

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-1310-01; WYW152214]

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 Freeman Investments of oil and gas lease WYW152214 for lands in Sweetwater 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, 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 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$166 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 Section 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 WYW152214 effective March 1, 2004, 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, Fluid Minerals Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-924-1430-ET; MTM 89170]

Notice of Proposed Extension of Public Land Order No. 7464; Opportunity for Public Meeting; Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management proposes to extend the duration of Public Land Order (PLO) No. 7464 for an additional 5-year period. PLO 7464 withdrew 3,530.62 acres of public land in Phillips County, Montana from settlement, sale, location and entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws, to facilitate reclamation of a mine site.

DATES: Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by October 12, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Montana State Director, BLM, PO Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tami Lorenz, BLM, Montana State Office, 406-896-5053, or Sandy Ward, BLM, Montana State Office, 406-896-5052.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The withdrawal created by PLO No. 7464 (65 FR 59463) will expire on October 4, 2005, unless extended. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has filed an application to extend PLO No. 7464 for an additional 5-year period. The withdrawal was made to protect the reclamation of the Zortman-Landusky mining area described as follows:

Principal Meridian, Montana

T. 25 N., R. 24 E.,
 Sec. 1, lot 13;
 Sec. 10, lots 7 to 11, inclusive, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 11, lots 8 and 9;
 Sec. 12, lots 8, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 22, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 13, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 14, lots 1 to 11, inclusive, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 15, lots 4 to 18, inclusive;
 Sec. 21, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 22, lot 1, lots 3 to 7, inclusive, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 23, N $\frac{1}{2}$.
 T. 25 N., R. 25 E.,
 Sec. 6, lots 13 to 17, inclusive, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 7, lots 5 to 9, inclusive, lots 14, 17, 18, 22, 23, and 24, lots 26 to 31, inclusive, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 8, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 16, lot 2, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 17, lots 3 and 4, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,

W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 18, lots 1 to 5, inclusive, lots 8, 9, and 10, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 3,530.62 acres in Phillips County.

The proposed withdrawal extension would allow reclamation of the Zortman and Landusky mining area to be continued without the interference of further locations under the United States mining laws.

As extended, the withdrawal would not alter the applicability of those public land laws governing the use of the land under lease, license, or permit, or governing the disposal of their mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

The use of a right-of-way, or interagency, or cooperative agreement are not considered to be desirable or acceptable alternatives.

There are no suitable alternative sites available where the withdrawal would facilitate mine reclamation since the location of the Zortman and Landusky mines and the necessary reclamation materials are fixed.

No water rights will be needed to fulfill the purpose of the requested withdrawal.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal extension may present their views in writing to the Montana State Director of the Bureau of Land Management at the address noted above.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM Malta Field Office, 501 South 2nd Street East, HC 65, Box 5000, Malta, Montana 59538-0047, during regular business hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal extension. All interested persons who desire a public

meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal extension must submit a written request to the Montana State Director, BLM within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. If the authorized officer determines that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

This withdrawal extension proposal will be processed in accordance with the applicable regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2310.4.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2310.3-1)

Dated: February 9, 2005.

Howard A. Lemm,

Deputy State Director, Division of Resources.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-650-1430-HN; CA-46267]

Direct Sale of Public Land; San Bernardino County, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: A 39.99 acre parcel of public land in San Bernardino County, California is being considered for direct sale to Searles Valley Minerals, Inc. to resolve an unauthorized use of public land. This land is difficult and uneconomic to manage as part of the public lands and is not suitable for management by another Federal agency.

DATES: Interested parties may submit comments to the Ridgecrest Field Manager, at the below address. Comments must be received by not later than August 29, 2005. In the absence of timely objections, this proposal shall become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management, Ridgecrest Field Office c/o California Desert District at 22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, California 92553.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Eubanks, Realty Specialist, at the above address or at (951) 697-5376.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following described land has been examined and found suitable for sale to Searles Valley Minerals, Inc. utilizing direct sale procedures, at not less than the appraised fair market value of \$6,000. The land sale is contingent upon

the approval of the West Mojave Plan, an amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan of 1980 and will not be offered for sale until at least September 12, 2005.

Mount Diablo Meridian, San Bernardino County, California.

T. 25 S., R. 43 E.,
Sec. 21, lot 4.

Containing approximately 39.99 acres.

Authority for the sale is Section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1713). The mineral interests will be retained by the United States of America. The patent, when issued, will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States. Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

2. A mineral lease granted to Kerr-McGee Chemical Corp. its successors or assigns, under lease CALA 087312.

3. (a) The United States reserves to itself all minerals in the lands subject to this conveyance, including, without limitation, substances subject to disposition under the general mining laws, the general mineral leasing laws, the Materials Act and the Geothermal Steam Act.

(b) The United States reserves to itself its permittees, licensees, lessee and mining claimants, the right to prospect for, mine and remove the mineral owned by the United States under applicable law and such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe. This reservation includes all necessary and incidental activities conducted in accordance with the provisions of the mining, geothermal and mineral leasing, and material disposal laws in effect at the time such activities are undertaken, including, without limitation, necessary access and exit rights, all drilling, underground, open pit or surface mining operations, storage and transportation facilities deemed necessary and authorized under law and implementing regulations.

(c) Mining claimants, permittees, licensees and lessees of the United States, shall only be liable for and shall only compensate owners of the surface estate for damages caused by their actions or inactions and not related to conditions on the real property relating to or arising from the boiler ash or any hazardous substances or solid waste released, disposed of, or stored on the real property.

(d) All causes of action brought to enforce the rights of the surface owner under the regulations above referred to

shall be instituted against mining claimants, permittees, licensees and lessees of the United States; and the United States shall not be liable for the acts or omissions of its mining claimants, permittees, licensees, or lessees.

The proposed sale is also subject to those rights for monitoring wells granted to Kerr-McGee Chemical Corp. by right-of-way serial number CACA-034604, pursuant to Title V of the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

The above described land has been used as a disposal site for boiler ash generated by Kerr-McGee Chemical Corp. from operations at Searles Lake, Trona, California. Permanent records regarding the disposal of boiler ash on this land are maintained by Kerr-McGee Chemical LLC at the Kerr-McGee Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and available for public inspection. Although there is no indication these materials pose any significant risk to human health or the environment, the foregoing reservations of rights in favor of the United States and its permittees, licensees, lessees and mining claimants shall be exercised in a manner and on terms and conditions consistent with, and patentee and its successors and assigns shall limit future land uses on or affecting the disposal site to those consistent with, the closure and post-closure plans for the site approved by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board Lahontan Region, any applicable State and Federal laws and regulations.

Patentee, its successors and assignor agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the United States harmless from any costs, damages, claims, liabilities, and judgements for the real property including the boiler ash site arising from acts or omissions of the patentee, its employees, agents, contractors, lessees or any third parties arising out of or in connection with, patentee's use, occupancy, or operations on the patented real property. This indemnification and hold harmless agreement includes, but is not limited to, acts and omissions of the patentee, its employees, agents, contractors, lessees, or any third parties arising out of or in connection with the use and/or occupancy of the patented real property, including the boiler ash site, that has resulted in or does hereafter result in any of the following: (1) Violations of Federal, state, and local laws and regulations; (2) judgements, claims or demands assessed against the United States; (3) costs, expenses, or damages incurred by the United States; (4) releases or threatened releases, including but not limited to the boiler