

- Mussentuchit Badlands Area—(58,398 acres) Values of concern include cultural resources such as prehistoric quarrying area;

- White-Tailed Prairie Dog Complex—(9,204 acres) Values of concern include protection of habitat and other species dependent on prairie dog colonies; and

- Lower Muddy Creek Area—(29,854 acres) Values of concern include outstanding scenery and threatened and endangered plants.

These four potential ACECs are considered for designation in Alternative C of the Price Draft RMP/EIS. Potential resource use limitations related to ACEC management of all of these areas include limitations to OHV use, leasing for oil and gas, disposal of mineral materials, and locatable mineral entry. Additionally, ACEC management for the Desolation Canyon potential ACEC would exclude right-of-way (ROW) grants. The supplemental information and analysis has been prepared for public review to facilitate the inclusion of these four potential ACECs into the Price RMP/EIS. The information includes:

- The incorporation of the specific ACEC proposals, including resource use limitations, in Chapter 2:

- A description of potential impacts in Chapter 4;

- A summary of nominations matrix in Appendix 26; and

- A description of relevant and important values found in these four potential ACECs, also in Appendix 26.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Price Field Office during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays and will be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). They may be published as part of the EIS and other related documents. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review and disclosure under FOIA, 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 or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety. The supplemental information is available upon request at the Price Field Office and on the Internet at the addresses provided above.

Dated: May 26, 2006.

Gene Terland,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-110]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Amendment to the White River Field Office Resource Management Plan and Associated Environmental Impact Statement for Oil and Gas Development, Meeker, CO

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), White River Field Office (WRFO) located in Meeker, CO, will be directing the preparation of a Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment and associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The BLM invites the public to participate in this planning effort.

DATES: The scoping comment period will commence with the publication of this notice and will end 45 days after publication of this notice. Public meetings will be held during the scoping comment period in Meeker and Rifle, Colorado. Comments on the scope of the EIS, including concerns, issues, or proposed alternatives that should be considered, should be submitted in writing to the address below. The dates of public meetings to be held in Meeker and Rifle, Colorado will be announced through the local media, newsletters, and WRFO National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) mailing list. The draft EIS is expected to be available for public review and comment in September 2007 and the final EIS is expected to be available early in 2008.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: Jane Peterson, 73554 Highway 64, Meeker, Colorado 81641. Written comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the offices of the BLM White River Field Office, 73554 Highway 64, Meeker, Colorado 81641, during normal working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except holidays). Submissions from organizations or businesses will be made available for

public inspection in their entirety. Individuals may request confidentiality with respect to their name, address, and phone number. If you wish to have your name or street address withheld from public review, or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. Comment contents will not be kept confidential. Responses to the comments will be published as part of the Proposed Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Jane Peterson, WRFO Oil and Gas EIS Project Manager, at (970) 244-3027 or alternately at (970) 878-3828. E-mail can be directed to

jane_h_peterson@blm.gov and mail can be sent to the address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The RMP Amendment proposes to modify the level of oil and gas development within the WRFO boundaries above what was anticipated in the 1997 WRFO RMP. The EIS will analyze the potential impacts of increased oil and gas development on a field office-wide level. Citizens are requested to help identify issues or concerns and to provide input on BLM's proposed action. The White River Field Office (WRFO), Meeker, Colorado, is located in northwestern Colorado primarily in Rio Blanco County, with other tracts located in Garfield and Moffat Counties and encompasses 1,455,900 acres of BLM surface estate and 365,000 acres of split mineral estate. The WRFO is experiencing unprecedented growth in the oil and gas energy program. The Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA) Reauthorization of 2000 directed the Department of the Interior to produce a scientific inventory of oil and gas resources and reserves underlying Federal lands. The EPCA-generated studies of five oil and gas basins (Montana Thrust Belt, Powder River, Green River, San Juan/Paradox, and Uinta/Piceance), completed and presented to Congress in January, 2003, identified the Piceance Basin of Northwest Colorado, in which the WRFO is located, as one of five sub-basins in the continental United States with large reserves of undeveloped oil and gas energy potential. As a result of EPCA, higher oil and gas prices, and development of interstate transportation pipelines the WRFO is experiencing an oil and gas boom. The WRFO Resource Management Plan (RMP), approved in

1997, projected and analyzed a Reasonable Foreseeable Development (RFD) scenario of 1,100 oil and gas wells, with 10 acres of disturbance per well (including roads and pipelines), over a 20-year period (approximately 55 wells per year). The RFD projected that nearly 2/3 of the oil and gas development activity (or 800 wells) would take place south of Rangely, Colorado with the remaining activity dispersed throughout the remaining field office area. While this projection has been fairly accurate for the activity south of Rangely, the current and projected oil and gas activity in the Piceance Basin may soon far exceed the RFD/EIS impact analysis.

The oil and gas industry has indicated that the potential exists to develop over 13,000 oil and gas wells in the Piceance Basin over the next 20 years. The current WRFO RMP/EIS does not adequately address this projected level of oil and gas development. The BLM has identified some preliminary planning criteria to guide the development of the plan. The following planning criteria have been proposed to guide the development of the plan, to avoid unnecessary data collection and analyses, and to ensure the plan is tailored to issues. Other criteria may be identified during the public scoping process. Proposed planning criteria include the following:

- The plan will comply with all applicable laws, regulations and current policies.
- Broad-based public participation will be an integral part of the planning and EIS process.
- The plan will recognize valid existing rights.
- Environmental protection and energy production are both desirable and necessary objectives of sound land management practices and are not to be considered mutually exclusive priorities

The BLM will analyze the proposed action and no action alternatives, as well as other possible alternatives that could include alternative approaches to mitigation measures and/or conditions of approval for future oil and gas development in the planning area. Alternatives will be further defined as part of the planning process.

Vernon Rholl,

Acting Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UTU-78568]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease, Utah

June 12, 2006.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Title IV of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act (Pub. L. 97-451), Parallel Petroleum Corporation timely filed a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease UTU78568 for lands in Uintah County, Utah, and it was accompanied by all required rentals and royalties accruing from March 1, 2006, the date of termination.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas F. Cook, Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals at (801) 539-4122.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Lessee has agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$5 per acre and 16²/₃ percent, respectively. The \$500 administrative fee for the lease has been paid and the lessee has reimbursed the Bureau of Land Management for the cost of publishing this notice.

Having met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Section 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease UTU78568, effective March 1, 2006, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

Douglas F. Cook,

Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-1310-EI; WYW147440]

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 Summit Resources, Inc. for competitive oil and gas lease WYW147440 for land in Natrona 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 sections 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 WYW147440 effective February 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

[WY-920-1310-EI; WYW147439]

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 Summit Resources, Inc. for competitive oil and gas lease WYW147439 for land in Natrona 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.