

breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife.

The Refuge lies on the Central Flyway migratory corridor and is an important stopover for many birds. The prairie grassland and wetland complex habitats provides a nesting and feeding habitat for waterfowl in the spring and summer. Hundreds of thousands of waterfowl migrate through the area and use the wetlands in the spring and fall for feeding and resting. The Refuge contains approximately 6,000 acres of native prairie; 5,340 acres of seed grasses; 3,850 acres of wetlands; 660 acres of wooded ravines and riparian woodlands; and 125 acres of planted trees including shelterbelts. It is important to note that 3,430 acres of wetlands are managed impoundments and pools. Public use and recreation at the Refuge includes the six priority wildlife-dependent uses: hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, interpretation, and education.

This draft CCP/EA identifies and evaluates three alternatives for managing the Refuge for the next 15 years. Under Alternative A, the No Action alternative, the Service would manage habitats, wildlife, programs, and facilities at current levels as time, staff, and funds allow. There would be an emphasis on waterfowl migration and reproduction habitat. The Service would not develop any new management, restoration, or education programs at the Refuge. Target elevations of each wetland impoundment would be managed independently to achieve optimal habitat conditions.

Alternative B would maximize the biological potential of the Refuge for both wetland and upland habitats, and support a well-balanced and diverse flora and fauna representative of the Prairie Pothole Region. A scientific-based monitoring program would be developed as part of the habitat management plan (HMP). Public use opportunities would be expanded with the construction of additional facilities and development of educational programs.

Alternative C, the Proposed Action, would include those features described in Alternative B, as well as including a plan to improve the water quality entering the Refuge, and reducing peak flows in the upper James River watershed during spring runoff and summer rainfall events. This watershed management component would include working with private landowners through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Partners for Fish and Wildlife program and other federal, state, and private conservation programs. The

focus would be to protect and restore wetlands and grasslands, and reduce the impact on water quality from cropland and livestock operations. Improving the health of the upper James River watershed would not only benefit wildlife habitat in the watershed and at the Refuge, it would also benefit the Jamestown Reservoir and all downstream users.

The Proposed Action was selected because it best meets the purposes and goals of the Refuge, as well as the goals of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The Proposed Action will also benefit federally listed species, waterfowl, shorebirds, wading birds, grassland birds, and songbirds. Environmental education and partnerships will result in improved wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities. Cultural and historical resources, as well as federally listed species, will be protected.

Opportunities for public input will also be provided at a public meeting. Exact dates and times for these public meetings are yet to be determined, but will be announced via local media and a newsletter. All information provided voluntarily by mail, phone, or at public meetings (e.g., names, addresses, letters of comment, input recorded during meetings) becomes part of the official public record. If requested under the Freedom of Information Act by a private citizen or organization, the Service may provide copies of such information. The environmental review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*); NEPA Regulations (40 CFR 1500–1508); other appropriate Federal laws and regulations; Executive Order 12996; the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997; and Service policies and procedures for compliance with those laws and regulations.

Dated: November 17, 2006.

James J. Slack,

Deputy Regional Director, Region 6, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AA–6662–F, AA–6662–H, AA–6662 K, AA–6662–A2; AK–964–1410–KC–P]

Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving the surface and subsurface estates in certain lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Choggiung Limited. The lands are in the vicinity of Ekuk, Alaska, and are located in:

Lot 3, U.S. Survey No. 6443, Alaska

Containing approximately 55 acres.

Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 16 S., R. 58 W.,

Secs. 19; Sec. 20; Sec. 21; Sec. 28.

Containing 1,803.86 acres.

T. 17 S., R. 58 W.,

Secs. 30 and 31.

Containing 1,220.20 acres.

T. 18 S., R. 58 W.,

Secs. 6 and 7;

Secs. 18 and 19;

Secs. 29 to 33, inclusive.

Containing 5,618.40 acres.

Aggregating 8,697.44 acres.

Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the Anchorage Daily News.

DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until April 23, 2007 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513–7599.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907–271–5960, or by e-mail at ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a

week, to contact the Bureau of Land Management.

John Leaf,

Land Law Examiner, Branch of Adjudication II.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-920-07-1320-EL, UTU-84713]

Notice of Invitation To Participate in Coal Exploration License Application, Parallel Petroleum Corporation, UTU-84713, Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Invitation to Participate in Coal Exploration License.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 2(b) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by section 4 of the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, 90 Stat. 1083, 30 U.S.C. 201(b), and to the regulations adopted as 43 CFR part 3410, all interested parties are hereby invited to participate with Parallel Petroleum Corporation on a pro rata cost sharing basis in a program for the exploration of coal deposits in the Vernal Coal Field owned by the United States of America in the following-described lands in Uintah County, Utah:

T. 3 S., R. 23 E., SLM, Utah
Sec. 7, lot 2;

Sec. 29, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 4 S., R. 22 E., SLM, Utah

Sec. 10, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 35, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Containing 159.57 acres.

DATES: Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice to both the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Parallel Petroleum Corporation, as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section below, no later than thirty days after publication of this invitation in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the exploration plan and license (serialized under the number of UTU 84713) are available for review during normal business hours in the public room of the BLM State Office, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah. The written notice to participate in the exploration program should be sent to both the BLM, Utah State Office, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145, and to William A. Ryan, Agent Rocky Mountain Consulting, Inc., 290 South 800 East, Vernal, Utah 94078.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All of the coal in the above-described land consists of unleased Federal coal. This coal is not within a known coal production area. This coal exploration license will be issued by the BLM. The exploration program is fully described and is being conducted pursuant to an exploration plan approved by the BLM. The plan may be modified to accommodate the legitimate exploration needs of persons seeking to participate. This notice of invitation to participate was published in *The Vernal Express*, once each week for two consecutive weeks beginning the fourth week of August 2006 and in the **Federal Register**.

The foregoing is published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to 43 CFR 3410.2-1(c)(1).

Dated: February 13, 2007.

Kent Hoffman,

Deputy State Director, Lands and Minerals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-922-07-1310-FI; COC64229]

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 of oil and gas lease COC64229 from Tatonka Oil and Gas Company, LLC for lands in Moffat County, Colorado. 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, Milada Krasilinec, Land Law Examiner, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication, at 303.239.3767.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$20.00 per acre or fraction thereof, per year and 18 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$163 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 COC64229 effective December 1, 2006, under the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

Dated: March 15, 2007

Milada Krasilinec,

Land Law Examiner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-922-07-1310-FI; COC64230]

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 of oil and gas lease COC64230 from Tatonka Oil and Gas Company, LLC for lands in Moffat County, Colorado. 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, Milada Krasilinec, Land Law Examiner, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication, at 303.239.3767.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$20.00 per acre or fraction thereof, per year and 18 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$163 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 COC64230 effective December 1, 2006, under the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.