

drainage EA. These issues are provided to help you understand what has occurred in past environmental documents and perhaps stimulate additional thoughts, questions, and issues.

- People were concerned with the loss of hydraulic head related to groundwater associated with the coal seam. Concerns related to lowering of water levels and increased pumping costs because water would have to be pumped from greater depths.
- Questions were posed on what effects the coalbed methane development would have on air quality. Of concern were possible hazardous emissions and pollutants released as a result of compressor emissions.
- Disposing water on the surface raised concerns about water quality due to possible increased erosion and effects on irrigated lands.
- There were concerns about potential for increased weed infestations.
- There were concerns about long-term affects resulting from depletion of groundwater.
- Concerns were raised regarding impacts to threatened and endangered species, grouse, and raptors.
- Gas venting from recently drilled wells was a concern.
- Noise from operation of compressors was a concern.
- Concern was expressed about the effects of surface disposal of water and operating a ranch with ongoing methane development operations.

Public scoping meetings will be held on June 6, 2000, at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Sheridan, Wyoming; June 7, 2000, at 7 p.m. at Colonel Bozeman's in Buffalo, Wyoming; June 8, 2000, at 7 p.m. at the Thunder Basin Hotel in Gillette, Wyoming; and June 12, 2000, at 7 p.m. at the Best Western in Douglas, Wyoming. The purpose of the meetings is to solicit comments regarding the proposal and answer questions about issues or concerns you may have. We will use the feedback in the preparation of the EIS.

Dated: June 14, 2000.

Alan R. Pierson,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-01; N-56474]

Notice of Realty Action; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The following described land in Elko County, Nevada has been examined and found suitable for classification for lease/purchase under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act (R&PP) of June 14, 1926, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). The lands will not be offered for lease/purchase until at least 60 days after the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 34 N., R. 55 E.

Section 2, Lots 1-2, S $\frac{1}{2}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Containing 164.09 acres, more or less.

DATES: The land will become segregated on June 21, 2000. Comments are due in this office by August 7, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the Bureau of Land Management, Elko Field Office, 3900 Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Elko County School District intends to use the land for a transportation facility and school complex. The lease/patent, when issued, will be subject to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will contain the following reservations to the United States.

1. A right-of-way thereof for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States; Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).
2. All mineral deposits in the lands so patented, and to it, or persons authorized by it, the right to prospect for, mine and remove such deposits from the same under applicable laws and regulations to be established by the Secretary of the Interior.

The lease/patent will be subject to all prior and existing rights.

The land is not required for any Federal purpose. The classification and subsequent lease/conveyance are consistent with the Bureau's planning for the area and would be in the public interest.

Upon publication of this Notice of Realty Action in the **Federal Register**, the subject lands will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including locations

under the mining laws, except for recreation and public purposes and leasing under the mineral leasing laws. The segregative effect shall terminate upon issuance of a patent or as specified in an opening order to be published in the **Federal Register**, whichever occurs first.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments to the Field Manager, Elko Field Office, 3900 Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801. Any objections will be evaluated by the State Director, who may sustain, vacate or modify this realty action. In the absence of timely filed objections, the classification of the lands described in this Notice will become effect 60 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Classification Comments: Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for lease/conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposed Act. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

Application Comments: Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for a county transportation facility and school complex.

Dated: June 7, 2000.

David L. Stout,

Associate Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-030-2000-1060-JJ]

Notice of Intent to Remove Stray Wild Horses

SUMMARY: The Wild, Free Roaming Horse and Burro Act (Pub. L. 92-95) requires that, among other things, horses that exceed the Appropriate Management Levels (AMLs) established for them or stray from designated Herd Management Areas (HMAs) be removed. In order to accomplish that, the Rawlins and Lander Field Offices of the Bureau

of Land Management plan to remove 500–600 excess and stray horses from three contiguous areas of the Rawlins and Lander Field Offices known as the Lost Creek HMA, an area designated as I–80 North, and the Antelope Hills HMA. The horses in I–80 North have strayed from the nearby Stewart Creek and Lost Creek HMAs over a period of time. The area known as I–80 North contains a large (greater than 50%) percentage of private land. The removal is scheduled to begin after September 30, 2000, and conclude prior to January 1, 2001. The Appropriate Management Level for these three contiguous areas is 140. At least 140 horses will remain in the area after the removal is completed.

Wild Horse populations in the nearby Stewart Creek, Green Mountain, and Crooks Mountain HMAs will not be directly affected by this removal and will remain above the AMLs established for them.

Numbers presented are approximate and will be finalized by a supplemental census to be conducted during August/September 2000 in the removal area and other, nearby HMAs.

A detailed Gather Plan, Environmental Analysis (EA), and Record of Decision for this removal are available on request from: Chuck Reed, Resource Advisor, P.O. Box 2047, Rawlins, Wyoming 82301; (307) 328–4213; or email: Chuck_Reed@blm.gov.

These documents are also available for review on the Wyoming BLM homepage at www.wy.blm.gov.

This removal action represents continued implementation of decisions previously communicated through Decision Records WY–037–EA4–121/122, dated July 11, 1994; WY–030–EA0–038 dated January 10, 2000; and WY–030–EA0–037 dated February 25, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information please contact the Bureau of Land Management, Rawlins Field Office, 1300 North Third Street, P.O. Box 2407, Rawlins, WY 82301, (307) 328–4200.

Kurt J. Kotter,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Public Meeting Concerning Heavy Duty Diesel Engine Consent Decrees

The Department of Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency announce a public meeting to be held on June 29, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. at 1425

New York Ave., NW., 13th Floor Conference Room, Washington, DC. The subject of the meeting will be implementation of the provisions of seven consent decrees signed by the United States and diesel engine manufacturers and entered by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia on July 1, 1999. In supporting entry by the Court of the decrees, the United States committed to meet with states, industry groups, environmental groups, and concerned citizens to discuss consent decree implementation issues. This will be the fourth of a series of public meetings to be held quarterly during the first year of implementation of the consent decrees and at least annually thereafter. Future meetings will be announced in the **Federal Register** and/or on EPA's Diesel Engine Settlement web page at: www.epa.gov/oeca/ore/aed/diesel.

For further information, please contact: Anne Wick, EPA Diesel Engine Consent Decree Coordinator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Mail Code 2242A), EPA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20460, e-mail: WICK.ANNE@EPA.GOV.

Joel M. Gross,

Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section,
Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Consent Judgments Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

In accordance with Departmental Policy, 28 CFR 50.7, 38 Fed. Reg. 19029, and 42 U.S.C. 9622(d), notice is hereby given that a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Bemis Company, Inc. and Pervel Industries, Inc.*, DOJ# 90–11–2–307B, Civ. No. 3:96–CV–02420 (AVC), was lodged in the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut on June 2, 2000. The Consent Decree resolves claims of the United States against Pervel Industries, Inc. and Bemis Company concerning enforcement of a February 1990 consent decree (*United States v. Yaworski, Inc. et al.*, Civ. Act. No. N–89–615 (JAC) (D. Conn.)) relating to the Yaworski Lagoon Superfund Site located in Canterbury Township, Windham County, Connecticut (“Site”). Additionally, the Consent Decree resolves related claims for cost recovery under Section 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (“CERCLA”), 42 U.S.C. 9607(a),

under the Federal Debt Collection Procedures Act, 28 U.S.C. 3001, *et seq.*, and under the Federal Priority Statute, 31 U.S.C. 3701 *et seq.*

Under the proposed Consent Decree, Bemis and Pervel agree to reimburse the United States' response costs in the amount of \$3 million, plus interest, which sum will be placed by EPA in a special site account for use at the Site. Additionally, Bemis and Pervel agree to pay jointly the sum of \$40,000 to the Department of Interior (“DOI”) to resolve its potential claims for natural resource damages at the Site. In return, the United States covenants not to sue Settling Defendants for response costs incurred at the Site, for obligations under the 1990 consent decree, for natural resource damages under the trusteeship of DOI and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other claims set forth in the complaint in this action.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, written comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Bemis Company, Inc. and Pervel Industries, Inc.*, DOJ# 90–11–2–307B. The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, District of Connecticut, Room 328, 450 Main Street, Hartford, Conn. 06103; and at the Region II Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10278. Copies of the Consent Decree may be obtained by mail from the Justice Department Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611 Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044, (202) 514–1547. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check in the amount of \$6.75 (25 cents per page reproduction costs) payable to the Consent Decree Library.

Joel M. Gross,

Environmental Enforcement Section,
Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

In accordance with Departmental policy, 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that a proposed consent decree in