI; COC64228]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of proposed reinstatement of terminated oil and gas lease.**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188(d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3(a) and (b)(1), the Bureau of

Land Management (BLM) received a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease COC64228 from Elm Ridge Exploration Company, LLC for lands in Moffat County, Colorado. The petition was filed on time and was accompanied by all the rentals due since the date the lease terminated under the law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Land Management, Milada Krasilinec, Land Law Examiner, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication, at 303-239-3767.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 \$155 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 COC64228 effective December 1, 2005, under the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

Dated: April 6, 2006.

Milada Krasilinec,*Land Law Examiner.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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[CA–180–06–1430–EQ; CACA 46909]

Notice of Realty Action; Non-Competitive Land Use Authorization for Public Lands in Yuba County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee has submitted a written proposal to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to utilize portions of the following described lands in Yuba County, California for the purposes of constructing and operating a training facility for heavy equipment operators:

T. 16 N., R. 5 E., Mount Diablo Meridian
Sec. 27, Lots 4, 5, and 12,
S½N½NE¼SW¼, S½NE¼SW¼.

The BLM has reviewed the proposal and has determined that the land would be suitable for a non-competitive land use authorization under the provisions of Section 302 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act.

DATES: Interested parties may submit comments in writing to BLM at the address below not later than May 15, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management, Field Office Manager, Folsom Field Office, 63 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jodi Lawson, Realty Specialist, at address given above, or by telephone at (916) 985–4474.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposal is to utilize 57 acres of public land for the construction and operation of an apprenticeship training center for heavy equipment operators. The training center would consist of two 2,400 square-foot stationary buildings, one for maintenance and one for equipment/vehicle washing; and five portable trailers that would serve as classrooms, a restroom, and an administrative building. The training center would require approximately 9,500 square feet of unpaved parking and unpaved roads connecting the parking area to Hammonton Road. Approximately 20 pieces of heavy equipment would be stored on-site within the unpaved parking area which would be fenced to control access and prevent unauthorized entry.

The training center would provide training opportunities in 6-week classes with 20 students at a time. Students would be trained in the use of heavy equipment in rock, sand and gravel operations. The center would also offer 2-week classes for upgrading journeyman equipment operator's skills.

BLM has assessed the proposal and determined the proposed use would be in conformance with the Sierra Planning Area Management Framework Plan, under 43 CFR 1610.8. The site is suitable for the requested land use due to past industrial mining operations that has previously severely disturbed the environment on most of the site. A non-competitive land use authorization may be employed due to the absence of any competitive interest past or present for use of the land for such a purpose.

An environmental analysis was completed in connection with the proposal. The analysis indicated the project would have positive economic impacts and no significant environmental impacts.

Yuba County, in which the area is located, is one of the more economically depressed counties in California. Nearly 21% of the county's population lives below the poverty line and per capita income is one third less than the state average. Projects with positive economic impacts are highly sought after by local government. For this reason and others, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors supports the project and has passed two resolutions indicating their support of the project.

Environmental impacts are benign due largely to the fact that the area in which heavy equipment would be

operated has previously been mined. The land was mined by large gold dredges that literally turned the landscape upside down.

On October 13, 2005 a public meeting was held in Marysville, California to discuss the project and the environmental assessment. The meeting was attended by over 120 people. Twenty-five speakers spoke in favor, one in opposition. One speaker spoke in favor but asked for minor amendments to the project specifications. Two current members of the Yuba County Board of Supervisors and one past board member made comments in favor of the project. Six written comments were provided to the BLM at the public meeting, all but one was in support. The letter of opposition was from Western Aggregates, L.L.C. a mining company with substantial interests in this area.

The 45-day public comment period on the environmental assessment yielded five public comments. One was extensive and critical of the environmental assessment. It was provided by the attorney for Western Aggregates, L.L.C. A comment letter was received from the Corps of Engineers which pointed out their omission as an agency with an interest in the area, and a letter was received from the State of California indicating compliance with California State Clearinghouse procedures. The final two comment letters were from individuals supporting the project, though one letter requested certain mitigation measures.

Following publication of this notice, and pursuant to the regulations at 43 CFR part 2920, BLM will accept for processing an application filed by the Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 Joint Apprenticeship Training Center for a non-competitive land use authorization for the above described public land for use as proposed herein. Copies of the environmental analysis of this proposed action are available for review at the Folsom Field Office.

Comments on BLM's determination of the availability and suitability of the subject lands for the proposed use described herein and its decision to accept an application from the Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee for a non-competitive land use authorization may be submitted to the BLM at the address stated above within 30 days following publication of this notice. All comments will be evaluated by the BLM Folsom Field Office Manager prior to making a final decision on whether or not to authorize use of the property for a heavy equipment operator training area.