

ACTION: Notice of correction.

SUMMARY: On Monday, December 12, 2005, the Bureau of Land Management published a Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Atlantic Rim Natural Gas Development Project in the **Federal Register** [Vol. 70, No. 237, p. 73482]. The **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** on alternatives analyzed in detail contained naming errors. The correct information is as follows:

The Atlantic Rim DEIS analyzed four alternatives in detail:

1. The Proposed Action Alternative;
2. Alternative A, the No Action Alternative, which means the project as proposed would be rejected by the BLM;
3. Alternative B—Phased development; and,
4. Alternative C—Special protection of sensitive of sensitive resources.

“The agency’s preferred alternative is a combination of Alternative B and C.”

These corrected alternative names also correct references to the alternatives for the remainder of the notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Simons, Project Lead or Mr. Mark Storzer, Field Manager, BLM Rawlins Field Office. Mr. Simons and Mr. Storzer may be reached at (307) 328-4200.

Dated: December 27, 2005.

Robert A. Bennett,
State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-350-1430-PN]

Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Wind Energy Development Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) and Associated Land Use Plan Amendments

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Record of Decision (ROD).

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) procedures, the BLM announces the availability of the ROD to implement a Wind Energy Development Program and amend BLM land use plans. The decision is hereby

made to implement a comprehensive Wind Energy Development Program to administer the development of wind energy resources on BLM-administered public lands in 11 western states, excluding Alaska. In addition, this decision amends 52 BLM land use plans in 9 states to adopt the new program. The Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty and Resource Protection and the Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning jointly signed the ROD on December 15, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Wind Energy Development Program ROD are available upon request from Scott Powers, Montana State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Dr., Billings, Montana 59107 or via the Internet at <http://windeis.anl.gov>. Copies will also be available at each of the following BLM offices: Arizona State Office, 222 N. Central Ave., Phoenix; California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Suite W-1834, Sacramento; Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield St., Lakewood; Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise; Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Dr., Billings; Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno; New Mexico State Office, 1474 Rodeo Rd., Santa Fe; Oregon State Office, 333 SW. 1st Ave., Portland; Utah State Office, 440 West 200 South, Salt Lake City; Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Rd., Cheyenne; and BLM Washington Office, Public Affairs Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Powers, at 406-896-5319, (or e-mail at scott_powers@blm.gov), Montana State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Dr., Billings, Montana 59107.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Wind Energy Development Program ROD was developed through preparation of the *Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement on Wind Energy Development on BLM-Administered Lands in the Western United States*. The elements of the Wind Energy Development Program and the associated land use plan amendments were evaluated through this PEIS, which was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the FLPMA. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) cooperated in the preparation of the PEIS in support of the BLM’s proposed action.

The Wind Energy Development Program will be implemented in 11 western states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. The Program establishes policies and best management practices

(BMPs) for the administration of wind energy development activities and establishes minimum requirements for mitigation measures. The policies and BMPs, included in Attachment A of the ROD, address the mitigation of potential impacts to all natural and cultural resources that could occur during any phase of development. These include impacts such as the use of geologic and water resources; creation or increase of geologic hazards or soil erosion; water quality degradation; localized generation of airborne dust; generation of noise; alteration or degradation of wildlife habitat or sensitive or unique habitat; interference with resident or migratory fish or wildlife species, including protected species; alteration or degradation of plant communities, including the occurrence of invasive vegetation; land use changes; alteration of visual resources; release of hazardous materials or wastes; increased traffic; increased human health and safety hazards; and destruction or loss of paleontological or cultural resources.

With the decision to implement the Wind Energy Development Program, the BLM Interim Wind Energy Policy, dated October 16, 2002, will be replaced by a new policy that incorporates the programmatic policies and BMPs evaluated in the PEIS. Elements of the Interim Policy addressing applications, authorizations, competitive interests, and due diligence will not be changed by the new program requirements.

In addition, this decision amends 52 BLM land use plans in 9 of the states in the study area: Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. The land use plan amendments, identified in Attachment B of the ROD, include the adoption of the Wind Energy Development Program policies and BMPs and, in a few instances, the identification of specific areas where wind energy development will be excluded.

Public involvement in preparation of the Wind Energy Development PEIS was extensive, as documented in the PEIS and the ROD. The 30-day public protest period resulted in no protests. In addition, results of the 90-day Governors Consistency Review of the PEIS, required by BLM planning regulations, were favorable in that none of the Governors objected to the proposed plan amendments.

On May 18, 2001, the President issued Executive Order (E.O.) 13212, “Actions to Expedite Energy-Related Projects,” which established a policy that federal agencies should take appropriate actions, to the extent consistent with applicable law, to expedite projects to

increase the production, transmission, or conservation of energy. In that same month, the President's National Energy Policy Development Group recommended to the President, as part of the National Energy Policy, that the Departments of the Interior, Energy, Agriculture, and Defense work together to increase renewable energy production. On August 8, 2005, the President signed into law the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-58). Section 211 of the Act states, "It is the sense of the Congress that the Secretary of the Interior should, before the end of the 10-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, seek to have approved non-hydropower renewable energy projects located on the public lands with a generation capacity of at least 10,000 megawatts of electricity." Implementation of the Wind Energy Development Program and the amendment of multiple land use plans to adopt the program will effectively support the directives of E.O. 13212, the recommendations of the 2001 National Energy Policy, and congressional direction provided in the Energy Policy Act of 2005 regarding renewable energy development on public lands.

Dated: December 19, 2005.

Ray Brady,

Team Lead, Energy Policy Act Implementation Team.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-200-1120-PH]

Notice of February Resource Advisory Council Meeting To Be Held in Twin Falls District, ID

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the intent to hold a Resource Advisory Council (RAC) meeting in the Twin Falls District of Idaho on Tuesday, February 7, 2006. The meeting will be held at the Red Lion Canyon Springs Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Boulevard, in Twin Falls, Idaho.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Twin Falls District Resource Advisory Council consists of the standard fifteen members residing throughout south central Idaho. Meeting agenda items will include updates on sub-committee efforts, Cotterell Mountain Wind Power Plant EIS status, SEMBRA coal plant proposal, Recreation RAC status and pending decisions and more.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sky Buffat, Twin Falls District, Idaho, 2536 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, (208)735-2068.

Dated: January 4, 2006.

Bill Baker,

Twin Falls District Associate Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-1310-01; WYW141204]

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 Antelope Coal Company of competitive oil and gas lease WYW141204 for lands in Converse 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, Branch of 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 16²/₃ 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 WYW141204 effective March 1, 2005, 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, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-936-1430-ET; HAG-06-0012; WAOR-59196]

Public Land Order No. 7651; Withdrawal of Public Land, Hot Lake Natural Area; Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws 80 acres of public land from location and entry under the United States mining laws for a period of 20 years for the Bureau of Land Management to protect the Hot Lake Natural Area.

DATES: Effective January 11, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Schurger, Bureau of Land Management, Wenatchee Field Office, 509-665-2116, or Charles R. Roy, Bureau of Land Management Oregon/Washington State Office, 503-808-6189.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau of Land Management will manage the lands to protect the unique educational, scientific, and research values of the Hot Lake Natural Area.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (2000), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public land is hereby withdrawn from location and entry under the United States mining laws, (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (2000)), for the Bureau of Land Management to protect the unique educational, scientific and research values of the Hot Lake Natural Area:

Willamette Meridian

Hot Lake Natural Area

T. 40 N., R. 27 E.,
Sec. 7, SE¹/₄SE¹/₄;
Sec. 18, NE¹/₄NE¹/₄.

The area described contains 80 acres in Okanogan County.

2. This withdrawal will expire 20 years from the effective date of this order unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f)(2000), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.