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The likely respondents for grants under the PSGP will include individuals and private groups, and the submission of project proposals is voluntary. The collected information can be separated into two categories: the project proposal and the reporting requirements required for those projects that are selected to receive funding. To apply for a PSGP grant, individuals or groups must submit a project proposal. The project proposal should include information demonstrating that the eligibility criteria have been met and should be organized such that the ranking factors can be easily evaluated and other considerations can be easily identified. We will use this information to determine the eligibility and relative value of conservation projects competing for funding. Individuals and groups that are selected to receive and that accept funding under the PSGP, will be required to submit additional reporting information on project performance as well as the financial status of the project proposal. We will use this information to ensure that the funding is used appropriately and to monitor the effectiveness of the project in meeting its stated goals.

The reporting burden is estimated to average 8 hours per respondent for the project proposal and 4 hours per respondent for reporting activities. The total annual burden is 4,000 hours for the project proposals and 200 hours for reporting activities; the number of respondents is estimated to average 500 respondents for submitting project proposals and 50 respondents for the reporting requirements. The information collected does not carry a premise of confidentiality.

We invite comments on (1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Service, including whether or not the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) how to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology. Comments may be submitted to: Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington,

DC 20503. Send a copy to the Information Collection Officer, Mail Stop 224 ARLSQ, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, DC 20240. To ensure consideration, comments must be received by July 8, 2002.

#### *National Environmental Policy Act*

We have analyzed this draft policy in accordance with the criteria of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 2 and 6). This draft policy does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Service has determined that the issuance of the draft policy is categorically excluded under the Department of the Interior's NEPA procedures in 516 DM 2, Appendix 1 and 516 DM 6, Appendix 1. The Service will ensure that projects that are funded through the PSGP are in compliance with NEPA.

#### *Government-to-Government Relationship With Tribes*

In accordance with the President's memorandum of April 29, 1994, "Government-to-Government Relations With Native American Tribal Governments" (59 FR 22951), E.O. 13175, and the Department of the Interior's manual at 512 DM 2, we readily acknowledge our responsibility to communicate meaningfully with federally recognized Tribes on a government-to-government basis. The effect of this draft policy document on Native American Tribes would be determined on a case-by-case basis with the individual evaluation of project proposals. Under Secretarial Order 3206, the Service will, at a minimum, share with the tribes any information concerning project proposals that may affect Tribal trust resources. After consultation with the Tribes and the project proponent, and after careful consideration of the Tribe's concerns, the Service must clearly state the rationale for the recommended final decision and explain how the decision relates to the Service's trust responsibility. Accordingly:

a. We have not yet consulted with the affected Tribe(s). This requirement will be addressed with individual evaluations of project proposals.

b. We have not yet treated Tribes on a government-to-government basis. This requirement will be addressed with individual evaluations of project proposals.

c. We will consider Tribal views in individual evaluations of project proposals.

d. We have not yet consulted with the appropriate bureaus and offices of the Department about the identified effects of this draft policy on Tribes. This requirement will be addressed with individual evaluations of project proposals.

#### **Authority**

This notice is published under the authority of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2002, H.R. 2217/ Public Law 107-63.

Dated: May 31, 2002.

#### **Craig Manson,**

*Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Bureau of Land Management**

**[CA-610-02-1610-]**

#### **Revised Notice of Intent To Prepare West Mojave Plan and Environmental Impact Statement; California Desert District Office, California**

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

**ACTION:** Revised Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is a revision of the notice of intent published December 5, 1991 (pages 63741) (1991 NOI) for the West Mojave Plan (WMP) (formerly, the "West Mojave Coordinated Management Plan") and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR 1501.7, 43 CFR 1610.2), notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold a series of public scoping meetings and will then prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the WMP and related amendments to the BLM's California Desert Conservation Area Plan (CDCA Plan). The purpose of this revision is to invite the public to attend these scoping meetings, to discuss the proposed action and possible alternatives, and to provide comments for consideration during the preparation of the EIS.

**DATES:** Public scoping meetings will be held in June 2002 to identify issues and concerns involving the WMP's proposals and alternatives, including the conservation strategies developed to conserve the Desert Tortoise, Mohave ground squirrel and other sensitive

desert species. All comments received shall be taken into consideration during the preparation of the EIS, prior to issuance of a Record of Decision. Meeting locations and dates will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media and online at <http://www.ca.blm.gov/news/meetings.html>. Scoping comments previously submitted following publication of the 1991 Notice of Intent are still valid and will be considered together with comments received pursuant to this revised notice. Therefore, commentators do not need to resubmit comments but may provide additional comments or clarifications of those previously made. Written comments will be accepted up to thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The WMP addresses the management of 3.6 million acres of public lands administered by the BLM in eastern Kern County, southern Inyo County, northern Los Angeles County and western San Bernardino County, all of which are within the State of California. The BLM's Ridgecrest and Barstow field offices administer most of these public lands. A small amount of acreage administered by the BLM's Needles and Palm Springs field offices is also affected. All public lands are within the California Desert Conservation Area, and all lie within the jurisdiction of the BLM's California Desert District.

The WMP is being prepared collaboratively with local jurisdictions, state and other federal agencies. It is the intent of the collaborators that the WMP also serve as a habitat conservation plan (HCP) applicable to the 2.8 million acres of private lands within the planning area. Preparation of the HCP would facilitate the issuance of programmatic incidental take permits by the California Department of Fish and Game and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to participating cities and counties.

The first step in this effort was the publication of the December 5, 1991 notice of intent and the holding of public scoping meetings in January 1992. This initiated a collaborative planning process which involved scientific data collection and the discussion of conservation issues by representatives of agencies, local jurisdictions, public land users and others with an interest in the future of the western Mojave Desert. These issues included conservation strategies for the desert tortoise, Mohave ground squirrel and other sensitive desert plants and animals, a motorized vehicle access network for public lands in the region, and such multiple use issues as

livestock grazing, mining, cultural resources and recreation.

The EIS will assess the environmental impacts of a proposed action and a range of reasonable alternatives (including a "no action" alternative). Any necessary amendments to the BLM's CDCA Plan will be addressed. The EIS will evaluate whether the conservation strategies can recover western Mojave Desert populations of the threatened desert tortoise, the endangered Lane Mountain milkvetch and other sensitive species.

The BLM invites the public to help identify significant issues or concerns to be addressed in the EIS. These will be discussed at a series of additional public scoping meetings to be held in June 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be forwarded to the following address: Mr. William Haigh, West Mojave Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District Office, 6221 Box Springs Road, Riverside, CA 92507. Citizens submitting written comments will automatically be included in the mailing list.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. William Haigh, West Mojave Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District Office, 6221 Box Springs Road, Riverside, CA 92507, telephone (760) 252-6080.

Dated: April 23, 2002.

**Linda Hansen,**

*Acting District Manager, California Desert.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[ID-930-1060-JJ]

#### Notice of Public Hearing; Boise, ID

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** A public hearing will be held at the Lower Snake River District, Bureau of Land Management, Boise, Idaho, to receive statements concerning the use of helicopters and motor vehicles in wild horse gathering operations within Idaho for calendar year 2002.

**DATE AND TIME:** Tuesday, July 9, 2002, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Location: Lower Snake River District, Bureau of Land Management, 3948 Development Ave., Boise, Idaho, 83705.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kent Benson, Range Technician/Wild Horse

and Burro Specialist, Upper Snake River District, Bureau of Land Management, 15 East 200 South, Burley, Idaho 83318, or e-mail at [Kent\\_Benson@blm.gov](mailto:Kent_Benson@blm.gov), or Jon Foster, Branch Chief Resources and Sciences, Idaho State Office, 1387 South Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709, or e-mail at [Jon\\_Foster@blm.gov](mailto:Jon_Foster@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The hearing will allow interested persons to make oral statements concerning the use of helicopters and motor vehicles during wild horse gathering operations in Idaho, consistent with requirements for a public hearing described in 43 CFR 4840.1(b). All statements will be recorded.

Dated: May 8, 2002.

**Fritz Rennebaum,**

*Acting State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Idaho.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[UTU-76735]

#### Utah; Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

In accordance with Title IV of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act (Pub. L. 97-451), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease UTU-76735 for lands in San Juan County, Utah, was timely filed and required rentals accruing from October 1, 2001, the date of termination, have been paid.

The lessee has agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10 per acre and 16<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> percent, respectively. The \$500 administrative fee has been paid and the lessee has reimbursed the Bureau of Land Management for the cost of publishing this notice.

Having met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in section 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease UTU-76735, effective October 1, 2001, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rate cited above.

**Robert Lopez,**

*Chief, Branch of Minerals Adjudication.*

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