

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

[WY-923-1310-FI; WYW157243]

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 Rocky Mountain Land & Leasing LLC for competitive oil and gas lease WYW157243 for land in Lincoln 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 16⅔ percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$163.00 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 WYW157243 effective February 1, 2007, 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.

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

[OR-930-6310-PN-LITU; HAG 07-0141]

Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision To Amend Resource Management Plans To Remove the Survey and Manage Mitigation Measure Standards and Guidelines

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.
ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA, 43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) to amend selected portions of the 1994 Record of Decision for the Northwest Forest Plan by removing the Survey and Manage Mitigation Measure Standards and Guidelines. The ROD amends Resource Management Plans for the BLM Districts in western Oregon and northwestern California. The U.S. Forest Service is expected to concurrently announce a similar decision amending their respective Land and Resource Management Plans.

Under the Northwest Forest Plan, Survey and Manage added conservation measures for rare and little known species to BLM and U.S. Forest Service requirements for providing for late successional and old growth forest-related species. These Survey and Manage Standards and Guidelines had made it difficult for the BLM and the U.S. Forest Service to meet the other resource management goals set forth in the Northwest Forest Plan (*i.e.* timber harvest, hazardous fuels treatment, and ecosystem restoration). Although the Survey and Manage Standards and Guidelines are removed with this decision, conservation of rare and little known species will continue to be accomplished through the other elements of the Northwest Forest Plan and the BLM and U.S. Forest Service's Special Status Species Programs.

ADDRESSES: The Requests to receive copies of the ROD should be sent to Carol Hughes, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208-3623, or submit e-mail to ORSMSEIS@blm.gov. Alternatively, the ROD is available on the Internet at <http://www.reo.gov/s-m2006>. Copies will be available for inspection after August 3, 2007 at BLM offices in western Oregon and northwestern California. Copies of the Draft, Supplement to the Draft, and Final

Supplement to the 2004 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement are also available at the above address and on the Internet.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Haske, Chief, Branch of Forest Resources and Special Status Species, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, OR 97208, telephone (503) 808-6066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In June 2007, the BLM and U.S. Forest Service released a Final Supplement to the 2004 Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) to Remove or Modify the Survey and Manage Mitigation Measure Standards and Guidelines. The Final Supplement presented the entire 2004 analysis, updated for new information and supplemented to include:

- Responses to three deficiencies identified in August 2005 by the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington, and;
- An additional alternative to respond to implications of a November 2006 decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit relative to the red tree vole on the BLM's Cow Catcher and Cottonsnake Timber Sales in Oregon.

The analysis covered 337 species of fungi, bryophytes, lichens, mollusks, vascular plants, and 7 species of vertebrates. The analysis showed that, compared to the No Action Alternatives, 53 species would have insufficient habitat in all or a portion of their Northwest Forest Plan range to support stable populations. However, the analysis points out that these species are generally either secure in other areas of their range or that State Heritage programs do not rate them imperiled enough to qualify for the BLM and U.S. Forest Service's Special Status Species Programs. The analysis also shows the selected alternative improves the BLM and U.S. Forest Service's ability to achieve other Northwest Forest Plan objectives.

Based on the Final Supplement, a similar and nearly simultaneous decision is expected from the Department of Agriculture affecting 19 National Forest Land and Resource Management Plans, but the Department of the Interior decision is not dependent upon it.

Four alternatives were considered in detail in the Final Supplement. In addition to two action alternatives, two no-action alternatives were included to examine Survey and Manage both with and without changes made by the prescribed 2001, 2002, and 2003 Annual Species Reviews. These reviews were