

- 17–92, LLC proposes to purchase the equivalent of 5.28 ac of credits.

Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the applicants' projects, including the mitigation measures, will individually and cumulatively have a minor or negligible effect on the species covered in the HCPs. Therefore, we have determined that the incidental take permits for these projects are "low effect" and qualify for categorical exclusions under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as provided by 43 CFR 46.205 and 43 CFR 46.210. We base our preliminary determination that issuance of the ITPs qualifies as low-effect on the following three criteria: (1) Implementation of the projects would result in minor or negligible effects on federally listed, proposed, and candidate species and their habitats; (2) Implementation of the projects would result in minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources; and (3) Impacts of the projects, considered together with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable similarly situated projects, would not result, over time, in cumulative effects to environmental values or resources that would be considered significant. This preliminary determination may be revised based on our review of public comments that we receive in response to this notice.

Next Steps

The Service will evaluate the HCPs and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the applications meet the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act. The Service will also evaluate whether issuance of the section 10(a)(1)(B) ITPs complies with section 7 of the Act by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation for each project. The results of these consultations, in combination with the above findings, will be used in the final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the ITPs. If it is determined that the requirements of the Act are met, the ITPs will be issued.

Submitting Comments

If you wish to comment on the ITP applications or HCPs, you may submit comments by any one of the following methods:

Email: alfredo_begazo@fws.gov. Use "Attn: Permit numbers TE32251C–0, TE32252C–0, and TE32249C–0" as your message subject line.

Fax: Alfredo Begazo, 772–562–4288, "Attn.: Permit numbers TE32251C–0, TE32252C–0, and TE32249C–0."

U.S. mail: See **ADDRESSES**.

In-person drop-off: You may drop off comments or request information during regular business hours at the address in **ADDRESSES**.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can request in your comments that your personal identifying information be withheld from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10 of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: September 6, 2017.

Roxanna Hinzman,

Field Supervisor, South Florida Ecological Services Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

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Notice of Public Meeting of Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 106–503, the Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee (SESAC) will hold its next meeting on October 10–11, 2017, at the Golden Hotel, 800 Eleventh Street, Golden, Colorado, in the Mesa Meeting Room. The Committee shall advise the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) on matters relating to the USGS's participation in the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program. The Committee comprises members from academia, industry, and State government. In this meeting, the Committee will review the current activities of the USGS Earthquake Hazards Program and discuss future priorities.

DATES: The meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (EST) on October 10, 2017, and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on October 11, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. William Leith, U.S. Geological Survey, MS 905, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, (703) 648–6712, wleith@usgs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meetings of the Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee are open to the public.

Public Disclosure: Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

William Leith,

Senior Science Advisor for Earthquake and Geologic Hazards.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

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Notice of Public Meeting of National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 106–503, the National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council (NEPEC) will hold its next meeting at the Graduate Berkeley, 2600 Durant Ave., Berkeley, California, in the California Room. The Council is composed of members from academia, industry, and State government. The Council shall advise the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) on matters relating to the USGS's participation in the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program.

At the meeting, the Council will receive briefings and updates on improved methods for calculating aftershock probabilities and spatiotemporal aftershock forecasts, and consider the readiness of such calculations as the basis of operational forecast products. The Council will also be briefed on development of the UCERF3–ETAS earthquake rupture forecast model; results from a workshop on potential uses for operational earthquake forecasts; and

recommendations for effective communication of earthquake science information during times of heightened concern in the Pacific Northwest.

DATES: October 16–17, 2017, commencing no earlier than 1:00 p.m. on the first day and adjourning no later than 5:00 p.m. on the second day. Guests should check with Dr. Michael Blanpied (see contact below) for any late-breaking changes.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meetings of the National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council are open to the public. A draft meeting agenda is available upon request from the Executive Secretary (contact information below). In order to ensure sufficient seating and handouts, it is requested that visitors preregister by October 6. Members of the public wishing to make a statement to the Council should provide notice of that intention by October 6 so that time may be allotted on the agenda. A meeting summary will be posted by November 30 to the committee Web site: <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/aboutus/nepec/>.

Public Disclosure: Before including your address, phone, number, email 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.

Contact: Dr. Michael Blanpied, U.S. Geological Survey, MS 905, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, (703) 648–6696, mblanpied@usgs.gov.

Michael Blanpied,

Associate Coordinator, USGS Earthquake Hazards Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[LLMT922200–17X–L13100000–FI0000–P; NDM 94704, NDM 94705, NDM 94706 MO #4500108082]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Leases NDM 94704, NDM 94705, and NDM 94706, North Dakota

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of reinstatement.

SUMMARY: As required under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, Emerald WB LLC and Continental Resources Inc. timely filed a petition for reinstatement of competitive oil and gas leases NDM 94704, NDM 94705, and NDM 94706, McKenzie County, North Dakota. The lessees paid the required rentals and back royalties accruing from the date of termination. No leases were issued that affect these lands. The BLM proposes to reinstate the leases.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kimberly Werven, Chief, Fluids Adjudication Section, Bureau of Land Management Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101–4669, 406–896–5091, kwerven@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lessees agree to new lease terms for rentals and royalties of \$10 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year, and 16⅔ percent, respectively. The lessees agree to additional or amended stipulations. The lessees paid the \$500 administration fee for the reinstatement of the leases and the \$159 cost for publishing this Notice.

The lessees met the requirements for reinstatement of the leases per Section 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920. We are proposing to reinstate the leases, effective the date of termination, subject to the:

- Original terms and conditions of the leases;
- Additional and amended stipulations;
- Increased rental of \$10 per acre;
- Increased royalty of 16⅔ percent; and
- \$159 cost of publishing this Notice.

Authority: 30 U.S.C. 188.

Kimberly Werven,

Chief, Fluids Adjudication Section.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[LLMT922200–2017–L13100000–FI0000–P; NDM 106959 and NDM 106960]

Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Leases NDM 106959 and NDM 106960, North Dakota

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed reinstatement.

SUMMARY: Per the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, Bakken Production Inc., AGRI Properties LLP, and Southfork Oil LLC timely filed a petition for reinstatement of competitive oil and gas leases NDM 106959 and NDM 106960, Bottineau County, North Dakota. The lessees paid the required rentals accruing from the date of termination. No leases were issued that affect these lands. The BLM proposes to reinstate the leases.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kimberly Werven, Chief, Fluids Adjudication Section, Bureau of Land Management Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101–4669, 406–896–5091, kwerven@blm.gov.

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- Original terms and conditions of the leases;
- Increased rental of \$10 per acre;
- Increased royalty of 16⅔ percent; and
- \$159 cost of publishing this Notice.

Authority: 30 U.S.C. 188.

Kimberly Werven,

Chief, Fluids Adjudication Section.

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