

submit written comments to the Cottonwood Field Office, Attn: Stephanie Connolly, at the above address. Fax comments to (208) 962-3275. (Please indicate Buffalo Gulch Mining Project Comments on the fax cover sheet.) Electronic comments can be submitted to: *Buffalo\_Gulch\_Mine\_Comments@blm.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott Sanner, Project Leader, at (208) 769-5032 or e-mail: *scott\_sanner@blm.gov*; or Stephanie Connolly, Cottonwood Field Office Manager, at (208) 962-3256 or e-mail: *stephanie\_connolly@blm.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A Plan of Operations for the Project was submitted to the BLM by the former mine proponent, the Idaho Gold Corporation, in December, 1989. The BLM prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and permitted the Project in 1990 but the mine never went into production. In December, 2007, ECM informed the BLM they had gained control of the Project and intended to advance the Buffalo Gulch Mining Project to full scale production under the 1989 Plan of Operations. Since the original environmental analysis was completed over 17 years ago, there are likely new or different issues relevant today that were not previously addressed.

As proposed, the total surface area disturbed during the life of the project is anticipated to be approximately 200 acres. This estimate includes the open pit, heap leach pad, waste rock dumps, solution ponds, and other ancillary mine facilities (e.g., shop, mine office, roads, power line, etc.). Under this Plan, mining would occur for about five years with simultaneous reclamation activities. Final reclamation would be completed within six months to one year after completion of mining and leaching operations.

The Buffalo Gulch Mine—Plan of Operations (as submitted in 1989) and the Environmental Assessment for the original Plan of Operations (completed in 1990) are posted on the Internet at: <http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/fo/cottonwood.html>.

On March 28 and May 16, 2008, scoping letters for the Buffalo Gulch Mining Project were mailed to known interested groups and individuals. Two public meetings were held on April 9, in Elk City, and on April 10, 2008, in Grangeville, Idaho. Based on the interdisciplinary team's knowledge of the issues, comments that have been received and other projects in this area, it has been determined that further

analysis is warranted and an EIS will be prepared.

The Cottonwood Field Office is seeking information, comments, and assistance from other agencies, organizations, Tribes, and individuals who may be interested in or affected by the Proposed Action. The Cottonwood Field Office will issue local press releases notifying the public of additional opportunities to meet with staff and to discuss the project in more detail. Issues previously identified during public scoping for this project as well as comments received as a result of this Notice will be used to prepare the EIS.

Issues identified to date include the following:

- Surface and ground water contamination.
- Transportation of hazardous materials, traffic levels and safety.
- Economic and social values.
- Air quality and noise.
- Fisheries and wildlife habitat.
- Cumulative impacts of past and likely future activities in the Elk City area.

If you have specific issues or other concerns that BLM should consider in the NEPA process, please identify them in writing. You may send comments to the BLM by mail, facsimile, or electronic mail. Comments may also be hand-delivered to the Cottonwood Field Office. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware 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 your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: August 11, 2008.

**Gary D. Cooper,**

*District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

**[AK930-1310EI-241A]**

### National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska Oil and Gas Lease Sale 2008

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska Oil and Gas Lease Sale 2008 and Notice of Availability of the

Detailed Statement of Sale for Oil and Gas Lease Sale 2008 in the Petroleum Reserve.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management's Alaska State Office will hold an oil and gas lease sale bid opening for all available tracts in the Northeast Planning Area, tracts straddling the Ikpikpuk River in the Northeast and Northwest planning areas, and tracts in the southern portion of the Northwest Planning Area. With the exception of new tracts in the Northwest Planning Area north of the Colville River, all tracts have been offered previously. Additionally, leased tracts that have been relinquished will be available in this sale.

**DATES:** The oil and gas lease sale bid opening will be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, September 24, 2008. Sealed bids must be received by 3:45 p.m., Friday, September 19, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** The oil and gas lease sale bids will be opened at the Wilda Marston Theater, ZJ Loussac Public Library, 3600 Denali St., Anchorage, Alaska. Sealed bids must be sent to Carol Taylor (AK932), BLM—Alaska State Office; 222 W. 7th Ave., #13; Anchorage, AK 99513-7599.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ted Murphy, (907) 271-4413.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** All bids must be submitted by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions identified in the Detailed Statement of Sale. They must be received at the BLM—Alaska State Office, ATTN: Carol Taylor (AK932); 222 W. 7th Ave., #13; Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599; no later than 3:45 p.m., Friday, September 19, 2008.

The Detailed Statement of Sale for the NPR—A Oil and Gas Lease Sale 2008 will be available to the public immediately after publication of this Notice. The Detailed Statement may be obtained from the BLM—Alaska Web site at <http://www.blm.gov/ak>, or by request from the Public Information Center, BLM—Alaska State Office; 222 W. 7th Ave., #13; Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599; telephone (907) 271-5960. The Detailed Statement of Sale will include, among other things, a description of the areas to be offered for lease, the lease terms, conditions, special stipulations, required operating procedures, and how and where to submit bids.

**Authority:** 43 CFR 3131.4-1(a).

Dated: August 6, 2008.

**Thomas P. Lonnie,**

*Alaska State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-100-08-1310-NB-016K]

#### Notice of Rescheduled Annual Tour of the Pinedale Anticline Working Group on September 26th, 2008

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Record of Decision for the Pinedale Anticline Environmental Impact Statement (2000) the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG) will conduct its annual tour of the Pinedale Anticline Project Area in Pinedale, Wyoming on Friday, September 26th, 2008. The tour is open to the public and will begin at the BLM Pinedale field office at 8:30 a.m. To take part in the tour, an RSVP is required no later than Friday, September 19th, 2008.

**DATES:** The Annual Tour will be held on Friday, September 26th 2008 at 8:30 a.m. In order to attend the tour, an RSVP is required and must be received by September 19th, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** The PAWG tour will begin at the BLM Pinedale Field Office, 1625 West Pine Street, Pinedale, WY. Please RSVP to Mr. David Crowley, Pinedale Anticline Working Group Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Field Office, 1625 West Pine Street, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941, or via e-mail to [dave\\_crowley@blm.gov](mailto:dave_crowley@blm.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. David Crowley, Pinedale Anticline Working Group Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Field Office, 1625 West Pine Street, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941, telephone (307) 367-5323. [dave\\_crowley@blm.gov](mailto:dave_crowley@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG) was authorized and established with release of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Pinedale Anticline Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Project on July 27, 2000. On June 25, 2008, the Secretary of the Interior renewed the PAWG Charter. The PAWG advises the BLM on the development and implementation of monitoring plans

and adaptive management decisions as development of the Pinedale Anticline Natural Gas Field proceeds. The PAWG is composed of nine members representing governmental agencies, industrial operators, interest groups and local communities. The 2008 annual PAWG tour was originally scheduled for June 20th. Due to membership changes, that meeting was cancelled and has been rescheduled through this notice. Additional information about the PAWG can be found at: [http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/field\\_offices/Pinedale/pawg.html](http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/field_offices/Pinedale/pawg.html).

Dated: August 8, 2008.

**Chuck Otto,**

*Pinedale Field Office Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[UTU 85338]

#### Public Land Order No. 7697; Transfer of Public Land for the Crescent Junction Uranium Mill Tailings Repository; Utah; Correction

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Correction.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management published a document in the **Federal Register** on March 31, 2008, transferring public land to the Department of Energy. The document contained some errors in the land description.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary von Koch, 435-259-2128.

#### Correction

This action corrects the land description in Public Land Order No. 7697 published in FR Doc. E8-6598, March 31, 2008, page 16900, column 2, as follows:

The entire legal description which reads:

“T. 21 S., R. 19 E.,

Sec. 22, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 23, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 26, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 27, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .” is hereby corrected to read:

“Salt Lake Meridian

T. 21 S., R. 19 E.,

Sec. 22, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 23, S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 26, W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 27, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .”

Dated: August 8, 2008.

**Kent Hoffman,**

*Deputy State Director, Division of Land and Minerals.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-921-5440-FR-K069; WYW 155951]

#### Realty Action; Conveyance of Public Lands; Wyoming

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of realty action; airport conveyance to Big Horn County.

**SUMMARY:** The following public lands in Big Horn County have been found suitable for conveyance to Big Horn County for airport purposes under the Act of May 24, 1928, as amended and 49 U.S.C. 47125 (2006).

#### Sixth Principal Meridian, Big Horn County, Wyoming

T. 53 N., R. 93 W.,

Sec. 32 W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The above land contains 70 acres.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janelle Wrigley, BLM Wyoming State Office, 307-775-6257, or at the above address.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Conveyance of the lands is consistent with applicable Federal and county land use plans and will help meet the needs of the Big Horn County residents. Under this conveyance Runway 16-34 at the South Big Horn County Airport will be extended; Runway 15-33 will be converted and reconstructed to a parallel taxiway, and Runway 7-25 will be rehabilitated and extended.

The conveyance will contain reservations to the United States for ditches, canals and all minerals. The patent will also be issued subject to the existing rights of record including a