

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[WY-923-1310-FI; WYW157243]

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 Rocky Mountain Land & Leasing LLC for competitive oil and gas lease WYW157243 for land in Lincoln 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 16⅔ percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$163.00 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 WYW157243 effective February 1, 2007, 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-930-6310-PN-LITU; HAG 07-0141]

Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision To Amend Resource Management Plans To Remove the Survey and Manage Mitigation Measure Standards and Guidelines

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.
ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA, 43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) to amend selected portions of the 1994 Record of Decision for the Northwest Forest Plan by removing the Survey and Manage Mitigation Measure Standards and Guidelines. The ROD amends Resource Management Plans for the BLM Districts in western Oregon and northwestern California. The U.S. Forest Service is expected to concurrently announce a similar decision amending their respective Land and Resource Management Plans.

Under the Northwest Forest Plan, Survey and Manage added conservation measures for rare and little known species to BLM and U.S. Forest Service requirements for providing for late successional and old growth forest-related species. These Survey and Manage Standards and Guidelines had made it difficult for the BLM and the U.S. Forest Service to meet the other resource management goals set forth in the Northwest Forest Plan (*i.e.* timber harvest, hazardous fuels treatment, and ecosystem restoration). Although the Survey and Manage Standards and Guidelines are removed with this decision, conservation of rare and little known species will continue to be accomplished through the other elements of the Northwest Forest Plan and the BLM and U.S. Forest Service's Special Status Species Programs.

ADDRESSES: The Requests to receive copies of the ROD should be sent to Carol Hughes, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208-3623, or submit e-mail to ORSMSEIS@blm.gov. Alternatively, the ROD is available on the Internet at <http://www.reo.gov/s-m2006>. Copies will be available for inspection after August 3, 2007 at BLM offices in western Oregon and northwestern California. Copies of the Draft, Supplement to the Draft, and Final

Supplement to the 2004 Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement are also available at the above address and on the Internet.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Haske, Chief, Branch of Forest Resources and Special Status Species, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, OR 97208, telephone (503) 808-6066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In June 2007, the BLM and U.S. Forest Service released a Final Supplement to the 2004 Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) to Remove or Modify the Survey and Manage Mitigation Measure Standards and Guidelines. The Final Supplement presented the entire 2004 analysis, updated for new information and supplemented to include:

- Responses to three deficiencies identified in August 2005 by the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington, and;
- An additional alternative to respond to implications of a November 2006 decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit relative to the red tree vole on the BLM's Cow Catcher and Cottonsnake Timber Sales in Oregon.

The analysis covered 337 species of fungi, bryophytes, lichens, mollusks, vascular plants, and 7 species of vertebrates. The analysis showed that, compared to the No Action Alternatives, 53 species would have insufficient habitat in all or a portion of their Northwest Forest Plan range to support stable populations. However, the analysis points out that these species are generally either secure in other areas of their range or that State Heritage programs do not rate them imperiled enough to qualify for the BLM and U.S. Forest Service's Special Status Species Programs. The analysis also shows the selected alternative improves the BLM and U.S. Forest Service's ability to achieve other Northwest Forest Plan objectives.

Based on the Final Supplement, a similar and nearly simultaneous decision is expected from the Department of Agriculture affecting 19 National Forest Land and Resource Management Plans, but the Department of the Interior decision is not dependent upon it.

Four alternatives were considered in detail in the Final Supplement. In addition to two action alternatives, two no-action alternatives were included to examine Survey and Manage both with and without changes made by the prescribed 2001, 2002, and 2003 Annual Species Reviews. These reviews were

reconsidered in the Final Supplement because in November 2006, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled the 2001 and 2003 Annual Species Review decisions for the red tree vole should have included additional NEPA analysis.

The ROD also effectively removes the Survey and Manage mitigation measure from the 5,400-acre Coquille Forest, since by agreement, the Coquille Forest follows the requirements of the Northwest Forest Plan on the adjacent BLM Coos Bay District.

Readers should note this ROD was signed by the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management. Therefore, no administrative review ("protest") through the BLM was available on the Final Supplement under 43 CFR 1610.5-2.

The Governors of Oregon and Washington were provided with copies of the Final Supplement and proposed action on May 8, 2007 for 60-day consistency review. No inconsistencies with State or local plans, policies, or programs were identified during the Governors' consistency review of the proposed plan amendments.

Edward W. Shepard,

State Director, OR/WA, USDI Bureau of Land Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employee Benefits Security Administration

Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans; Nominations for Vacancies

Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 88 Stat. 895, 29 U.S.C. 1142, provides for the establishment of an Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans (the Council), which is to consist of 15 members to be appointed by the Secretary of Labor (the Secretary) as follows: Three representatives of employee organizations (at least one of whom shall be a representative of an organization whose members are participants in a multiemployer plan); three representatives of employers (at least one of whom shall be a representative of employers maintaining or contributing to multiemployer plans); one representative each from the fields of insurance, corporate trust, actuarial counseling, investment counseling, investment management, and accounting; and three representatives

from the general public (one of whom shall be a person representing those receiving benefits from a retirement plan). No more than eight members of the Council shall be members of the same political party.

Members shall be persons qualified to appraise the programs instituted under ERISA. Appointments are for terms of three years. The prescribed duties of the Council are to advise the Secretary with respect to the carrying out of his or her functions under ERISA, and to submit to the Secretary, or his or her designee, recommendations with respect thereto. The Council will meet at least four times each year.

The terms of five members of the Council expire on November 14, 2007. The groups or fields they represent are as follows: (1) Employee organizations; (2) employers; (3) insurance; (4) accounting; and (5) the general public (representing those receiving benefits from a retirement plan). The Department of Labor is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks a broad-based and diverse Advisory Council.

Accordingly, notice is hereby given that any person or organization desiring to recommend one or more individuals for appointment to the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans to represent any of the groups or fields specified in the preceding paragraph, may submit recommendations to Larry Good, ERISA Advisory Council Executive Secretary, Frances Perkins Building, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Suite N-5623, Washington, DC 20210.

Recommendations must be delivered or mailed on or before October 1, 2007. Recommendations may be in the form of a letter, resolution or petition, signed by the person making the recommendation or, in the case of a recommendation by an organization, by an authorized representative of the organization. Recommendations should include the position for which the nominee is recommended and the nominee's contact information. The recommendation also must state that the candidate will accept appointment to the Council if offered and commit to attend meetings and to actively participate in the Council's work to carry out its responsibilities under ERISA. Historically, this has meant a commitment of 15-20 days per year.

Signed at Washington, DC this 20th day of July, 2007.

Bradford P. Campbell,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Proposed Collection for the Benefits, Timeliness, and Quality Data Collection System; Comment Request

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the Benefits Timeliness and Quality (BTQ) data collection system, which is part of the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Performs measurement system.

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice or by accessing: <http://www.doleta.gov/OMBCN/OMBControlNumber.cfm>.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee's section below on or before September 25, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Employment and Training Administration, Office of Workforce Security, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room C4522, Washington, DC 20210, Attention: Delores Mackall. Telephone number: 202-693-3183 (this is not a toll-free number). Fax: 202-693-3975. E-mail: Mackall.Delores@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Secretary of Labor, under the Social Security Act, Title III, Section