

cave resource therein, but not including any vug, mine, tunnel, aqueduct, or other manmade excavation) and which is large enough to permit an individual to enter, whether or not the entrance is naturally formed or manmade. Such term shall include any natural pit, sinkhole, or other feature which is an extension of the entrance.

Recreational or other human activities are allowed in caves when consistent with protecting other cave resource values. Foot access and exploration in caves is permissible, unless otherwise limited.

Until caves are determined significant and management plans are prepared which provide specific management prescriptions, the following interim restrictions will insure the protection of significant and potentially significant caves on federal lands administered by the BLM in Oregon and Washington.

#### Interim Cave Management Restrictions

1. Where known or potential adverse impacts from human use to threatened, endangered, and/or sensitive plants or animals, cultural resources, biological deposits (i.e. middens, skeletal remains, etc.), or geologic/paleontologic/mineral features are present, the responsible authorized officer shall act to protect these resources. Such actions could include information/education, closures (seasonally or year-long), written authorization for activities, or other appropriate measures.

2. Written authorization will be required from the responsible authorized officer for any activity or installation that could destroy, disturb, deface, mar, alter, harm, remove cave resources or alter the free movement of life into or out of any significant or potentially significant cave. This could include recreational, scientific, educational, commercial or competitive uses. Written authorization can be in the form of an approved management plan, use permit or authorizing letter.

3. The BLM retains the authority to limit or terminate uses and/or require the restoration of cave resources if it is determined that unacceptable resource damage is occurring.

4. The BLM will consider proposals for special activities, including placing fixed anchors in a cave, establishing a trail to a cave, research, etc. For existing uses or activity proposals where it is determined that a management plan is required, priority will be given to caves where extensive recreational uses are occurring or significant resource conflicts may be at issue.

5. Authorized activities or installations are subject to the agency's National Environmental Policy Act

(NEPA) process and shall be consistent with the intent of the Federal Cave Resources Protection Act of 1988 and any conditions of existing policy and/or management decisions for the affected cave(s). Written authorization would require the applicant to provide the time, scope, location and specific purpose of the proposed activity and the manner in which the activity is to be performed.

6. Unless otherwise authorized, the following acts are prohibited in all caves on BLM-administered lands. The responsible authorized officer will take appropriate action needed to reduce or eliminate the occurrence of the acts.

- Willfully defacing, removing or destroying plants or their parts, soil, rocks or minerals, or cave resources
- Building, maintaining, attending or using any fire, campfire or stove
- Smoking
- Camping
- Possessing, discharging or using any kind of fireworks or other pyrotechnic device

- Discharging a firearm, air rifle, gas gun or paint gun

- Possessing a domestic animal
- Depositing or disposing of human waste

- Digging, excavation, or displacement of natural and/or cultural features

- Entering into a cave which requires written authorization; or engaging in any activities for which a written authorization requirement has been established, without having obtained in advance and having in possession such written authorization

- The use of hand drying agents for climbing which are not natural appearing

- New surface disturbing activities within a 350 foot radius of a cave opening or any known cave passages which may adversely impact any significant or potentially significant cave resource value.

7. Existing installations (e.g. stairs, ladders, fixed anchors, etc.) will be evaluated for retention or removal. Retained and future installations designed and authorized to be left in place should normally be camouflaged to minimize visual impacts. Method of removal or future placement will be pre-approved by the authorized officer and a condition of written authorization. Any non-permanent apparatus or equipment used must be removed immediately after its use.

8. The use of hand drying agents for climbing requires mitigation measures (chalk balls, pigmented chalk, etc.) to avoid creating a visual impact from residue. If needed, periodic cleaning of

drying agents by cave users to the satisfaction of the authorized officer can be required.

#### Penalties

Any person who violates this closure and restriction notice may be subject to a maximum fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed twelve months under authority of 43 CFR 8360.0-7.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Dave Harmon, BLM, Oregon/  
Washington State Office, P.O. Box 2965,  
Portland, Oregon 97208-2965, 503-952-  
6062.

Dated: April 7, 1995.

Gretchen Lloyd,

*Chief, Branch of Social Sciences and Resource  
Data Management.*

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#### Bureau of Land Management; Alaska

[AK-962-1410-00-P and AA-16670]

#### Alaska Native Claims Selection; Notice

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision will be issued to Cook Inlet Region, Inc., approving the subsurface estate of coal, oil, and gas for conveyance under the provisions of Sec. 14(f) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(f), Sec. 12(b)(2) of the Act of January 2, 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1611n, and Par. I.B.(2)(a) of the Terms and Conditions for Land Consolidation and Management in the Cook Inlet Area, as clarified August 31, 1976. The subsurface estate approved for conveyance contains 6,012.30 acres, located in T. 9 N., R. 8 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska, within the boundaries of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge.

Notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the Anchorage Daily News. A copy of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 (907) 271-5960.

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government, or a regional corporation, shall have until May 15, 1995 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the

address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

Margaret J. McDaniel,  
*Acting Chief, Branch of Gulf Rim  
Adjudication.*

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[CO-933-95-1320-01; COC 56447]

**Notice of Coal Lease Offering By Sealed Bid; COC 56447 Correction**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management.

**ACTION:** Correction.

**SUMMARY:** In the document, Notice of Competitive Coal Lease Sale at 60 FR 18142 dated April 10, 1995, please make the following correction: T. 13 S., R. 90 W., 6th P.M., sec. 11, lots 9 to 12, inclusive, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; should read sec. 11, lots 9 to 12, inclusive, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Dated: April 10, 1995.

Karen A. Purvis,  
*Solid Minerals Team Resource Services.*

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**Fontenelle Natural Gas Infill Drilling Projects, Sweetwater and Lincoln Counties, WY; Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior—Lead Agency; Bureau of Reclamation, Interior—Cooperating Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Fontenelle Natural Gas Infill Drilling Projects Draft EIS which analyzes the environmental consequences of a proposed natural gas development and production operation in the Fontenelle II Unit and Lincoln Road Development Area. The project areas are approximately 30 miles northeast of Kemmerer, Wyoming, and 70 miles northwest of Rock Springs, Wyoming. The project areas encompass a 179,760-acre natural gas field, where 1,070 wells are presently active, within portions of Townships 23, 24, 25, and 26 North, Ranges 109, 110, 111, and 112 West.

**DATES:** Comments on the draft EIS will be accepted for 45 days following the date that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes their Notice of Availability in the Federal Register. The EPA notice is expected to be published on April 21, 1995. There are presently no plans to hold a public hearing on the Fontenelle Natural Gas Infill Drilling Projects Draft EIS because of apparent lack of unresolved substantial environmental controversy concerning the proposed project. Reviewers are encouraged to visit the local BLM offices in Cheyenne and Rock Springs, Wyoming, and talk with the managers about any concerns. If enough people indicate a desire to testify by returning the tear-out sheet provided in the draft EIS, a public hearing(s) will be scheduled. Information on the hearing(s) will be published in State and local newspapers and other media sources, and direct mailing to the recipients of the draft EIS to give the public enough notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the draft EIS should be sent to Bureau of Land Management, Bill McMahan (Project Coordinator), P.O. Box 1869, Rock Springs, WY 82902-1869.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The draft EIS analyzes a proposed action for each of two project areas, one development alternative for each of two project areas, and the no action alternative. DALEN Resources Oil & Gas Co., (DALEN) proposes to continue to infill drill their company's existing Fontenelle II Unit and adjacent leased acreage (approximately 25,323 acres); and Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation Presidio Oil Co., and several other companies (collectively the Lincoln Road Operators) propose to infill drill their leased acreage within the Lincoln Road Development Area (approximately 154,437 acres). The Fontenelle II Unit and the Lincoln Road Development Area are immediately adjacent to each other. Both proposed actions would be implemented in northeastern Lincoln and northwestern Sweetwater Counties, Wyoming, in the vicinity of Fontenelle Reservoir and the Green River. Access to the project areas is from U.S. Highways 189 and 191, State Highways 372 and 28, and numerous County, BLM, and operator-maintained roads.

Collectively, the companies' proposal would continue to infill drill a 179,760-acre natural gas field, where 1,070 wells are presently active, by drilling up to 1,317 additional wells over the next 10 years. Because of the tight-gas formation, the wells would be drilled on 160- and 80-acre spacing. A portion of the project area is presently developed

on a 160-acre spacing (four wells per 640 acres). In selected areas, drilling on 80-acre spacing would increase the well density up to eight wells per 640 acres. The companies' plans and drilling schedules would be contingent upon both an increased demand for natural gas supplies in response to the Clean Air Act amendments of 1990 and an adequate price for the gas at the wellhead. The draft EIS describes the physical, biological, cultural, historic, and socioeconomic resources in and surrounding the project area. The focus for impact analysis was based upon resource issues and concerns identified during public scoping. Potential impacts of concern from development were to recreation associated with the Green River and Fontenelle Reservoir; antelope migrations and crucial big game winter range; sage grouse and raptor breeding and nesting; special status plant and wildlife species; soil erosion and sediment increases to the Green River; groundwater contamination; Oregon, Mormon Pioneer, Pony Express, and California Historic Trails condition and viewshed; changes in livestock and wild horse management; and cumulative effects.

The draft EIS, in compliance with Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (as amended), includes the Biological Assessment for the purpose of identifying any endangered or threatened species which are likely to be affected by the proposed action.

Dated: April 6, 1995.

Alan R. Pierson,

*State Director.*

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**Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Washoe County, Nevada**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice temporarily segregates 26,313.25 acres of public land in Washoe County from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, for up to 2 years, while various studies and analyses are made to support a final decision to withdraw the land for protection of resources for a 5-year period. This segregation does not affect valid existing rights.

**DATES:** Comments should be received on or before July 13, 1995.