

On September 7, 2006, the Service announced the availability for public review and comment of a draft Template SHA, which was jointly developed by the Service and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), and a draft environmental assessment (EA), which was developed by the Service pursuant to Federal responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (71 FR 52816). The Service's September 7, 2006, **Federal Register** notice also announced the receipt of three initial permit applications that were developed in accordance with the Template SHA. The final Template SHA, which contained only minor modifications from the draft released for public review, was signed by the Service and WDFW on October 24, 2006. On April 25, 2007, the Service announced the availability for public review and comment of another 13 permit applications that were developed in accordance with the Template SHA (72 FR 20557). To date, the Service has issued 16 permits under the Template SHA, which cover 109,425 acres that are within the historic distribution of the CBPR.

The primary objective of the Template SHA is to facilitate collaboration between the Service, WDFW, and prospective participants to voluntarily implement conservation measures to benefit the CBPR. Another objective of the Template SHA is to facilitate the processing of enhancement of survival permits that will provide incidental take coverage for participants to relieve them of additional section 9 liability under the ESA if implementation of their conservation measures results in increased numbers or distribution of CBPRs on their enrolled properties.

### Proposed Action

We received applications from the WDNR for an amendment of a permit, and from Mr. Jim Myers requesting the transfer of a permit under the ESA and in accordance with the Template SHA and 50 CFR 13.25(b). If we approve the applications, the implementation of the Template SHA would occur on the following properties:

- **WDNR:** The proposed permit amendment would add an additional 3,628 acres of WDNR lands to the 29,346 acres of their land currently enrolled under the Template SHA. This addition would result in a cumulative total of 32,974 acres of WDNR-owned land in Douglas and Grant Counties, Washington, that are located within the geographic area covered by the existing Template SHA. All of the area proposed for enrollment by WDNR represents

intervening properties (*i.e.*, property outside of CBPR recovery emphasis areas) as defined in the Template SHA. WDNR and WDFW biologists conducted evidence searches for CBPRs on all properties identified by the WDNR for enrollment under the Template SHA. No CBPRs or evidence of active pygmy rabbit burrows were detected during these surveys. Therefore, in accordance with the provisions of the Template SHA, the baseline for properties covered by WDNR's site plan, including the additional acres, is zero active pygmy rabbit burrows.

- **Mr. Jim Myers:** The properties included within the proposed permit transfer total 1,320 acres in Grant County, Washington, and are located within the geographic area covered by the Template SHA. Ms. Mary Bolyard of ABS Farms LLC sold the property to Mr. Jim Myers, and his permit application requests the transfer of the permit from ABS Farms LLC. All of the area proposed for enrollment by Mr. Myers represent intervening properties (*i.e.*, property outside of CBPR recovery emphasis areas) as defined in the Template SHA. WDFW biologists conducted evidence searches for CBPR on all ABS Farms LLC properties identified for enrollment under the Template SHA. No CBPRs or evidence of active pygmy rabbit burrows were detected during these surveys. Therefore, in accordance with the provisions of the Template SHA, the baseline for properties covered by the site plan is zero active pygmy rabbit burrows.

The Service has previously determined that implementation of the Template SHA will result in conservation benefits to the CBPR and will not result in significant effects to the human environment. The Service will evaluate the permit applications, related documents, and any comments submitted to determine whether the applications are consistent with the measures prescribed by the Template SHA and comply with relevant statutory and regulatory requirements. If it is determined that the requirements are met, a permit authorizing incidental take of the CBPR will be issued to the applicants. The final determinations for each permit will not be completed until after the end of the 30-day comment period, and we will fully consider all comments received.

### Public Comments

You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods listed in **ADDRESSES**. We request data, comments, new information, or suggestions from the public, other

concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, Tribes, industry, or any other interested party on our proposed Federal action. The original Template SHA and EA are available for reference.

### Public Availability of Comments

All comments and materials we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. 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 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. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety. Comments and materials we receive, as well as supporting documentation, will be available for public inspection by appointment, during normal business hours, at our Eastern Washington Fish and Wildlife Field Office (see **ADDRESSES**).

### Authority

We provide this notice in accordance with the requirements of section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and their implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22, and 40 CFR 1506.6, respectively).

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Application for Withdrawal Extension and Notification of Public Meeting, Lake Roosevelt Expansion Area; Arizona

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management proposes to extend the duration of Public Land Order (PLO) No. 7420 for

an additional 20-year term. PLO No. 7420 withdrew 9,175 acres of National Forest System lands from location and entry under the United States mining laws, but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws. The purpose of the withdrawal is to protect the Bureau of Reclamation's (BOR) Lake Roosevelt expansion area. This Notice also gives the public an opportunity to comment on the withdrawal extension application, and announces the date, time, and location of the public meeting.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by October 29, 2019. The BOR will hold a public meeting in connection with the proposed withdrawal extension on September 4, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments should be sent to the Bureau of Land (BLM) Arizona State Office, One North Central, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85004, or faxed to 602-417-9452. The BLM will not consider comments received via telephone calls.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sara Ferreira, Land Law Examiner, BLM, at 602-417-9598, by email at [sferreir@blm.gov](mailto:sferreir@blm.gov), or contact the BLM Arizona State Office, One North Central, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85004. 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. 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 BOR has filed an application to extend, for an additional 20-year term, a withdrawal established by PLO No. 7420 which will expire on December 3, 2019. PLO 7420 withdrew the following described lands from location and entry under the United States mining laws, but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, for a period of 20 years, to protect the BOR's Roosevelt Lake Expansion Area. Portions of these lands are unsurveyed and the acres were obtained from protraction diagrams. The legal descriptions written in PLO No. 7420 are revised to reflect the Cadastral Survey's Specifications for Descriptions of Land:

**Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona**

- T. 3 N, R. 13 E, unsurveyed.  
 A portion of protraction block 45;  
 A portion of protraction block 46;  
 A portion of protraction block 47;  
 A portion of protraction block 48;  
 A portion of protraction block 53;  
 A portion of protraction block 54.  
 T. 3 N, R. 14 E, partially surveyed.  
 A portion of unsurveyed section 2;

- A portion of unsurveyed section 3;  
 Sec. 4, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 5, lots 1, 2, and 4;  
 Sec. 6, lot 1, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 A portion of unsurveyed section 9;  
 A portion of unsurveyed section 10;  
 A portion of unsurveyed section 11.  
 T. 4 N, R. 11 E, partially surveyed.  
 Sec. 2, lot 4, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 3, lots 1 and 2, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 11, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 12, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 13, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
 T. 4 N, R. 12 E, partially surveyed.  
 Sec. 2, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 Sec. 3;  
 Sec. 4, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 5, lot 1, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 9, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 10, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 12, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 36, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
 T. 4 N, R. 13 E,  
 Sec. 17, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 21, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 22, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 23, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 25, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 31, lots 1 and 2, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 32, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
 T. 4 N, R. 14 E, partially surveyed.  
 Sec. 30, lot 3;  
 Sec. 31, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
 T. 5 N, R. 10 E, unsurveyed.  
 A portion of protraction block 37.  
 T. 5 N, R. 11 E, partially surveyed.  
 Sec. 5, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 6, lots 3, 4, and 5, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 7, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 8, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 14, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 15, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 16, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 17, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 22, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 23, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 24, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 25, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 28, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 34, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
 T. 5 N, R. 12 E, unsurveyed.  
 A portion of protraction block 48;  
 A portion of protraction block 49;  
 A portion of protraction block 50.  
 T. 6 N, R. 11 E,  
 Sec. 31, lots 4 and 9, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 32, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The areas described aggregate 9,175 acres in Gila County.

The proposed withdrawal would continue the purpose of the withdrawal established by PLO No. 7420 to protect the capital investments and high-quality recreation values in the BOR's Lake Roosevelt Expansion area.

The use of a right-of-way, interagency agreement, or cooperative agreement would not provide adequate protection for the capital improvement investment that the BOR has made to the Lake Roosevelt Expansion Area.

No additional water rights are needed to fulfill the purpose of the requested withdrawal extension.

There are no suitable alternative sites since the land described contains the developed Lake Roosevelt Expansion Area.

For a period until the October 29, 2019 all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the withdrawal extension application may present their views in writing to the BLM to the address noted above. Comments, including name and street address of respondents, will be available for public review stated in the **ADDRESSES** section above during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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.

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting in connection with the application for withdrawal extension will be held at the BOR Glendale Office, 6150 W. Thunderbird Rd., Glendale, AZ 85306, on September 4, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The BOR will publish a Notice of the time and place in a local newspaper at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The withdrawal extension application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

Dated: July 22, 2019.

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