

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management****43 CFR Part 3900**

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RIN 1004-AD90

Commercial Oil Shale Leasing Program**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of reopening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is reopening and extending by 30 days, the public comment period for the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) published in the **Federal Register** on August 25, 2006 (71 FR 50378). The ANPR requested comments and suggestions to assist in the writing of a proposed rule to establish a commercial leasing program for oil shale. In order to provide the public with additional time to prepare and submit comments, the BLM is extending the comment period 30 days from the original comment period closing date of September 25, 2006. The comment period is extended to October 25, 2006.

DATES: We will accept comments and suggestions on the ANPR until October 25, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Commenters may mail written comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401LS, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240; or hand-deliver written comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036. Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. E-mail: Comments_washington@blm.gov. (Include "Attn: 1004-AD90")

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the substance of the Advance Notice, please contact Ted Murphy at (202) 452-0350. For information on procedural matters, please contact Kelly Odom at (202) 452-5028. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, to contact the above individuals during business hours. FIRS is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM published the ANPR on August 25, 2006 (71 FR 50378), and provided a 30-day

comment period that will end on September 25, 2006. We are extending the comment period on the ANPR until October 25, 2006. The comment period is being extended in order to provide additional time for the public to prepare and submit comments on the commercial oil shale leasing program that the BLM is developing.

As stated in the August 25, 2006, ANPR, the BLM is particularly interested in receiving comments on the following questions relating to regulations it is developing for an oil shale commercial leasing program:

1. What should be the royalty rate and point of royalty determination?
2. Should the regulations establish a process for bid adequacy evaluation, *i.e.*, Fair Market Value determination, or should the regulations establish a minimum acceptable lease bonus bid?
3. How should diligent development be determined?
4. What should be the minimum production requirement?
5. Should there be provisions for small tract leasing?

The BLM is also interested in receiving any other comments regarding content and structure of the oil shale leasing program.

Dated: September 19, 2006.

Chad Calvert,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****50 CFR Part 17**

RIN 1018-AU45

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for *Astragalus ampullarioides* (Shivwits Milk-Vetch) and *Astragalus holmgreniorum* (Holmgren Milk-Vetch)

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Revised proposed rule; reopening of public comment period, notice of availability of draft economic analysis and draft environmental assessment, and revisions to proposed critical habitat boundaries.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the reopening of the public comment period on the proposal to designate critical habitat for *Astragalus ampullarioides* (Shivwits milk-vetch) and *Astragalus holmgreniorum* (Holmgren milk-vetch)

under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). We also announce the availability of the draft economic analysis for the proposed designation of critical habitat for Holmgren and Shivwits milk-vetches. The draft economic analysis finds that, over 20 years, post-designation costs for Holmgren and Shivwits milk-vetch conservation-related activities are estimated to range between \$8.8 and \$14.1 million in undiscounted 2006 dollars. In discounted terms, potential post-designation economic costs are estimated to be \$8.5 to \$13.0 million (using a 3 percent discount rate) or \$8.2 to \$12.1 million (using a 7 percent discount rate). In addition, we announce the availability of a draft environmental assessment that has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) (NEPA). Finally, we propose to revise boundary descriptions for two critical habitat subunits: Holmgren milk-vetch's Unit 2a (Stucki Spring) and Unit 2b (South Hills).

DATES: We will accept comments until October 26, 2006.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to comment on the proposed rule, draft economic analysis, or draft environmental assessment, you may submit your comments and materials to us by any one of the following methods:

(1) *E-mail:* You may send comments by electronic mail (e-mail) to hsmilkvetch@fws.gov. Please see Public Comments Solicited section below for file format and other information about electronic filing.

(2) *Fax:* You may fax comments to (801) 975-3331.

(3) *Mail or hand delivery/courier:* You may submit written comments to Larry Crist, Acting Field Supervisor, Utah Ecological Services Field Office, 2369 West Orton Circle, Suite 50, West Valley City, Utah 84119.

(4) *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Crist, Acting Field Supervisor, Utah Ecological Services Field Office, at the address listed in **ADDRESSES** (telephone, 801-975-3330; facsimile, 801-975-3331).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Public Comments Solicited**

We will accept written comments and information during this reopened comment period. We solicit comments or suggestions from the public, other concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, industry, or any other interested party concerning the