

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****[CO-800;1920-PP-4070]****Northern San Juan Basin Coal Bed Methane Development Project, CO**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior and U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture (Joint Lead Agencies).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Federal Land Policy Management Act of 1976 and other regulatory requirements, the Joint Lead Agencies announce the availability of the Northern San Juan Basin Coal Bed Methane Development Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for coal bed natural gas development in the northern portion of the San Juan Basin, in La Plata and Archuleta Counties, Colorado. The Joint Lead Agencies have prepared the FEIS to provide agency decision makers and the public with comprehensive environmental impact information on which to base coal bed natural gas project development decisions.

**DATES:** The FEIS will be available until September 11, 2006, before any final project determinations will be made.

**ADDRESSES:** Questions, requests for copies of the FEIS, or new information that is relevant to project decision making may be sent by mail to the San Juan Public Lands Center, 15 Burnett Court, Durango, CO 81301, Attn: Walt Brown, or by E-mail to: [nsjb-feis@arcadis-us.com](mailto:nsjb-feis@arcadis-us.com) by September 11, 2006. The FEIS is also available on the Internet at <http://nsjb-eis.net/>.

Names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the San Juan Public Lands Center, 15 Burnett Court, Durango, Colorado, during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 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 of officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Walt Brown or Jim Powers at the above address, or phone: 970-385-1304.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FEIS analyzes industry's gas field development proposal (approximately two hundred sixty-two new wells) and four other alternatives in a 125,000-acre Study Area in the Northern San Juan Basin of Colorado. The Study Area occupies portions of La Plata and Archuleta Counties, and is bounded on the south by the Southern Ute Reservation and on the west, north and east by the arcing line of the base of the Pictured Cliffs sandstone.

The Study Area consists of approximately 7,000 acres of BLM administered land, 49,000 acres of U.S. Forest Service administered land, 9,000 acres of private lands with federal minerals and 60,000 acres of state or privately held (fee) lands with non-federal minerals.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****[MT-919-1990-NU-021E]****Notice of Supplementary Rules for Public Land in South Dakota**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Direct final supplementary rules.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) South Dakota Field Office is publishing supplementary rules for public lands in the Fort Meade Recreation Area in the state of South Dakota. The rules are needed in order to protect the area's natural resources and provide for public health and safety. The rules are based on existing regulations and address use, camping and occupancy, vehicles and off-road vehicles, conduct, firearms and permits. The supplementary rules promote consistency between BLM and other natural resource agencies including the South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Department.

**DATES:** These supplementary rules are effective October 10, 2006 without further action, unless adverse comment is received by September 11, 2006. If adverse comment is received, BLM will publish a timely withdrawal of the

supplementary rules in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed or hand-delivered to the Office of Law Enforcement, BLM, Montana/Dakotas State Office, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, MT 59107-6800.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bart Fitzgerald, Special Agent in Charge, Montana/Dakotas State Office, (406) 896-5183. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may contact this individual by calling the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at (800) 877-8339, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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**I. Procedures for Submitting Comments**

Written comments on the direct final rule should be specific, confined to issues pertinent to the direct final rule, and should explain the reason for any recommended change. Where possible, comments should reference the specific section or paragraph of the supplementary rules that you are addressing. BLM may not necessarily consider or include in the Administrative Record for the final rule comments which BLM receives after the close of the comment period (See **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (See **ADDRESSES**).

Comments, including names, streets addresses, and other contact information of respondents, will be available for public review at the Montana/Dakotas State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, MT, from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to request that BLM consider withholding your name, street address, and other contact information (such as: Internet address, FAX or phone number) from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. BLM will honor requests for confidentiality on a case-by-case basis to the extent allowed by law. BLM will make available for public inspection in their entirety all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses.

**II. Background**

BLM is publishing these supplementary rules in order to promote