

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management****[WO-300-1310-00 1A]****Green River Basin Advisory Committee; Notice of Intent to Establish and Call for Nominations****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Establish Green River Basin Advisory Committee and Call for Nominations.

SUMMARY: This notice is published to announce the Secretary of the Interior's intention to establish the Green River Basin Advisory Committee (Committee) in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (Public Law 92-463). The public is also being requested to submit nominations for membership on the Committee and to identify additional issues that could be addressed by the Committee.

DATES: Nominations and recommendations should be submitted to either address listed below no later than December 1, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Bennett, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003, telephone number (307) 775-6148; or Frank Salwerowicz, Bureau of Land Management, 2850 Youngfield Str., Lakewood, CO 80215, telephone number (303) 239-3745.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Committee will be to advise the Secretary of the Interior and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Director on matters pertinent to the BLM's Oil and Gas Program responsibilities and activities in the greater Green River Basin, principally in regard to the management of the natural resources, both surface and subsurface, and other resources as defined in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. The Committee will provide advice on issues derived from the discussion of data compiled in Phase I of the Southwest Wyoming Resource Evaluation Project and options/recommendations or agency implementation that would ensure continued reasonable development of the oil and gas resources underlying Federal public lands while protecting environmental values.

Committee members will be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. Membership will be composed of individuals who have expertise, through education or practical experience, in oil and gas activities,

natural resources management/conservation, or similar disciplines. The BLM is seeking nominations from all sources for membership in the Committee. The BLM is also soliciting recommendations for additional issues that could be addressed by the Committee. It is anticipated that the Committee will convene its initial meeting in Rock Springs, Wyoming, in January 1996, and complete its activities over the next 12 months.

Date Signed: October 31, 1995.

Mat Millenbach,

Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management.

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BILLING CODE 4310-81-P**Office of the Secretary****Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Group; Meeting****AGENCY:** Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary is announcing a public meeting of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Group.

DATES: December 6-7, 1995, at 8 a.m.**ADDRESSES:** First floor conference room, 645 "G" Street, Anchorage, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Mutter, Department of the Interior, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, 1689 "C" Street, Suite 119, Anchorage, Alaska, (907) 271-5011.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Public Advisory Group was created by Paragraph V.A.4 of the Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Decree entered into by the United States of America and State of Alaska on August 27, 1991, and approved by the United States District Court for the District of Alaska in settlement of *United States of America v. State of Alaska*, Civil Action No. A91-081 CV. The agenda will include a review of current and planned restoration activities and recommendations for the fiscal year 1996 restoration work plan.

Dated October 30, 1995.

Willie R. Taylor,

Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.

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BILLING CODE 4310-RG-M**Bureau of Land Management****[MT-910-1820-00]****Resource Advisory Council Meetings, Montana Councils and Dakotas Council; Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix, the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), has established four Resource Advisory Councils for the States of Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota.

The Montana Councils are: Butte Resource Advisory Council, Lewistown Resource Advisory Council and Miles City Resource Advisory Council; North Dakota and South Dakota: Dakotas Resource Advisory Council.

These Councils provide representative counsel and advice to the BLM on the planning and management of the public lands. Members of these Councils were appointed by the Secretary of the Interior.

The Montana and Dakotas Councils will convene jointly at 8 a.m. December 11, 1995, for required rangeland ecosystem management instruction. December 12, the Councils will reconvene separately. The four Councils will meet at the Holiday Inn Billings Plaza Hotel and Trade Center, 5500 Midland Road, Billings, Montana. The agendas for the Council meetings are as follows:

Butte 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 the Beaverhead County cooperative weed program; a discussion of potential effects of rangeland standards and guidelines on the ranching industry and public land resources; development of a process to identify standards and guidelines for rangeland resources in the Butte District; the present condition of riparian resources on public land in the Butte District; further work on developing a consensus process for decision making; and normal housekeeping items and any other new business the Council wishes to review.

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