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Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-050-1430-ER; N-79203]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Virgin and Muddy Rivers Surface Water Development Project

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

Cooperating Agency: Cooperating agencies will be identified in the notice of availability when published.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Las Vegas Field Office, will be directing the preparation of an EIS for the Virgin and Muddy Rivers Surface Water Development pipeline and associated facilities and initiate the public scoping process.

DATES: The scoping comment period will commence on April 11, 2005, and will end on June 10, 2005. Comments on the scope of the EIS, including concerns, issues, or proposed alternatives that should be considered should be submitted in writing to the address below, and will be accepted throughout the scoping period. This scoping notice will be distributed by mail on or about the date of this notice. All scoping meetings will be announced 15 days in advance through the local news media, newsletters, and the BLM Web site at <http://nv.blm.gov>.

ADDRESSES: Please mail written comments to the BLM, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130-2301, (fax (702) 515-5023). Comments submitted, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Las Vegas Field Office during regular business hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name and address from public review or 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, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to have your name added to the EIS mailing list, contact Michael N. Johnson at the Las Vegas Field Office (see address above), telephone (702) 515-5117; e-mail Michael.Johnson@nv.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Virgin and Muddy Rivers Surface Water Development Project is proposed by the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA), and would be located in northeastern Clark County, Nevada. The proposed project would develop and convey existing surface water rights owned by the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) from the Virgin and Muddy Rivers to the Las Vegas Valley. SNWA holds permits for an average annual diversion of 113,000 acre-feet per year from the Virgin River, with a permitted point of diversion at Halfway Wash and a diversion period of October through May of each year. SNWA also owns and continues to purchase shares of the Muddy Valley Irrigation Company, which equate to permitted rights on the Muddy River.

The proposed facilities include a diversion structure on the Virgin River near the confluence with Halfway Wash, radial wells in the Virgin River channel, a storage reservoir in Halfway Wash, approximately 60 miles of water conveyance pipelines, pumping stations, water treatment facility, brine evaporation ponds, overhead power lines, and other appurtenances. The facilities would be generally located within and/or across the following public lands:

Diversion Structure/Radial Wells—Townships 14 and 15 South, Range 69 East, various sections;

Halfway Wash Reservoir—Township 14 South, Ranges 68 and 69 East, various sections;

Pipelines—Townships 14-19 South, Ranges 62-70 East, various sections;

Pumping Stations—Townships 13-15 South, Ranges 67-69 and 71, various sections;

Water Treatment/Evaporation Ponds—Township 17 South, Ranges 63 and 64 East, various sections;

Power Lines—Townships 14 and 15 South, Ranges 67-69 East, various sections.

A map of the proposed project is available for viewing at the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130-2301.

Dated: March 1, 2005.

Angie Lara,

Acting Las Vegas Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-921-05-1320-EL; COC 67232]

Notice of Public Hearing and Request for Comments on the Environmental Impact Statement, Maximum Economic Recovery Report, and Fair Market Value; Application for Competitive Coal Lease COC 67232; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Office, Lakewood, Colorado, hereby gives notice that a public hearing will be held to receive comments on the environmental impact statement, maximum economic recovery, and fair market value of federal coal to be offered. An application for coal lease was filed by Ark Land Company. The Bureau of Land Management offers for competitive lease 1,517.13 acres of Federal coal in Gunnison County, Colorado, Gunnison National Forest.

DATES: The public hearing will be held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 27, 2005. Written comments should be received no later than May 17, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held in the Paonia Town Hall located at 214 Grand Avenue, Paonia, Colorado. Written comments should be addressed to the Uncompahgre Field Office Manager, Uncompahgre Field Office, 2505 South Townsend Avenue, Montrose, Colorado 81401.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Field Office Manager, Uncompahgre Field Office at the address above, or by telephone at 970-240-5300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Office, Lakewood, Colorado, hereby gives notice that a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2005, at 7 p.m., at the Paonia Town Hall at the address given above.

An application for coal lease was filed by Ark Land Company. The Bureau of Land Management offers for competitive lease federal coal in the lands outside established coal production regions described as:

T. 13 S., R. 90 W., 6th P.M.

sec. 35, lots 5 to 7, inclusive, and lots 9 to 16, inclusive, less and except land in coal leases C-1362 and COC 56447, as modified;

sec. 36, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, less and except land in coal lease COC 56447, as modified.

T. 14 S., R. 90 W., 6th P.M.

sec. 1, lots 3, 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

sec. 2, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$;

sec. 11, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$;

sec. 12, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Containing approximately 1,517.13 acres.

The coal resource to be offered is limited to coal recoverable by underground mining methods.

The purpose of the hearing is to obtain public comments on the environmental assessment and on the following items:

(1) The method of mining to be employed to obtain maximum economic recovery of the coal, (2) The impact that mining the coal in the proposed leasehold may have on the area, and

(3) The methods of determining the fair market value of the coal to be offered.

Written requests to testify orally at the April 27, 2005, public hearing should be received at the Uncompahgre Field Office prior to the close of business April 27, 2005.

Those who indicate they wish to testify when they register at the hearing may have an opportunity if time is available.

In addition, the public is invited to submit written comments concerning the fair market value and maximum economic recovery of the coal resource. Public comments will be utilized in establishing fair market value for the coal resource in the described lands. Comments should address specific factors related to fair market value including, but not limited to:

1. The quality and quantity of the coal resource.
2. The price that the mined coal would bring in the market place.
3. The cost of producing the coal.
4. The interest rate at which anticipated income streams would be discounted.

5. Depreciation and other accounting factors.

6. The mining method or methods which would achieve maximum economic recovery of the coal.

7. Documented information on the terms and conditions of recent and similar coal land transactions in the lease area, and

8. Any comparable sales data of similar coal lands.

If any information submitted as comments are considered to be

proprietary by the commenter, the information should be labeled as such and stated in the first page of the submission. Written comments on the environmental impact statement, maximum economic recovery, and fair market value should be sent to the Uncompahgre Field Office at the above address prior to the close of business on May 17, 2005, the end of the 30 day public comment period. Substantive comments, whether written or oral, will receive equal consideration prior to any lease offering. The draft of the Environmental Impact Statement and Maximum Economic Recovery Report are available from the Uncompahgre Field Office upon request.

A copy of the draft Environmental Impact Statement, the Maximum Economic Recovery Report, the case file, and the comments submitted by the public, except those portions identified as proprietary by the commenter and meeting exemptions stated in the Freedom of Information Act, will be available for public inspection after July 18, 2005, at the Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield, Lakewood, Colorado, 80215.

Dated: February 7, 2005.

Karen Zurek,

Solid Minerals Staff, Division of Energy, Lands and Minerals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-027-1020-PI-020H; G-05-0094]

Notice To Cancel a Public Meeting, Steens Mountain Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Cancellation Notice of Public Meeting for the Steens Mountain Advisory Council.

SUMMARY: The April 18 and 19, 2005, Steens Mountain Advisory Council Meeting, previously scheduled to be held at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Burns District Office, 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738, has been cancelled. The original **Federal Register** notice announcing the meeting was published Tuesday, December 14, 2004, page number 74535.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information concerning the SMAC may be obtained from Rhonda Karges, Management Support Specialist, Burns District Office, 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon, 97738, (541) 573-

4400 or Rhonda_Karges@or.blm.gov or from the following Web site: <http://www.or.blm.gov/Steens>.

Dated: April 5, 2005.

Karla Bird,

Andrews Resource Area Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-922-05-1310-FI; COC59640]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease COC59640

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management; Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed reinstatement of terminated oil and gas lease.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188(d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3(a) and (b)(1), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease COC59640 for lands in Routt County, Colorado, was timely filed and was accompanied by all the required rentals accruing from the date of termination.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Land Management, Beverly A. Derringer Chief, Fluid Minerals Adjudication, at 303. 239.3765.

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 COC59640 effective on October 1, 2004, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

Dated: February 25, 2005.

Beverly A. Derringer,

Chief, Fluid Minerals Adjudication.

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