

Each year, about 16,000 visitors hunt, observe or photograph wildlife, or enjoy wildlife interpretation at Mason Neck NWR. Its special events, refuge interpretive programs, three hiking trails, two of which are accessible to persons with disabilities, provide outstanding opportunities for visitors to experience nature.

The 325-acre Featherstone NWR lies in Prince William County, Virginia, near the Town of Woodbridge. Established pursuant to 84 Stat. 1095 in 1970, the refuge protects the natural features of a contiguous wetland area. Its narrow strip of land, bordered on the east by the shore of the Potomac River and the mouth of Neabsco Creek and on the west by an active railroad right-of-way, provides habitat for migratory land birds, shorebirds, waterfowl, ospreys, and a bald eagle nest (historical).

Featherstone NWR lacks legal public access; consequently, we close it to public use except under special use permit. It also lacks facilities or management activities that support public use.

Dated: March 8, 2007.

Richard O. Bennett,
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Hadley,
Massachusetts.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-03-840-1610-241A]

Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Advisory Committee Meeting; Call for Nominations

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Call for Nominations for the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Advisory Committee, to fill ten positions.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management is publishing this notice under section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and BLM regulations found at 43 CFR Subpart 1784. The notice requests the public to submit nominations for membership on the Canyons of the Ancients Advisory Committee (Committee). The Committee is necessary to advise the Secretary and BLM on resource management issues associated with Canyons of the Ancients National Monument.

DATES: Submit a completed nomination form and nomination letters to the address listed below no later than June 18, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Send nominations to: Manager, Canyons of the Ancients National Monument, Bureau of Land Management, 27501 Highway 184, Delores, Colorado 81323.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heather Musclow, Planner, 970-882-5632, LouAnn Jacobson, Manager, 970-882-5600, or e-mail Heather_Musclow@blm.gov, or visit the monument Web site at <http://www.co.blm.gov/canm/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any individual or organization may nominate one or more persons to serve on the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Advisory Committee. Individuals may nominate themselves for Committee membership. Individuals currently or previously on the Committee are eligible to reapply. You may obtain nomination forms from the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Manager, BLM (see **CONTACT INFORMATION**, above). To make a nomination, you must submit a completed nomination form, letters of reference from the represented interests or organizations, as well as any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications, to the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Manager. You may make nominations for the following categories of interest:

- One representative of the Montezuma County Commission (appointed from nominees submitted by the Montezuma County Commission);
- Two person from any of the following tribes and pueblos representing Native American interests: The Ute Mountain Tribe, The Uintah-Ouray Ute Tribe, The Southern Ute Tribe, The Navajo Nation, The Hopi Tribe, The Pueblo of Acoma, The Pueblo of Cochiti, The Pueblo of Isleta, The Pueblo of San Felipe, The Pueblo of Santa Ana, The Pueblo of Santo Domingo, The Pueblo of Jemez, The Pueblo of Laguna, The Pueblo of Sandia, The Pueblo of Zia, The Pueblo of Zuni, The Pueblo of Nambe, The Pueblo of San Juan, The Pueblo of Picuris, The Pueblo of Pojoaque, The Pueblo of San Ildefonso, The Pueblo of Santa Clara, The Pueblo of Taos, The Pueblo of Tesuque (appointed from nominees submitted by the BLM);

- Two persons who are recognized cultural resource representatives, one of whom represents regional interests and one of whom is from the local area (appointed from nominees submitted by the BLM);

- One person who is a grazing permittee on Federal lands in the CANM (appointed from nominees submitted by the BLM);

- One person who represents fluid minerals development (appointed from nominees submitted by the BLM);
- Three people representing any of the following: private landowners in or adjacent to the CANM, recognized national or regional environmental or resource conservation organizations, off-road vehicle use, commercial recreation, and/or representing statewide perspectives with no financial interest in the CANM (appointed from nominees submitted by the BLM).

The specific category the nominee would like to represent should be identified in the letter of nomination and the nomination form. The Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Manager will collect the nominations forms and letters of reference and distribute them to the officials responsible for submitting nominations (Montezuma County Commission and the Bureau of Land Management). The BLM will then forward recommended nominations to the Secretary, who has responsibility for making the appointments.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the BLM concerning development and implementation of a management plan for public lands within Canyons of the Ancients National Monument. Each member will be a person who, as a result of training and experience, has knowledge or special expertise which qualifies him or her to provide advice from among the categories of interest listed above.

Members will serve without monetary compensation, but will be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses at current rates for Government employees. The membership term will be for two years.

LouAnn Jacobson,

Monument Manager, Canyons of the Ancients National Monument.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-070-07-1990-EX]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement on a Plan of Operations for the Graymont Western U.S. proposed expansion of the Indian Creek Limestone Mine and To Initiate the Public Scoping Period, in Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and 43 CFR part 3809, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Butte Field Office will be directing the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) by a third-party contractor on the potential impacts of a proposed Plan of Operations for a proposed expansion of limestone mining operations by Graymont Western U.S., Inc.

DATES: This Notice initiates the 30-day public scoping period. Within 30 days of the publication of this Notice, public scoping meetings will be held in Townsend and Helena, Montana to familiarize the public with the project and to identify issues and concerns to be addressed in the EIS. The date, time, and location of each scoping meeting will be announced through the local news media, newsletters, and the BLM Web site at <http://www.mt.blm.gov/Butte> at least 15 days prior to the event. Any additional public meetings, if necessary, will be announced similarly. Comments on issues can also be submitted in writing to the address listed below for 30 days after publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**. In addition to the initial public participation process, formal opportunities for public participation will be provided upon publication of the Draft EIS.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: david_r_williams@blm.gov, gHallsten@mt.gov.
- Fax: (406) 533-7660 (BLM), (406) 444-4386 (Department of Environmental Quality).
- Mail: Send to the attention of the Graymont Mine Project Manager, BLM Butte Field Office, 106 North Parkmont, Butte, MT 59701 or Greg Hallsten, Director's Office, Montana Department of Environmental Quality, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address of the BLM Butte Field Office during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EIS. Anonymous comments will not be considered. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly

available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Williams or Joan Gabelman, at the BLM Butte Field Office, 106 North Parkmont, Butte, Montana 59701, telephone: (406) 533-7600 or Greg Hallsten at the Director's Office, Montana Department of Environmental Quality, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901, telephone: (406) 444-3276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Graymont Western U.S., Inc. has submitted a proposal to expand limestone mining operations at its Indian Creek Mine and Plant located approximately four miles west of Townsend, Montana. The mine expansion would include portions of sections 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, and 34, T. 7 N. R. 1 E. and portions of sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 16, 17, 20, 21, 28, and 29, T. 6 N., R. 1 E. The proposed expansion would be a continuation to the south of Graymont's existing permitted operations in the Limestone Hills. The mine expansion would include quarry areas, topsoil salvage areas, haul roads and waste rock placement areas, and concurrent reclamation. Approximately 2,060 acres of public land would be disturbed, of which 1,000 acres are represented by this proposed expansion. The remaining 1,060 acres have been previously permitted. Proposed mining operations would last for approximately 50 years.

The issues expected to be analyzed in the EIS include potential impacts to the Montana National Guard's training range, including Unexploded Ordnance (UXO), which is present in the proposed expansion area wildlife and cultural resources, and cumulative impacts. In addition, the EIS will analyze the following: geology and minerals; Native American religious concerns; air quality; paleontology; lands and realty; fisheries and aquatic resources; range management; vegetation; soils; visual resources; recreation and wilderness; weeds; social and economic values; environmental justice; and threatened, endangered, candidate, and sensitive resources. A range of alternatives (including, but not limited to, alternative reclamation measures and the no-action alternative) will be developed to address the issues.

Mitigating measures will be considered to minimize environmental impacts and to assure that the proposed action does not result in unnecessary or undue degradation of public lands. Federal, state, and local agencies and other individuals or organizations that may be interested in or affected by BLM's decision on Graymont's Plan of Operations are invited to participate in the scoping process with respect to this EIS.

Authority: 43 CFR part 3809.

Richard M. Hotaling,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-923-1310-FI; WYW138450]

WYOMING: 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 Kennedy Oil for competitive oil and gas lease WYW138450 for land in Johnson 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 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ 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 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 WYW138450 effective March 1, 2006, under the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited