

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Smoky Valley Common Operation has submitted a Plan of Operations Amendment for the construction, operation, and reclamation of a mill and tailings facility at the Round Mountain Mine. The mine currently consists of 4,767 acres of surface disturbance: 3,659 acres of land administered by the BLM, 515 acres of land administered by the Toiyabe National Forest, and 593 acres of patented land owned by the Smoky Valley Common Operation. The proposed facilities would comprise an expansion of the existing operation at the Round Mountain Mine to improve the recovery of gold from ore that is being mined from the existing open pit. Ancillary facilities would include a new primary crusher; a power line; fresh water, reclaim water, and tailings pipelines; and a septic system. The proposed facilities would be located on approximately 757 acres of public land administered by the BLM, Battle Mountain District Office, Tonopah Resource Area. Of this acreage, approximately 250 acres occur on public lands outside of the existing permit boundary. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 1996; operation of the mill and tailings facility would begin in 1997 and continue until 2008.

This Draft EIS analyzes the environmental impacts associated with the proposed mill and tailings facility and ancillary facilities, a range management alternative, an alternative tailings impoundment site, and the no action alternative. In addition, the Draft EIS analyzes potential impacts associated with pit dewatering and pit water quality, and the leach offload piles. Issues analyzed in the Draft EIS include geology and minerals, water resources, soils and watershed, vegetation, wildlife and fisheries, range resources, paleontological resources, cultural resources and Native American concerns, air quality, access and land use, recreation and wilderness, social and economic values, visual resources, noise, and hazardous materials.

A copy of the Draft EIS has been sent to all individuals, agencies, and groups who have expressed interest in the project or as mandated by regulation or policy. A limited number of copies are available upon request from the BLM at the address listed above.

Public participation has occurred during the EIS process. A Notice of Intent was filed in the Federal Register in August 1993, and an open scoping period was held for 120 days. Two public scoping meetings to solicit comments and ideas were held in November 1993, and a newsletter was issued to keep the public informed of the progress of the EIS. All comments presented to the BLM throughout the EIS process have been considered.

To assist the BLM in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action and alternatives, comments on the Draft EIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters in the document. Comments may address the adequacy of the Draft EIS and/or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the document. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points. After the comment period ends on the Draft EIS, comments will be analyzed and considered by the BLM in preparing the Final EIS.

Dated: September 12, 1995.

Jeffrey A. Weeks,

Acting District Manager.

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Notice of Realty Action: Modified Competitive Bidding Sale of Public Lands in Washakie County, WY

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has determined that the public lands described below are suitable for disposal under sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) (43 U.S.C. 1713, 1719).

Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 47 N. R. 92 W.

Sec. 23, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The land aggregates 30 acres more or less.

The BLM must receive fair market value for the land and any bid for less than fair market value will be rejected. The appraised value for the 30 acres is \$45,000. The BLM may accept or reject any and all offers, or withdraw any land or interest in the land for sale if the sale would not be consistent with FLPMA or other applicable law.

DATES: All bids must be received in the Bighorn Basin Resource Area Office no later than 10:00 a.m., November 15, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Sealed bids may be handcarried to the Bighorn Basin Resource Area Office, 101 South 23rd Street, Worland, Wyoming, or mailed to the Bighorn Basin Resource Area Office, P.O. Box 119, Worland, Wyoming 82401-0119. The sealed bid envelope must be marked in the front lower-left corner with the words "Public Land Sale, WYW129948, Sale held November 15, 1995. Sealed Bid—Do Not Open in Mail Room."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Detailed information concerning the sale is available for review at the BLM office in Worland. For further information contact Karen Hepp, Range Management Specialist or Charles F. Wilkie, Area Manager, Bighorn Basin Resource Area, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 119, Worland, Wyoming 82401-0119, (307)347-9871.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A bid will also constitute an application for conveyance of the unreserved mineral estate, excluding oil and gas resources. The mineral interests being offered have no known value. At the time of the sale, the bidder will be required to pay a \$50 filing fee (in addition to their bid) for all unreserved mineral interests.

Sale of the above land will be conducted by modified competitive bidding. Timberline Feedlot Inc. will be allowed preference consideration to meet the high bid. The proposed sale is consistent with the Washakie Resource Management Plan and meets the sale criteria of 43 CFR 2710.0-3(a)(2). Disposal of this tract will serve to increase the economic development of the Worland area through the expansion of Timberline's feedlot.

All bidders must be United States citizens, 18 years of age or older, corporations subject to laws in the state of Wyoming, a state, state instrumentality or political subdivision authorized to hold property, or an entity legally capable of conveying and holding land or interests in land in Wyoming.

All sealed bids must be accompanied by a payment of not less than ten (10) percent of the total bid, plus a \$50 filing fee for all unreserved mineral interests. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, postal money order, bank draft, or cashier's check made payable to the Bureau of Land Management.

The apparent high bidder and the designated bidder (Timberline Feedlot Inc.) will be notified immediately

following the opening of the sealed bids on November 15, 1995. If the designated bidder (Timberline Feedlot Inc.) fails to exercise their preference consideration to meet the highest bid within 30 days of the sale, the BLM will offer the lands to the high bidder. If the apparent high bidder is disqualified, the next highest qualified bid will be accepted. If Timberline Feedlot Inc. chooses not to meet the high bid and two (2) or more envelopes containing valid bids of the same amount are received, supplemental sealed bidding will be used to determine the high bid.

The successful bidder shall submit the remainder of the full bid price prior to the expiration of 180 days from the date of the sale. Failure to pay the remainder of the full bid price shall result in cancellation of the sale and the deposit shall be forfeited and disposed of as other receipts of the sale. Conveyance of the public land will except and reserve to the United States:

1. A right-of-way (ROW) thereon for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States. Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

2. All the oil and gas in the land so patented, and to it, or persons authorized by it, the right to prospect for, mine and remove such deposits from the same upon compliance with the conditions and subject to the provisions and limitations of the Act of July 17, 1914, as supplemented (30 U.S.C. 121-124).

Conveyance of the public land will also be subject to:

1. Oil and Gas Pipeline ROW
WYW75340.

2. Road ROW WYW81772.

3. Federal Aid Highway ROW
WYW0189320.

4. Power Transmission Line ROW
WYW72986.

5. Surface Water Flowline ROW
WYW75336.

6. Telephone/Telegraph ROW
WYW68159.

7. Gas Pipeline and Road ROW
WYW94115.

8. Telephone Line ROW WYW89760.

Publication of this notice in the Federal Register shall segregate the land from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws. The segregative effect will terminate upon issuance of the patent, 270 days from the date of the publication of this notice, or upon publication in the Federal Register of a notice of termination of segregation, whichever occurs first.

For a period of forty-five (45) days from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register, interested parties may submit comments

to the District Manager, Worland District Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 119, Worland, Wyoming 82401-0119. Any adverse comments will be evaluated by the State Director, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any action by the State Director, this realty action will become final.

Dated: September 8, 1995.

David Atkins,

Acting District Manager Worland, Wyoming.

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Bureau of Reclamation

Central Valley Project Improvement Act, Review of Criteria for Evaluating Water Conservation Plans

SUMMARY: Section 3405(e) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) Title 34 of Public Law 102-575, requires Reclamation to develop criteria to evaluate water conservation plans for Central Valley Project contractors and to evaluate all the plans by that criteria, including plans required by Section 210 of the Reclamation Reform Act. The Act also requires Reclamation to review the criteria periodically, "but no less than every three years." Reclamation finalized the Criteria for Evaluating Water Conservation Plans (Criteria) in April 1993. The Criteria must now be reviewed and revised, if necessary.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Comments should be provided to Reclamation by November 17, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed to the Bureau of Reclamation, Attention: Betsy Reifsnider, 2800 Cottage Way, MP-402, Sacramento, CA 95825.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the Criteria may be obtained by writing the Bureau of Reclamation, Attention: Betsy Reifsnider, 2800 Cottage Way, MP-402, Sacramento, CA 95825; or by calling Betsy at (916) 979-2388.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: After considerable public input, Reclamation finalized the initial Criteria for Evaluating Water Conservation Plans (Criteria) in April 1993, and immediately began evaluating plans accordingly. As required by Section 3405(e), the Criteria must now be reviewed and updated if necessary to further promote the highest level of water use efficiency reasonably achievable by project contractors using best available cost-effective technology and best management practices.

As the first step in this review, Reclamation requests public comments on the contents of the April 1993 Criteria. The public is asked to note any problems with the existing Criteria, recommend any modifications which they believe Reclamation should make to the Criteria, and suggest new technology which has been shown to be cost effective in promoting water use efficiency.

Following review of the public comments received, Reclamation will consider whether to make changes to the existing Criteria. If changes are proposed, they will first be released as a draft for public review and comment. At that time, a series of public workshops will be held. Thereafter, changes will be finalized and revised Criteria issued by April 1996.

Dated: September 11, 1995.

Dan M. Fults,

Assistant Regional Director.

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National Park Service

Pecos National Historical Park, Draft General Management Plan/Development Concept Plan/Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Draft General Management Plan/Development Concept Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for Pecos National Historical Park, Santa Fe and San Miguel Counties, New Mexico.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service announces the availability of the Draft General Management Plan/Development Concept Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/DCP/EIS) for Pecos National Historical Park. This notice also announces public meetings for the purpose of receiving public comments on the Draft GMP/DCP/EIS.

On June 27, 1990, Congress repealed the act to establish Pecos National Monument and authorized the establishment of Pecos National Historical Park to include the former Pecos National Monument and 5,500 acres of the Forked Lightning Ranch. On November 8, 1990, Congress expanded Pecos National Historical Park to include the 682 acre Glorieta unit. The purpose of this Draft GMP/DCP/EIS is to set forth the basic management philosophy of the park and the overall approaches to resource management, visitor use, and facility development