

listening session) to hear from anyone involved or interested in American ginseng conservation, harvest, and trade. We are particularly interested in obtaining any current information on the status of American ginseng in the wild, and other pertinent information on the conservation and management of the species that would contribute to making the required CITES findings and improve the CITES export program for American ginseng. We will discuss the Federal regulatory framework for the export of American ginseng and the regulations that control the international trade of this species. We will also discuss the different CITES definitions as they are applied to American ginseng grown under different production systems and how we approach these different systems in regulating the export of American ginseng roots.

Persons planning to attend the February 24, 2009, meeting who require interpretation for the hearing impaired must notify the Division of Scientific Authority by January 23, 2009 (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

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Dated: December 22, 2008.

Kenneth Stansell,

Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-020-1310-DT 050E]

Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Final Supplement to the Montana Statewide Oil and Gas Environmental Impact Statement and Proposed Amendment of the Powder River and Billings Resource Management Plans

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: By Order of the U.S. District Court for the District of Montana, dated April 5, 2005, and pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared the Record of Decision (ROD) approving BLM's 2008 Final Supplement to the Montana Statewide

Oil and Gas Environmental Impact Statement and Proposed Amendment of the Powder River and Billings Resource Management Plans (RMP) (Final SEIS/Amendment).

ADDRESSES: Copies of the ROD have been sent to affected Federal, state, and local government agencies; to tribal governments; and to interested parties. Copies of the ROD are available for public inspection at the BLM Miles City Field Office, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana; and at the BLM Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana. You may also view the ROD on the Internet at http://www.blm.gov/eis/mt/milescity_seis/.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Bloom, Project Manager, by telephone at (406) 233-2852; by mail at 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, MT 59301; or by e-mail at Mary_Bloom@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Powder River and Billings Resource Management Plan (RMP) areas comprise approximately 1.5 million acres of BLM-managed surface and 5 million acres of BLM-managed mineral estate. There are approximately 3.2 million acres of BLM-managed oil and gas estate. The Powder River RMP area includes Powder River and Treasure Counties, and portions of Big Horn, Carter, Custer, and Rosebud Counties. The Billings RMP area includes Carbon, Golden Valley, Musselshell, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Wheatland, and Yellowstone Counties and the remaining portion of Big Horn County. The SEIS supporting the ROD supplements the 2003 *Montana Statewide Final Oil and Gas Environmental Impact Statement and Proposed Amendment of the Powder River and Billings Resource Management Plans* (Statewide Document).

The 90-day public comment period on the Draft SEIS/Amendment ended May 2, 2007. The Final SEIS/Proposed Amendment was made available to the public November 7, 2008. After release of the Final SEIS/Proposed Amendment, and prior to approval of the ROD, the BLM coordinated and consulted with the Montana Governor (43 CFR 1610.3-2).

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and its implementing regulations provide land use planning authority to the Secretary, as delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management. Because the ROD was signed by the Assistant Secretary, it is the final decision for the Department of the Interior. Therefore, the decision is not

subject to the protest procedures identified at 43 CFR 1610.5-2.

Gene R. Terland,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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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 Abraxas Petroleum Corp. for competitive oil and gas lease WYW143474 for land in Converse 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 16-2/3 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 WYW143474 effective December 1, 2008, 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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