

Public comment period will begin at 4 p.m. December 12.

*Lewistown Resource Advisory Council*

December 11, 1995, rangeland ecosystem management instruction beginning at 8 a.m. The Council will reconvene at 8 a.m. Tuesday, December 12. Agenda items include a review of the Council charter; election of Council officers; updates on Lonesome Lake, Sweetgrass Hills and mining at Zortman; review of questions and answers from the September 21, 1995, RAC teleconference; discussion of the Mixed Grass Prairie and Little Rocky Mountain ACEC nominations; a meeting evaluation; and normal housekeeping items and any other new business the Council wishes to review. Public comment period will begin at 11:15 a.m. December 12.

*Miles City Resource Advisory Council*

December 11, 1995, rangeland ecosystem management instruction beginning at 8 a.m. The Council will reconvene at 8 a.m. Tuesday, December 12, for a full day and again at 8 a.m. Wednesday, December 13, for as much of the day as needed. Agenda items include a field trip to Pompeys Pillar and possibly other sites in the Billings Resource Area (weather permitting); prioritizing issues; discussion and decision on the need for subgroups; a decision on the need for formal officers (with an election possible); and normal housekeeping items and any other new business the Council wishes to review. Public comment period will begin at 8 a.m. December 13.

*Dakotas Resource Advisory Council*

December 11, 1995, rangeland ecosystem management instruction beginning at 8:00 a.m. The Council will reconvene at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 12, and, if needed to conclude its business, again at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 13. Agenda items include Council orientation; election of Council officers and decisions on other Council operational issues; prioritization of new business for consideration; discussion of new business including standards and guidelines, land exchanges, and subgroups; a meeting evaluation; and normal housekeeping items and any other new business the Council wishes to review. Public comment period will begin at 11 a.m., December 12.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to any Council. Each Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. The public comment period for each meeting is

listed above. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and the time available, the time for individual comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meetings, or need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the Montana State Office, External Affairs, 222 N. 32nd Street, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800, telephone 406-255-2913. Seating at the meetings will be on a first-come basis.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Greg Albright, Public Affairs Specialist, Office of External Affairs, Montana State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 222 N. 32nd Street, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, MT 59107, telephone (406) 255-2913.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the Councils is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with the management of public lands. The Councils' responsibilities include providing advice to BLM regarding the preparation, amendment and implementation of land use plans; providing advice on long-range planning and establishing resource management priorities; and assisting the BLM to identify State or regional standards for ecological health and guidelines for grazing.

Council members represent various industries and interests concerned with the management, protection and utilization of the public lands. These include (a) holders of Federal grazing permits and representatives of energy and mining development, the timber industry, rights-of-way interests, off-road vehicle use and developed recreation; (b) representatives of environmental and resource conservation organizations, archaeological and historic interests, and wild horse and burro groups; and (c) representatives of State and local government, Native American tribes, academia involved in the natural sciences, and the public at large.

Membership includes individuals who have expertise, education, training or practical experience in the planning and management of public lands and their resources and who have a knowledge of the geographical jurisdiction of the respective Councils.

Dated: October 30, 1995.

Larry E. Hamilton,  
*State Director.*

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**Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease**

October 20, 1995.

Pursuant to the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188 (d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3(a) and (b)(1), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease WYW121117 for lands in Fremont County, Wyoming, was timely filed and was accompanied by all the required rentals accruing from the date of termination. The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$5.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent, respectively.

The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$125 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this Federal Register notice. The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Section 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease WYW121117 effective August 1, 1995, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

Pamela J. Lewis,

*Chief, Leasable Minerals Section.*

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**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement on the Establishment of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Within the Four-State Connecticut River Watershed of New England**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on establishing the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge (refuge) in the Connecticut River watershed of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire is available. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) proposes to work with private landowners, state or local agencies and private organizations through the existing Partners for Wildlife and Challenge Cost Share Programs. The Service's major thrust through the year 2010 would focus on the use of

voluntary efforts, developing partnerships, providing technical assistance, and administering a cost-sharing grants program to help other conservation interests carry out their land protection programs. The Service would also initiate its own land protection program—using a combination of easements, cooperative management agreement and fee title acquisition—with emphasis on endangered, threatened, rare and uncommon species and communities. Educational efforts would be carried out in cooperation with the watershed's many environmental education providers. This proposal would result in the establishment of a special watershed-wide cooperative management and education program. This notice is being furnished pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508).

**DATES:** A Record of Decision can be approved after December 4, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** A limited number of copies of either the complete FEIS, or a summary of the FEIS, are available upon request from Larry Bandolin, Project Leader, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 38 Avenue A, Turners Falls, Massachusetts 01376.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Larry Bandolin, Project Leader, Telephone (413) 863–0209 or Fax (413) 863–3070.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FEIS was prepared to fulfill the requirements of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Act of 1991 (Act), Section 105. The Act's long-term purposes for establishing a new refuge in the Connecticut River watershed are to: (1) Conserve, protect, and enhance the Connecticut River watershed populations of Atlantic salmon, American shad, river herring, shortnose sturgeon, bald eagles, peregrine falcons, osprey, black ducks, and other native species of plants, fish, and wildlife; (2) conserve, protect, and enhance the natural diversity and abundance of plant, fish, and wildlife species and the ecosystems upon which these species depend within the refuge; (3) protect species listed as endangered or threatened, or identified as candidates for listing, pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended; (4) restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of wetlands and other waters within the refuge; (5) fulfill the international treaty obligations of the United States relating to fish and wildlife and wetlands; and (6) provide opportunities for scientific research, environmental education, and

fish and wildlife-oriented recreation and access to the extent compatible with the other purposes stated in this section. The FEIS describes five alternative ways to fulfill these purposes. It also discusses the process used to develop them and the environmental consequences of implementing each one. The first alternative (No Action) would involve no new conservation efforts in the watershed on the part of the Service. A second alternative (Private Lands Work and Education) relies on the voluntary restoration and enhancement of private lands through the Service's Partners for Wildlife Program. A third alternative (Private Lands Work, Education and Partnerships) relies on the voluntary restoration and enhancement of private lands, developing partnerships, providing technical assistance and establishing a cost-sharing grants program—through the Service's Challenge Cost Share Program—to help other conservation interests carry out their land protection programs. A fourth alternative (Private Lands Work, Education, Partnerships and Land Protection—The Service's Revised Proposed Action) is similar to the third alternative, except that the Service would also acquire lands to protect threatened or endangered, rare and uncommon species and communities. Under the fifth alternative (Private Lands Work, Education and Land Protection) the Service would establish a more traditional national fish and wildlife refuge. All issues and concerns identified by the public during scoping were considered and the most significant analyzed in detail. The potential effects of each alternative on agriculture and forestry, biological resources, local economies, environmental education, public use and access, and water use and quality are also described.

During the public review and comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), a series of afternoon walk-in informational sessions and evening public meetings and hearings were held in 16 different locations throughout the four-state Connecticut River watershed. Meetings were held in four locations in Massachusetts; four in Connecticut; four in Vermont; and four in New Hampshire in June, 1995. During the public review and comment period the Service received 348 written comments and seven petitions containing 897 signatures. Over 290 people attended the afternoon walk-in sessions and over 700 attended the evening public meetings and hearings, including 94

who testified. All comments received, both written and verbal, were taken into consideration during the preparation of the FEIS—to make corrections or revisions—and have become part of the official record for the project. The FEIS contains the Service's responses to comments made by 150 federal or state agencies, private organizations and individuals. Copies of the FEIS have been sent to all agencies and individuals who commented on the DEIS and to all others who have already requested copies, as well as all libraries within the watershed. A summary of the FEIS has been sent to all other organizations and individuals on the project mailing list. Cathleen I. Short,

*Acting Regional Director, Region 5, Hadley, Massachusetts.*

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## INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

[Finance Docket No. 32683]

### Canadian Pacific Limited and CP Containers (Canada) Inc.—Control Exemption—Cast North America (Trucking) Limited and Cast Transport, Inc.

**AGENCY:** Interstate Commerce Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of exemption.

**SUMMARY:** Under 49 U.S.C. 10505, the Commission exempts from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11343–44 the acquisition of control by Canadian Pacific Limited (CPL) and CP Containers (Canada) Inc. of two Commission-regulated motor carriers: Cast North America (Trucking) Limited and Cast Transport, Inc. CPL presently controls two rail carriers: Soo Line Railroad Company and the Delaware and Hudson Railway Company, Inc. The exemption is subject to standard employee protective conditions.

**DATES:** This exemption will be effective on December 3, 1995. Petitions to stay must be filed by November 13, 1995 and petitions to reopen must be filed November 24, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Send pleadings referring to Finance Docket No. 32683 to: (1) Office of the Secretary, Case Control Branch, Interstate Commerce Commission, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20423; and (2) Petitioners' representative: Terence M. Hynes, Sidley & Austin, 1722 Eye Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph H. Dettmar, (202) 927–5660.