

intermediate level of surface disturbance. Up to 2,200 new well pads would be drilled and developed. Drilling and development rates would vary between 75 and 250 wells per year. The Companies would agree to some "operator committed" mitigation and some mitigation measures would be required in addition to standard mitigation measures.

7. *Alternative E*—This alternative proposes to restrict well pad spacing to 16 well pads per aliquot section or 1 well pad per 40 acres. Up to 3,100 new wells and up to 266 new well pads would be drilled and developed. Drilling and well development rates would vary between 75 and 250 wells per year. The Companies would agree to some "operator committed" mitigation and some mitigation measures would be required in addition to standard mitigation measures.

8. *Alternative F*—This alternative proposes to restrict well pad spacing to 32 well pads per aliquot section, or 1 well pad per 20 acres. Up to 3,100 new wells and up to 1,208 well pads would be drilled and developed. Drilling and well development rates would vary between 75 and 250 wells per year. The Companies would agree to some "operator committed" mitigation and some mitigation measures would be required in addition to standard mitigation measures.

9. *Alternative G*—This alternative proposes to restrict well pad spacing to 64 well pads per aliquot section, or 1 well pad per 10 acres. The Companies would agree to some "operator committed" mitigation and some mitigation measures would be required in addition to standard mitigation measures.

10. *Agency Preferred Alternative*—This alternative would allow up to 3,100 new wells from a variable number of well pads to be drilled and developed. Three drilling density zones in the project area would govern surface well pad location. The drilling rate is 250 well per year. In addition to "operator committed" mitigation on-site, the Companies would agree to conduct off-site mitigation and an accelerated reclamation schedule.

Features common to all action alternatives: Exploration of unexplored formations; inclusion of the north half of Section 23, T. 28 N., R. 109 W. as a similar action for analysis purposes; development of ancillary facilities, including but not limited to a new warehouse, expansion of existing compressor stations, and new/expanded water disposal facilities; some degree of upgrade of the Burma Road; and an average Life of Field (LOF) of 70 to 80

years beginning with project authorization through reclamation.

Disposition of Potential for Amendment of the Pinedale RMP: Based on a review of information and comments received in response to the NOI and during the preparation of the DEIS, the Pinedale Field Manager has determined that this proposal is in conformance with the Pinedale RMP (1988). Postponing this DEIS until the Pinedale RMP revisions, that are currently underway, are completed, would not be in the public interest nor a timely agency response to the Companies' proposal made in 2001. Therefore, no amendment to the Pinedale RMP will be made as a result of analyses conducted for this DEIS.

How To Submit Comments

The BLM welcomes your comments on the JIDP DEIS. The BLM asks that those submitting comments make them as specific as possible with reference to chapters, page numbers, and paragraphs in the DEIS document. Comments that contain only opinions or preferences will not receive a formal response; however, they will be considered, and included, as part of the BLM decision-making process. The most useful comments will contain new technical or scientific information, identify data gaps in the impact analysis, or provide technical or scientific rationale for opinions or preferences.

Written comments may be mailed directly or delivered to the BLM at: Jonah Infill Drilling Project DEIS, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Field Office, 432 East Mill Street, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941.

You may send comments electronically to WYMail_Jonah_Infill@blm.gov. Please put "Attention: Carol Kruse" in the subject line. Comments submitted by facsimile will not be accepted or considered.

To receive full consideration by the BLM all DEIS comment submittals must include the commenter's name and street address.

Comments, including the names and street addresses of each respondent, will be available for public review at the BLM office listed above during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays. Your comments may be published as part of the EIS process. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address, or both, from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the

beginning of your written comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. We will not consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Robert A. Bennett,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-100-05-1310-DB]

Notice of Meeting of the Pinedale Anticline Working Group's Transportation Task Group

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (1976) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (1972), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG) Transportation Task Group (subcommittee) will meet in Pinedale, Wyoming, for a business meeting. Task Group meetings are open to the public.

DATES: A PAWG Transportation Task Group meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2005, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting of the PAWG Transportation Task Group will be held in the Board Room of the Pinedale Library at 155 S. Tyler Ave., Pinedale, WY.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Wadsworth, BLM/Transportation TG Liaison, Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Field Office, 432 E. Mills St., PO Box 738, Pinedale, WY, 82941; 307-367-5341.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG) was authorized and established with release of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Pinedale Anticline Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Project on July 27, 2000. The PAWG advises the BLM on the development and implementation of monitoring plans and adaptive management decisions as development of the Pinedale Anticline Natural Gas Field (PAPA) proceeds for the life of the field.

After the ROD was issued, Interior determined that a Federal Advisory Committees Act (FACA) charter was required for this group. The charter was

signed by Secretary of the Interior, Gale Norton, on August 15, 2002, and renewed on August 13, 2004. An announcement of committee initiation and call for nominations was published in the **Federal Register** on February 21, 2003, (68 FR 8522). PAWG members were appointed by Secretary Norton on May 4, 2004.

At their second business meeting, the PAWG established seven resource- or activity-specific Task Groups, including one for Transportation. Public participation on the Task Groups was solicited through the media, letters, and word-of-mouth.

The agenda for this meeting will include information gathering and discussion related to implementation and funding of the adopted transportation monitoring plan for the Pinedale Anticline gas field. At a minimum, public comments will be heard just prior to adjournment of the meeting.

Dated: February 2, 2005.

Priscilla E. Mecham,
Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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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 of oil and gas lease WYW141360 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, Theresa M. Stevens, Land Law Examiner, at (307) 775-6167.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lessees have 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 lessees have paid the required \$500 administrative fee and

\$166 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice. The lessees have 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 WYW141360 effective April 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.

Theresa M. Stevens,
Land Law Examiner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Availability of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Proposed Resource Management Plan (PRMP) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument (CSNM). This planning activity encompasses approximately 52,947 acres of public land located in Jackson County in southwestern Oregon. The BLM has and will continue to work closely with all interested parties to identify management decisions that best protect public lands in the monument. Final decisions will supercede the Medford District Resource Management Plan completed in 1995 for lands within the CSNM area and provide direction for management of these public lands.

DATES: Publication of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Notice of Availability initiates a 30 day protest period. BLM Planning Regulations (43 CFR 1610.5-2) states that any person who participated in the planning process, and has an interest that may be adversely affected, may protest. The protest must be filed within 30 days of the date that the EPA publishes this notice in the **Federal Register**. Instructions for filing of protests are described in the "Dear Interested Party" letter of the CSNM PRMP/FEIS and

included in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

Comments on the Proposed Plan and Final EIS may be submitted to Medford District Office, Attn: Howard Hunter, Project Manager, at the address listed below.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the CSNM PRMP/FEIS have been sent to affected Federal, state, and local government agencies and to known interested parties. The PRMP/FEIS is available for public inspection at the Medford District Office in Medford, Oregon, during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays). Interested persons may also review the PRMP/FEIS on the Internet at <http://www.or.blm.gov/Medford/CSNM>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Howard Hunter, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon, 97504, telephone (541-618-2256) or fax (541-734-2400).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed management described in the PRMP/FEIS was developed based on the four alternatives examined in the Draft RMP/EIS (2002) and subsequent public review and comment on the Draft RMP/EIS (June 2002-December 2002).

The proposed management detailed in the FEIS addresses vegetation management, transportation and access, livestock grazing, recreation, visitor use, facilities, and rights-of-way. The PRMP describes a management strategy for meeting the primary goals of the proclamation. An approved RMP/Record of Decision is expected to be available for the public by February 2005 after resolution of any protests.

Comments on the Draft RMP/EIS received from the public and internal BLM review comments were incorporated into the proposed plan where appropriate. Public comments resulted in some additional analysis and the addition of clarifying text, but did not significantly change proposed land use decisions.

Instructions for filing a protest with the Director of the BLM regarding the PRMP/FEIS may be found at 43 CFR 1610.5. A protest may only raise those issues which were submitted for the record during the planning process. E-mail and faxed protests will not be accepted as valid protests unless the protesting party also provides the original letter by either regular or overnight mail postmarked by the close of the protest period. Under these conditions, BLM will consider the e-mail or faxed protest as an advance copy and it will receive full consideration. If you wish to provide BLM with such