

basins to obtain an exemption from threatened species permits otherwise required under 50 CFR 17.32 if they meet certain conditions. We have not yet received any requests for such an exemption. Under the special rule, there is no deadline for receipt of applications from aquaculture facilities seeking an exemption.

Authority: The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Dated: October 13, 2005.

Craig Manson,

Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT–069–1610–DP–024E]

Notice of Availability of the Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (DRMP/EIS) for the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument, MT

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (DRMP/EIS) for public land and resources in the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument, Montana. BLM invites the public to review and comment on the range and adequacy of the draft alternatives and their associated environmental effects. The DRMP/EIS provides direction and guidance for the management of about 375,000 acres of public land and 42,800 acres of existing oil and gas leases.

DATES: The comment period will end 90 days after the Environmental Protection Agency publishes a Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of this DRMP/EIS. In order to assure that comments will be considered, they must be received by BLM on or before the end of the comment period at the address listed below. BLM will hold public meetings during the comment period and will announce their exact time and location at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media news

releases, newsletter mailings, and on the following Web site (subject to availability): http://www.blm.gov/nhp./spotlight/state_info/planning.htm.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: Monument RMP Team, BLM Lewistown Field Office, 920 NE Main Street, PO Box 1160, Lewistown, Montana 59457. Comments may also be sent by e-mail to MonumentRMP@blm.gov. Documents pertinent to the DRMP/EIS and written comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Lewistown Field Office at the address above during regular business hours, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Review copies of the DRMP/EIS are available at the following locations in and near the planning area:

BLM Fort Benton River Management Station
BLM Great Falls Oil @ Gas Field Station
BLM Havre Field Station
BLM Lewistown Field Office
BLM Malta Field Office
BLM Montana State Office
Blaine County Library
Lewistown Public Library
Phillips County Library

The DRMP/EIS and other associated documents may also be viewed and downloaded in PDF format at the Monument RMP Web site at http://www.blm.gov/nhp/spotlight/state_info/planning.htm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your name added to the mailing list contact Jerry Majerus, RMP Project Manager, at (406) 538–1924, or Gary Slagel, Monument Manager, at (406) 538–1950.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument is located in northcentral Montana in Blaine, Chouteau, Fergus, and Phillips Counties. The planning area addressed in the RMP comprises about 375,000 acres of public land and 42,800 acres of existing oil and gas leases administered by the BLM Lewistown Field Office. The State of Montana and Blaine, Chouteau, Fergus, and Phillips Counties participated in development of the plan as cooperating agencies.

The public involvement and collaboration process implemented for this effort included 11 public scoping open houses, 11 alternative development workshops, 6 public meetings on oil and gas leases, preparation of comment summary reports, incorporation of recommendations from the Central

Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC), and distribution of information via the Monument RMP Web site and periodic updates and newsletters. BLM has sent copies of the DRMP/EIS to individuals, agencies, and groups who requested them or if this was required by regulation or policy.

For comments to be most helpful, they should relate to specific concerns or conflicts that are within the legal responsibilities of the BLM and can be resolved in this planning process. BLM will publish its responses to the comments in the Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement. 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.

The DRMP/EIS addresses the following six major questions: How will human activities and uses be managed? What facilities and infrastructure are appropriate to provide visitor interpretation and administration of the Monument? How will BLM manage resource uses and protect the biological, historical, cultural, and visual values of the Monument? How will Monument management be intergrated with other agency and community plans? How will transportation and access be managed? How will Monument management affect economic and social conditions in the area?

The DRMP/EIS considers and analyzes six alternatives (A–F), including the No Action (Continuation of Current Management) alternative. BLM developed these alternatives based on extensive public input, including scoping (July/August 2002); alternative development workshops (July 2003); oil and gas lease meetings (November 2004); numerous meetings with local, state, tribal, and Federal agencies; and recommendations made by the Central Montana RAC. The BLM expects to prepare and make available a Proposed RMP and Final Environmental Impact Statement after reviewing comments and making any pertinent adjustments by summer 2006.

Dated: August 19, 2005.

Martin C. Ott,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-923; COC-69155]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Transfer of Jurisdiction; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy has filed an application requesting the Secretary of the Interior to withdraw from surface entry and mining and transfer jurisdiction of 160 acres of public land in Moffat County, Colorado, to be utilized as a uranium mill tailings disposal site. This notice segregates the land for a period of 2 years from surface entry and mining.

DATES: Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received January 26, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Correspondence should be addressed to the State Director, BLM Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris E. Chelius, BLM Colorado State Office, 303-239-3706.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of Energy has filed an application with the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw from surface entry and mining and transfer to them, subject to valid existing rights, the jurisdiction of the following described public land:

Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 7 N., R. 95 W.,
sec. 24, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 160 acres in Moffat County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to transfer jurisdiction of the land to the U.S. Department of Energy for perpetual administration as a hazardous material site under authority of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978, 42 U.S.C. 7901, et seq.

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 action may present their views in writing to the Colorado State Director, BLM, at the above address.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, and records relating to the proposed withdrawal will be available for public review at BLM Colorado State Office, during regular business hours.

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 representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

This application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

Effective on the date of publication, this land is segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, and the mineral leasing laws. The segregative effect of this application will terminate 2 years from the date of this publication unless final withdrawal action is taken or the application is denied or cancelled prior to that date (43 CFR 2310.2). Notice of any action will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Public meetings will be held in connection with the proposed withdrawal action during the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement that will analyze options for permanent disposal of the uranium tailings. A notice of the time and place will be published by the U.S. Department of Energy in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days prior to the scheduled date of the meetings.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2310.3-1)

Dated: October 7, 2005.

John D. Beck,

Acting Chief, Branch of Lands and Realty.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-923; COC-68632]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal; Scheduled Public Meeting; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture has filed an application requesting the

Secretary of the Interior to withdraw approximately 14,919 acres of National Forest System lands in Douglas, Teller, Park, and Jefferson Counties, Colorado. This notice segregates the lands from location and entry under the U.S. Mining Laws for up to 2 years. This notice also establishes the time and place of the public meeting.

DATES: Comments on this proposed action must be received on or before January 26, 2006.

The public meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on December 15, 2005 at the USDA Forest Service Workcenter, State Highway 126, Buffalo Creek, Colorado 80425.

Requests to be heard at the public meeting should be received by close of business on December 8, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments and/or requests to be heard should be submitted to the State Director, Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, or David Crumley, USDA, Forest Service, 2040 Kachina Drive, Pueblo, Colorado 81008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris E. Chelius, BLM, 303-239-3706, in Denver, or David Crumley, USDA Forest Service, 719-553-1591 in Pueblo.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Department of Agriculture, acting through the Forest Service, filed an application with the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw the following identified lands from location and entry under the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights. The outer limit of the area requested is a line drawn in such a manner that each point of it is $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile (U.S. Foot) each side from the middle of the main channels of the South Platte and the North Fork of the South Platte Rivers comprising a $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile wide corridor aggregating a length of approximately 71.4 miles. The lands proposed to be withdrawn are described in the following three segments:

Sixth Principal Meridian

Pike—San Isabel National Forest

Segment 1: Elevenmile Canyon Reservoir to Cheesman Lake

Beginning at a point on the South Platte River at the outlet in the Elevenmile Reservoir Dam in sec. 20, T. 13 S., R. 72 W., thence northeasterly along the middle of the main channel of the South Platte River approximately 25.9 miles, ending at a point where the South Platte River exits the east boundary of sec. 22. T. 10 S., R. 71 W.

Segment 2: Cheesman Dam to the High Water Line of the Strontia Springs Reservoir

Beginning on the South Platte River from the stream gage below Cheesman Dam in sec.