

occupancy, or fail to remove all personal equipment, trash, and litter upon departure.

j. Violate quiet hours by causing an unreasonable noise as determined by the authorized officer between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Mountain Standard Time.

k. Allow any pet or other animal in their care to be unrestrained at any time.

Signs and maps directing the public to the designated spectator areas will be provided by the Bureau of Land Management or the event sponsor. The above restrictions do not apply to emergency vehicles and vehicles owned by the United States, the State of Arizona, or La Paz County. Vehicles under permit for operation by event participants must follow the race permit stipulations. Authority for closure of public lands is found in 43 CFR 8340, Subpart 8341; 43 CFR 8360, Subpart 8364.1; and 43 CFR 8372. Persons who violate this closure order are subject to arrest and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than \$100,000 and/or imprisoned for not more than 12 months.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Bryan Pittman, District Law Enforcement Ranger, or Myron McCoy, Outdoor Recreation Planner, BLM Lake Havasu Field Office, 2610 Sweetwater Avenue, Lake Havasu City, Arizona 86406, (928) 505-1200.

Dated: November 30, 2001.

**Donald Ellsworth,**

*Field Manager, Lake Havasu Field Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CA-350-1220-AA]

#### Emergency Closure Order

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

**ACTION:** Emergency closure of trails, Fort Sage Off Highway Vehicles Area.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that effective immediately, certain roads and trails in the Fort Sage Off Highway Vehicle Area are closed to all vehicle use. The affected routes are (1) A 4WD vehicle trail located in Sections 1 and 2, T. 25 N., R. 17 E., M.D.M, traversing easterly-westerly; (2) a 4WD vehicle trail located in Sections 2 and 11, T. 25 N., R. 17 E., M.D.M, traversing easterly-westerly; (3) a motorcycle trail located in Sections 2 and 11, T. 25 N., R. 17 E., and Section 34, T. 26 N., R. 17 E.,

M.D.M, traversing northerly-southerly; (4) All vehicle trails in Sections 7, 18, 19, and 30 T. 25 N., R. 18 E., M.D.M except the road to Willow Springs. The authorized officer reserves the right to allow administrative access when it is determined to be in the interest of the government (i.e. emergency-search and rescue, fire suppression).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this closure is to allow for recovery of lands burned by wildfire in August, 2001. Vehicular use of the area has the potential for causing adverse impacts to soil, vegetation, wildlife, wildlife habitat, scenic, and recreation resources until stabilization of the area has occurred. The closure will remain in effect until vegetation recovery is sufficient to delimit the trails and routes and adjacent soil, vegetation, wildlife, wildlife habitat, scenic, and recreation resources are not at risk of adverse impact from trail use of motorized vehicles. The authority for this closure is 43 CFR 834.12.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Sippel, Outdoor Recreation Planner, BLM Eagle Lake Field Office (530) 257-0456.

**Linda D. Hansen,**

*Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[ES-020-02-1610-DU]

#### Correction to Notice of Availability and Protest Period of the Proposed Planning Analysis for Arkansas and Louisiana

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

**ACTION:** Correction to notice of availability and protest period.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) published a notice in the **Federal Register** on November 30, 2001, regarding the availability of the Proposed Planning Analysis and Environmental Assessment (PA/EA) for public domain lands in Arkansas and Louisiana. The notice contains information that is incorrect. The PA/EA became available and the 30-day protest period began on December 14, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Judy Pace, Bureau of Land Management, 411 Briarwood Drive, Suite 404, Jackson, MS 39206; telephone (601) 977-5403.

**Correction:** In the **Federal Register** of November 30, 2001 (Volume 66, Number 231), in DOCID: fd30no01-11 on page 59811, under the **DATES** caption, change the protest ending date to January 13, 2002.

Dated: December 5, 2001.

**Bruce Dawson,**

*Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[OR-120-5101 ER-H019, 2-0044]

#### Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposed natural gas pipeline right-of-way.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Coos Bay District, directed the preparation of a Draft EIS by Biological Information Specialists, Inc., a third party contractor on the impacts of a proposed natural gas pipeline from near Roseburg in Douglas County, Oregon, to Coos Bay in Coos County, Oregon. BLM received a right-of-way application under Section 501 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976, (43 U.S.C. 1737) on May 17, 2000. The proposed pipeline will cross approximately 60 miles of public and private lands in Coos and Douglas Counties, Oregon. This notice initiates the public review process on the draft EIS. The public is invited to review and comment on the range and adequacy of the draft alternatives and associated environmental effects.

**DATES:** The comment period will end 60 days after publication of the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability of this draft environmental impact statement in the **Federal Register**. Comments on the draft EIS should be received on or before the end of the comment period at the address listed below.

**Public Participation:** Public meetings will be held during the comment period. To ensure local community participation and input, public meetings will be held in Coos Bay, Oregon and at other locations if requested. Early participation by all those interested is

encouraged. At least 15 days public notice will be given for activities where the public is invited to attend. All individuals, organizations, agencies, and Tribes with a known interest in this planning effort have been sent a copy of the document for review. Written comments will be accepted at the address shown below. For comments to be most helpful, they should relate to specific concerns or conflicts that are within the legal responsibilities of the BLM. Specific dates and locations of meetings and comment deadlines will be announced through the local news media, newsletters, and the BLM web site ([www.or.blm.gov/coosbay](http://www.or.blm.gov/coosbay)) and the Coos County web site ([coosproj@att.net](mailto:coosproj@att.net)).

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to Bob Gunther, Project Coordinator, Coos Bay District, BLM, 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, OR 97459. Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Coos Bay District Office in North Bend, Oregon and local libraries. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Coos Bay District Office during regular business hours 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the Final EIS. 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 and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bob Gunther, Project Coordinator, at address above or telephone (541-751-4295), fax: 541-751-4303, or e-mail comments to the attention of *Bob Gunther@or.blm.gov*. For Technical Information contained in the EIS contact Brian Cox, Senior Biologist, Biological Information Specialists, Inc., P.O. Box 27, Camas Valley, Oregon 97416, Telephone: (541) 445-2008.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Coos County Board of Commissioners has applied for a right-of-way proposing to contract construction of a 12-inch natural gas transmission pipeline to be buried within the existing rights-of-ways of the Pacific Corp. (PP&L) and Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) electric transmission lines, and within

the existing roadbed of the Coos Bay Wagon Road. The total length of the pipeline is approximately 60 miles, with approximately 3.0 miles located on lands administered by the BLM. The proposed pipeline would connect to the Williams Gas Pipeline at a meter facility southwest of Roseburg, in or near Section 33 Township 27 South, Range 6 West in Douglas County and would terminate at Ocean Boulevard in the city of Coos Bay (Section 27 Township 25 South, Range 13 West).

The natural gas transmission pipeline will deliver gas to distribution facilities built by Northwest Natural Gas in the Coos Bay and North Bend communities. Smaller 6-inch or 4-inch laterals will be built off the mainline to serve the cities of Coquille, Myrtle Point, and perhaps Bandon at a later date. The location of the laterals has not been finalized, but is anticipated to follow the location of existing power line, State highway, or railroad rights-of-way. Locations of the distribution lines within the city limits are not known at this time, but are anticipated to be located within existing road rights-of-way.

The proposed pipeline will fall under the jurisdiction of US Department of Transportation (DOT), as a gas transmission pipeline. It will be built and operated to all current specifications in 49 CFR Part 192 (Natural Gas Pipelines) and other relevant sections. The Oregon Public Utility Commission will administer DOT Pipeline Safety regulations for this pipeline.

The proposed pipeline will be designed with the appropriate design safety factors. The mainline is proposed as a welded steel pipeline with a Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP) of 1,000 pounds per square inch (psi). The finished pipeline will be pressure tested to at least 150 percent of MAOP, to detect leakage or failure.

All construction is done during daylight hours. Mainline construction will take about 6 months. Applicant plans to construct in the relatively dry summer months of April through October.

Pipeline construction will require a working space up to 60 feet wide. DOT requires a minimum of 30 inches of cover in normal soils, 18 inches in consolidated rock, 36 inches under roads. The pipe will be installed to a target depth of 48 inches to top of pipe. Some grading will be required to install the pipe, but shall be substantially restored to original grade before revegetation. All earth disturbance operations shall be subject to an erosion control plan to comply with US

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines.

In sections along electrical transmission lines, the contractor shall be required to have and follow a plan to continuously ground the pipe, to protect workers from shock from induced currents.

Coos County plans to contract pipeline operations with an experienced pipeline operator. The County and its operator are required under DOT to formulate and use an Operations and Maintenance Plan specifically for this pipeline. The Operations and Maintenance Plan includes an Emergency Plan for specific procedures and notifications in case of an emergency.

Coos County plans to provide cathodic protection against corrosion, as required by DOT. Magnesium anodes will be placed at regular intervals along the pipeline, to sacrificially corrode and protect the coated steel pipe. This method normally mitigates most induced alternating current (AC). In sections near electrical transmission lines, supplemental anodes and other measures will be taken as necessary to minimize induced AC on the pipeline.

Long-term pipeline operation will require 40 feet of space to be kept clear of larger brush and trees. Access roads to the BPA corridor will be restored as needed for pipeline construction and access for Operations and Maintenance.

After the initial pipeline construction period, there is no need to ever excavate any particular segment of pipe. Annual maintenance consists of checking depth of pipe in roadways, repairing any soil erosion, controlling brush, replacing line markers, painting and operating block valves, conducting leak surveys, and checking the effectiveness of the corrosion control system.

The BLM considered issues and concerns identified during the scoping process in the preparation of the draft EIS. The issues identified include: socioeconomics impacts associated with the proposed project; soil erosion; water quality; fish, and wildlife; potential impacts to traditional Native American uses of the area, archaeological sites. Those individuals, organizations, and agencies with a known interest in the proposal will be sent a copy of the draft EIS. Persons wishing to be added to the mailing list for the EIS may do so by contacting the Coos Co. Pipeline Project Office, 1309 W. Central Blvd., Coquille, OR 97423. A final environmental impact

statement is expected to be available for public review in early 2002.

**Richard Conrad,**

*Acting District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CA-650-1430-01; CACA-40856]

#### Notice of Availability

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability for an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) considering a Recreational and Public Purposes Act (R&PP) lease for a horse ranch near Trona, California.

**SUMMARY:** An EA and FONSI are available for public review for a proposed horse ranch R&PP lease near the community of Trona, California. Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared an EA analyzing impacts of a proposed horse ranch in San Bernardino County, CA. The ranch is proposed to be located on public land, managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Ridgecrest Field Office. Based on the environmental analysis, BLM has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The EA and FONSI are available for public review and comment for 30 days from publication of this notice. A copy of the document can be obtained from the BLM office at 300 S. Richmond Rd, Ridgecrest, CA 93555 or by contacting Peter G. Graves at (760) 384-5429. After consideration of all the public comments, the BLM Field Manager (Authorized Officer) will render a decision selecting the alternative that best meets BLM's Multiple-Use mission. **ADDRESS:** Comments should be addressed to Hector A. Villalobos, Field Manager, BLM Ridgecrest Field Office, 300 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555. 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 and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of

organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Peter Graves, Resource Management Specialist, Ridgecrest Field Office, BLM, 300 South Richmond Road, Ridgecrest, CA 93555, (760) 384-5429.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 29, 1999, Rocking "R" Ranch submitted a Recreation and Public Purpose Lease application to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Ridgecrest Field Office, in order to construct, develop, operate and maintain a horse ranch on public land near the community of Trona, California. The proposed horse ranch would shelter abused and abandoned horses.

Dated: December 7, 2001.

**Linn Gum,**

*Acting Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[ES-020-1310-E1]

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare Planning Analysis/Environmental Assessments

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Prepare a Planning Analysis/Environmental Assessment.

**SUMMARY:** The Jackson Field Offices, Eastern States will prepare a Planning Analysis/Environmental Assessment (PA/EA), in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to consider leasing Federal mineral estate for oil and gas exploration and development. The lands, managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, are located in the Blue Mountain Lake Project Area in Logan and Yell Counties, Arkansas. This notice is issued pursuant to Title 40 *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) 1501.7 and Title 43 CFR 1610.2(c). The planning effort will follow the procedures set forth in Title 43 CFR part 1600. The public is invited to participate in this planning process, beginning with the identification of planning issues and criteria.

**DATES:** Comments relating to the identification of planning issues and criteria will be accepted for thirty days from the date of this publication. 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 and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to: Bureau of Land Management, Jackson Field Office; 411 Briarwood Drive, Suite 404; Jackson, MS 39206.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Clay Moore, Lead for PA/EA Jackson Field Office, (601-977-5400).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM has responsibility to consider nominations to lease Federal mineral estate oil and gas exploration and development. An interdisciplinary team will be used in the preparation of the PA/EA. Preliminary issues, subject to change as a result of public input, are (1) potential impacts of oil and gas exploration and development on the surface resources and uses by the Corps of Engineers and (2) consideration of restriction on lease rights to protect surface resources and uses by the Corps of Engineers. The lands are located in the below listed townships/sections in Logan and Yell Counties, Arkansas. Total acreage being addressed is approximately 17,000 acres.

T5N, R25W, 5th Meridian  
Sections 2, 7-11, 15-20  
T5N, R26W, 5th Meridian  
Sections 1-19, 24, 27, 28 330  
T5N, R27W, 5th Meridian  
Sections 1-4, 9-19, 24-26  
T5N, R26W, 5th Meridian  
Sections 29, 31, 32  
T6 N, R.27W, 5th Meridian

Sections 25, 34-36

Due to the limited scope of this PA/EA process, public meetings are not scheduled.

**Sid Vogelpohl,**

*Acting Field Manager, Jackson Field Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[ES-020-02-1310-EI]

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare Planning Analyses/Environmental Assessments

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