

individual task groups. At a minimum, public comments will be heard prior to lunch and adjournment of the meeting.

Dated: March 7, 2005.

Bill Wadsworth,

Field Office Manager.

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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 Reclamation 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) Reclamation Task Group (subcommittee) will meet in Pinedale, Wyoming, for a business meeting. Task Group meetings are open to the public. **DATES:** The PAWG Reclamation Task Group will meet April 6, 2005, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings of the PAWG Reclamation Task Group will be held in the Lovatt Room at the Sublette County Library. The Sublette County Library is located at 155 South Tyler Ave., in Pinedale.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dessa Dale, BLM/Reclamation TG Liaison, Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale FO, 432 E. Mill Street, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale WY 82941; 307-367-5321.

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. The agenda for this meeting will be discussion related to revision of the draft reclamation monitoring plan into a new format. The meeting will address concurrence on the revised plan, nomination of a new

chairperson, and other items of concern within the Reclamation Task Group. Public comments will be accepted.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Meeting of the Pinedale Anticline Working Group's Water Resources 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) Water Resources Task Group (subcommittee) will meet in Pinedale, Wyoming, for a business meeting. Task Group meetings are open to the public. **DATES:** PAWG Water Resources Task Group meetings are scheduled for April 6, 2005 and May 12, 2005. Each meeting will be held from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Both meetings of the PAWG Water Resources Task Group will be held in the Lovatt Room of the Pinedale Library at 155 S. Tyler Ave., Pinedale, WY.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine Woodfield, BLM/Water Resources TG Co-Liaison, Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Field Office, 432 E. Mills St., P.O. Box 738, Pinedale, WY 82941; (307) 367-5360 or Dennis Doncaster, BLM/Water Resources TG Co-Liaison, Bureau of Land Management, Rock Springs Field Office, 280 Hwy 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming, 82901; (307) 352-0207.

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 proceeds for the life of the field.

The agenda for these meetings will include discussion and refinement of the water resources monitoring plan to assess impacts of development in the Pinedale Anticline gas field. Final Task Group recommendations are due to the PAWG in April, 2005. At a minimum, public comments will be heard just prior to adjournment of the meeting.

Dated: March 7, 2005.

Bill Wadsworth,

Acting Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-024-05-1610-DU-WMRA]

Notice of Intent To Prepare Plan Amendment for the 1986 White Mountains National Recreation Area Resource Management Plan (RMP)

AGENCY: Northern Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, Fairbanks, Alaska.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to prepare an RMP amendment for the White Mountains National Recreation Area. The amendment will fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), and BLM management priorities. The BLM will work closely with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional and national needs and concerns. The public scoping will be used to identify planning issues and develop planning criteria.

DATES: The scoping comment period will commence with the publication of this notice. Formal scoping will end 60 days after publication of this notice.

Public Participation: Comments on issues and planning criteria should be submitted in writing and should be received on or before the end of the scoping period at the address listed below. One public meeting will be held in Fairbanks during the scoping and preparation period. The meeting will be announced through local news media and the BLM Web site (<http://aurora.ak.blm.gov/>) at least 15 days prior to the meeting.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: Northern Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709-3844, attention Lon Kelly.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Lon Kelly, telephone (907) 474-2368.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The RMP for the White Mountains National Recreation Area was signed in 1986. The planning area is approximately 60 miles northwest of Fairbanks, Alaska, and encompasses approximately 1,000,000 acres of public lands within the recreation area and approximately 20,000 acres of public lands outside of the Recreation Area. There are approximately 160 acres of private lands within the Recreation Area. A recent evaluation of the RMP found issues related to several existing land use plan allocations that will require an amendment to the RPM in order to be changed. These resource use allocations include: (1) Areas designated for off-highway vehicle use are not meeting RMP objectives and need to be reevaluated, (2) two transportation corridors were prescribed in the RMP but only one corridor was established. The second corridor was replaced by the Nome Creek Gateway project. The plan should be updated to reflect the change, (3) there are other issues affecting this planning area including, (a) federally managed lands exist within the planning area boundaries but were not included in or covered by the RMP, (b) there has been a change in Federal subsistence regulations since the RMP was completed, (c) ownership patterns in the area have changed due to the completion of State and native selections, and (d) fire management policy. Other issues may be considered depending on public input. Additional issues to be addressed in this amendment can be submitted to the BLM by interested agencies, groups, and individuals throughout the planning process. Documents pertinent to this amendment may be examined at the Northern Field Office located in Fairbanks, Alaska. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Northern Field 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 EA. Individual respondents may request confidentiality.

If you wish BLM 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 or 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.

Robert Schneider,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Civil Penalties

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS).

ACTION: Notice summarizing OCS civil penalties paid, January 1, 2004, through December 31, 2004.

SUMMARY: This notice provides a listing of civil penalties paid January 1, 2004, through December 31, 2004, for violations of the OCS Lands Act (OCSLA). The goal of the MMS OCS Civil Penalties Program is to assure safe and clean operations on the OCS. Through the pursuit, assessment, and collection of civil penalties and referrals for the consideration of criminal penalties, the program is designed to encourage compliance with OCS statutes and regulations. The purpose of publishing the penalties summary is to provide information to the public on violations of special concern in OCS operations and to provide an additional incentive for safe and environmentally sound operations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joanne McCammon (Acting Program Coordinator), 703-787-1292.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) strengthened section 24 of the OCSLA Amendments of 1978. Subtitle B of OPA 90, titled "Penalties," increased the amount of the civil penalty from a maximum of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$20,000 per violation for each day of noncompliance. More importantly, in

cases where a failure to comply with applicable regulations constitutes or constituted a threat of serious, irreparable, or immediate harm or damage to life (including fish and other aquatic life); property; any mineral deposit; or the marine, coastal, or human environment; OPA 90 provided the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) with the authority to assess a civil penalty without regard to the requirement of expiration of a period of time allowed for corrective action.

On August 8, 1997, MMS published new regulations (62 FR 42668) implementing the civil penalty provisions of the OCSLA. Written in "plain English," the new question-and-answer format provides a better understanding of the OCS civil penalty process. In addition, the provisions of OPA 90 require the Secretary to adjust the maximum civil penalty to reflect any increases in the Consumer Price Index. The new rule increased the maximum civil penalty to \$25,000 per violation, per day. Please note, subsequent to publishing the new regulations, MMS made several corrections and amendments, including the appeals procedures. These were published at 63 FR 42711, 8/11/98; 64 FR 9066, 2/24/99; 62 FR 9065, 2/24/99, and 64 FR 26257, 5/13/99.

On November 28, 2003, MMS published a new regulation (68 FR 61622) adjusting the maximum civil penalty assessment to comply with the Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index. The maximum amount is now \$30,000 per violation per day.

Between August 18, 1990, and January 2005, MMS initiated 504 civil penalty reviews. Operators have paid 397 civil penalties for a total of \$13,234,792 in fines. Seventy cases were dismissed; 5 cases were merged; and 32 cases are under review.

On September 1, 1997, the Associate Director of Offshore Minerals Management issued a notice informing lessees and operators of Federal oil, gas, and sulphur leases on the OCS that MMS will annually publish a summary of OCS civil penalties paid. The annual summary will highlight the identity of the party, the regulation violated, and the amount paid. The following table provides a listing of the penalties paid between January 1, 2004, and December 31, 2004.