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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Pecos Wild and Scenic River, Santa Fe National Forest, San Miguel and Mora Counties, New Mexico; Boundary Establishment

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 16 USC 1274, the USDA Forest Service is transmitting the final boundary of the Pecos Wild and Scenic River to the Senate and House of Representatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Information may be obtained by contacting Dan Crittenden, District Ranger, Pecos/Las Vegas Ranger District, P.O. Drawer 429, Pecos, NM 87552-0429, 505-757-6121.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The detailed legal description and map of the Pecos Wild and Scenic River boundary are available for public inspection in the following Forest Service offices: USDA Forest Service Auditors Building, 201 14th St. SW at Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC; USDA-FS Southwestern Regional Office, 517 Gold Ave SW, Albuquerque, NM; USDA-FS Santa Fe National Forest, 1474 Rodeo Rd., Santa Fe, NM; USDA-FS Pecos Ranger Station, Pecos, NM.

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, Public Law 90-542, as amended by Public Law 101-306 on June 6, 1990 designated the 20.5 mile segment of the Pecos River, from its headwaters to the townsite of Tererro, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture in the following classifications: (a) The 13.5 mile segment from its headwaters to the Pecos Wilderness boundary, as a wild river; and (b) the 7-mile segment from the Pecos Wilderness boundary to the townsite of Tererro, as a recreational river. The final boundary for the designated segments approximately follows the original corridor boundary of ¼-mile of the ordinary high water mark on each side of the river, with adjustments made in order to follow legal and locatable landlines.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Smoky Canyon Mine, Panels B and C, BLM Pocatello Field Office and Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Caribou County, ID

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, USDI and Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Pocatello Field Office and the Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (FS), Caribou-Targhee National Forest, will jointly prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to document the analysis and disclose the environmental and human effects of a proposed mine plan for future operations at the existing J.R. Simplot Smoky Canyon Phosphate Mine, Caribou County, Idaho, located approximately 20 miles west of Afton, Wyoming. The proposed mining operations would utilize land administered by the FS, BLM and land that is privately owned. Mining would take place on Federal Phosphate Leases I-012890, I-026843, and I-027801, within the Caribou-Targhee National Forest.

J. R. Simplot Company must obtain federal permits prior to mining under the proposed mine plan. The existing mining and milling operations were authorized by a Record of Decision that was issued in 1982 upon completion of the original Smoky Canyon Phosphate Mine EIS. The conditional permits granted by the BLM and FS at the beginning of the Smoky Canyon mining operations required that subsequent site-specific mine plans for the individual mine panels be submitted to the agencies for their review and that appropriate mitigation measures be developed using further environmental analysis. The environmental effects from the proposed B and C Panels were assessed in the 1982 EIS, however this SEIS will further evaluate the effects of the proposed mine plan in light of additional information on selenium and

other potential contaminants collected since 1982. Based on the supplemental environmental analysis, the BLM and FS would make decisions regarding the Panel B and C Mine and Reclamation Plan and additional land use authorizations for the proposed mining activities, potentially including: lease modifications by the BLM and a Special Use Permit by the FS. In addition, a Section 404, Clean Water Act permit may be required by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) for the proposed operations.

Agency Decisions

The BLM Pocatello Field Office Manager, who is the responsible official for the SEIS and on-lease lands, and the Caribou-Targhee National Forest Supervisor, who is the responsible official for Caribou-Targhee National Forest lands not on-lease will make separate decisions related to appropriate land use authorizations regarding this proposal considering: scoping comments and responses, anticipated environmental consequences discussed in the SEIS, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies. These decisions may include approval of a site specific Mine and Reclamation Plan; issuance of phosphate lease modifications by the BLM; and special use permits by the FS. A Section 404, Clean Water Act Permit may also be required by the Corps. They would render a decision related to that permit and how to mitigate the impacts to affected wetlands and Waters of the United States.

DATES: Written comments concerning the scope of the analysis described in this Notice should be received on or before April 24, 2000.

Scoping Procedure

The scoping procedure to be used for this SEIS will involve the following: a broad mailing asking for comments, issues and concerns to interested and potentially affected individuals, groups, Federal, State and local government; news releases or legal notices; and public scoping meetings.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Linda Matthews, JBR Environmental Consultants, Inc., 8160 South Highland Drive, Suite A-4, Sandy, Utah 84093, (lmatthews@jbr-env.com).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Cundick, Bureau of Land Management, Pocatello Field Office, 1111 N. 8th Ave., Pocatello, Idaho 83201, phone (208) 478-6354; or Philippe de Hanaut, Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Soda Springs Ranger District, 421 W. Second