

Background

On February 16, 2006, in anticipation of possible removal (delisting) of the bald eagle in the 48 contiguous States from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (the Service) published a Notice of Availability of draft National Bald Eagle Management Guidelines (71 FR 8309). The Service concurrently proposed two other related actions: (1) a proposed regulatory definition of "disturb" under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) (71 FR 8265, February 16, 2006); and (2) a reopening of the comment period on our proposal to remove the bald eagle from the list of threatened and endangered species under the ESA (71 FR 8238, February 16, 2006). Due to the complexity of these related actions, we are extending the comment period for each action for an additional 30 days.

Dated: May 10, 2006.

Marshall P. Jones, Jr.,

Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-310-1310-PP-EPAI]

Amendment to the List of Affected States Under the Energy Policy Act of 1992

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of removal of Kentucky from the List of Affected States.

SUMMARY: The Energy Policy Act of 1992 (the Act) (Pub. L. 102-486) requires that the Secretary of the Interior administer a Federal program to regulate coalbed methane development in states where coalbed methane development has been impeded by disputes or uncertainty over ownership of coalbed methane gas. As required by the Act, the Department of the Interior, with the participation of the Department of Energy, developed a List of Affected States to which this program would apply (58 FR 21589, April 22, 1993).

Section 1339 of the Act provides three mechanisms by which a state may be removed from the List of Affected States. The List of Affected States is currently comprised of the States of Kentucky and Tennessee.

Section 387 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-58) provided a

three-year period for state action to seek removal from the List of Affected States, including action taken prior to enactment of that Act (August 8, 2005). In 2004, the Kentucky General Assembly passed and the Governor signed a coalbed methane law, codified as Chapter 349 of Kentucky Revised Statutes. The law created a state authority and procedures to facilitate coalbed methane development. It further explicitly sought, in subsection 349.005(4)(e), deletion of Kentucky from the List of Affected States.

We find that this Kentucky statute fulfills two of the Act's Section 1339 removal standards: (a) A law requesting removal and (b) a law permitting and encouraging the development of coalbed methane. Therefore, the State of Kentucky is officially removed from the List of Affected States.

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Dated: April 7, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UTU 014955 and UTU Management 015233]

Public Land Order No. 7663; Partial Revocation of Public Land Order No. 1579; UT

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order partially revokes a Public Land Order insofar as it affects approximately 3,613 acres of public lands within national forests, which were withdrawn for Forest Service recreation areas and administrative sites.

DATES: *Effective Date:* May 16, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Service has determined that a

withdrawal is no longer needed on the lands described in this order, and has requested the partial revocation. The lands will not be opened to surface entry or mining until completion of an analysis to determine if any of the lands need special designation.

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:

Public Land Order No. 1579 (23 FR 798, February 6, 1958), which withdrew public lands within national forests for Forest Service, Department of Agriculture administrative sites and recreational areas, is hereby revoked only insofar as it affects the following described lands:

(a) Uinta National Forest

Salt Lake Meridian

Aspen Grove Recreation Area

T. 5 S., R. 3 E.

Sec. 4, all of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 7 north of the centerline of State Highway 92,

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 9, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Big Tree Forest Camp No. 1 Recreation Area

T. 4 S., R. 3 E.

Sec. 33, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 34, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Granite Flat Recreation Area

T. 4 S., R. 2 E.

Sec. 1, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 12, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 4 S., R. 3 E.

Sec. 7, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Holman Flat Forest Camp Recreation Area

T. 4 S., R. 3 E.

Sec. 5, lots 5, 6, 7, and 9 and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Little Valley Recreation Area

T. 10 S., R. 5 W.

Sec. 14, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 15, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Mutual Dell Recreation Area

T. 4 S., R. 3 E.

Sec. 29, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 30, all of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ North of the centerline of State Route 92, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Silver Lake Flat Recreation Area

T. 3 S., R. 2 E.

Sec. 36, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 4 S., R. 2 E.

Sec. 1, lots 1 and 8.

T. 3 S., R. 3 E.