

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and 43 CFR part 3809, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Butte Field Office will be directing the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) by a third-party contractor on the potential impacts of a proposed Plan of Operations for a proposed expansion of limestone mining operations by Graymont Western U.S., Inc.

DATES: This Notice initiates the 30-day public scoping period. Within 30 days of the publication of this Notice, public scoping meetings will be held in Townsend and Helena, Montana to familiarize the public with the project and to identify issues and concerns to be addressed in the EIS. The date, time, and location of each scoping meeting will be announced through the local news media, newsletters, and the BLM Web site at <http://www.mt.blm.gov/Butte> at least 15 days prior to the event. Any additional public meetings, if necessary, will be announced similarly. Comments on issues can also be submitted in writing to the address listed below for 30 days after publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**. In addition to the initial public participation process, formal opportunities for public participation will be provided upon publication of the Draft EIS.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: david_r_williams@blm.gov, gHallsten@mt.gov.
- Fax: (406) 533-7660 (BLM), (406) 444-4386 (Department of Environmental Quality).
- Mail: Send to the attention of the Graymont Mine Project Manager, BLM Butte Field Office, 106 North Parkmont, Butte, MT 59701 or Greg Hallsten, Director's Office, Montana Department of Environmental Quality, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address of the BLM Butte Field Office during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EIS. Anonymous comments will not be considered. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly

available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Williams or Joan Gabelman, at the BLM Butte Field Office, 106 North Parkmont, Butte, Montana 59701, telephone: (406) 533-7600 or Greg Hallsten at the Director's Office, Montana Department of Environmental Quality, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901, telephone: (406) 444-3276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Graymont Western U.S., Inc. has submitted a proposal to expand limestone mining operations at its Indian Creek Mine and Plant located approximately four miles west of Townsend, Montana. The mine expansion would include portions of sections 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, and 34, T. 7 N. R. 1 E. and portions of sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 16, 17, 20, 21, 28, and 29, T. 6 N., R. 1 E. The proposed expansion would be a continuation to the south of Graymont's existing permitted operations in the Limestone Hills. The mine expansion would include quarry areas, topsoil salvage areas, haul roads and waste rock placement areas, and concurrent reclamation. Approximately 2,060 acres of public land would be disturbed, of which 1,000 acres are represented by this proposed expansion. The remaining 1,060 acres have been previously permitted. Proposed mining operations would last for approximately 50 years.

The issues expected to be analyzed in the EIS include potential impacts to the Montana National Guard's training range, including Unexploded Ordnance (UXO), which is present in the proposed expansion area wildlife and cultural resources, and cumulative impacts. In addition, the EIS will analyze the following: geology and minerals; Native American religious concerns; air quality; paleontology; lands and realty; fisheries and aquatic resources; range management; vegetation; soils; visual resources; recreation and wilderness; weeds; social and economic values; environmental justice; and threatened, endangered, candidate, and sensitive resources. A range of alternatives (including, but not limited to, alternative reclamation measures and the no-action alternative) will be developed to address the issues.

Mitigating measures will be considered to minimize environmental impacts and to assure that the proposed action does not result in unnecessary or undue degradation of public lands. Federal, state, and local agencies and other individuals or organizations that may be interested in or affected by BLM's decision on Graymont's Plan of Operations are invited to participate in the scoping process with respect to this EIS.

Authority: 43 CFR part 3809.

Richard M. Hotaling,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-923-1310-FI; WYW138450]

WYOMING: 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 from Kennedy Oil for competitive oil and gas lease WYW138450 for land in Johnson County, Wyoming. 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, Pamela J. Lewis, Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication, at (307) 775-6176.

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 16⅓ percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$163 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 Sections 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 WYW138450 effective March 1, 2006, under the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited

above. BLM has not issued a valid lease affecting the lands.

Pamela J. Lewis,
Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-923-1310-FI; WYW129550]

Wyoming: 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 from Dominion Exploration & Production, Inc. for competitive oil and gas lease WYW129550 for land in Johnson County, Wyoming. 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, Pamela J. Lewis, Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication, at (307) 775-6176.

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 16⅓ percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$163 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 Sections 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 WYW129550 effective July 1, 2006, under the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above. BLM has not issued a valid lease affecting the lands.

Pamela J. Lewis,
Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-931-1430-ET; AZAR 0034563]

Public Land Order No. 7675; Transfer of Administrative Jurisdiction, Petrified Forest National Park Expansion; Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

SUMMARY: This order transfers administrative jurisdiction over 15,228.05 acres of public lands from the Bureau of Land Management to the National Park Service for the expansion of the Petrified Forest National Park.

DATES: *Effective Date:* May 18, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael J. Werner, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, One N. Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public Law 108-430 directs the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction of public lands described in this order to the National Park Service to adjust the boundary of the Petrified Forest National Park.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Public Law No. 108-430, 118 Stat. 2607, and Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (2000), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, administrative jurisdiction of the following described public lands is hereby transferred from the Bureau of Land Management to the National Park Service:

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

- T. 17 N., R. 23 E.,
Sec. 4, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S½N½, and S½; sec. 6, lots 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7, S½NE¼, SE¼NW¼, E½SW¼, and SE¼; sec. 12.
T. 18 N., R. 23 E.,
Sec. 14, N½NE¼; sec. 22; sec. 28, W½; sec. 34, S½.
T. 18 N., R. 24 E.,
Sec. 10, E½; sec. 12, N½ and S½SW¼.
T. 18 N., R. 25 E.,
Sec. 6, lots 3 to 7, inclusive, S½NE¼, and SE¼NW¼; sec. 18, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, E½, and E½W½; sec. 30, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, E½, and E½W½.
T. 19 N., R. 23 E.,
Sec. 22, N½, SW¼, and W½SE¼; sec. 28.
T. 19 N., R. 24 E.,
Secs. 22, 24, and 26;
T. 19 N., R. 25 E.,
Sec. 2, lot 1, SE¼NE¼, SE¼SW¼, and SE¼; sec. 5, W½SW¼; sec. 6, lots 7, 12, 14, 15, and 16, E½SW¼, and SE¼; sec. 7, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, E½, and

E½W½; secs. 8, 9, and 10; sec. 11, That portion lying North and West of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company's right-of-way;

Excepting that portion described as follows: *Commencing* at the Southwest corner of sec. 35, T. 20 N., R. 25 E., Gila and Salt River Meridian; Thence South 00° 03' 30" West along the southerly prolongation of the westerly line of said Section 35, a distance of 6,300 feet; Thence South 89° 56' 30" East 50.00 feet to the True Point of Beginning of the parcel being herein described; Thence continuing South 89° 56' 30" East 200.00 feet; Thence South 00° 03' 30" West 250.00 feet; Thence South 89° 56' 30" West 200.00 feet; Thence North 00° 03' 30" East 250.00 feet to the *point of ending*, Containing 1.15 acres, more or less;

Sec. 15, That portion lying North and West of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company's right-of-way; secs. 16 and 17; sec. 18, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, E½, and E½W½; sec. 19, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, E½, and E½W½; sec. 20; sec. 21, That portion lying North and West of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company's right-of-way; sec. 29, That portion lying North and West of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company's right-of-way.

The areas described aggregate 15,228.05 acres in Apache and Navajo Counties.

2. The lands described in Paragraph 1 shall be administered as part of the Petrified Forest National Park in accordance with the provisions of Public Law 108-430.

Dated: April 5, 2007.

C. Stephen Allred,

Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-340-1220-NY-254B]

Notice of Temporary Off-Highway Vehicle Restriction

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Subpart 8364.1, § 8341.2 and § 9268.3, notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Salmon Field Office will temporarily restrict motorized access on approximately 50 acres of public lands within an area known as "Tower Bottoms."

DATES: The temporary restriction will take effect immediately with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, and will continue for up to