

March 1993, the Service and the RCHCA initiated a joint scoping process for the preparation of a combined EIS/EIR in anticipation of the Service receiving a permit application for a 30-year Section 10(a) permit for incidental take SKR. The scoping process was initiated in accordance with NEPA to solicit comments on issues and alternatives to be addressed in the EIS/EIR. Because of the extended two-year scoping process, the Draft Scoping Report was prepared to update public knowledge of the scoping process. This report summarized the 2-year scoping process, identified the scoping issues raised by interested parties at public meetings and in written statements, and outlined the issues and alternatives to be addressed in the Draft EIS/EIR. The availability of the Draft Scoping Report was published in the Federal Register on March 24, 1995.

A Notice of Availability of a Draft EIS/EIR and receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit for SKR in Western Riverside County, California was published in the Federal Register August 4, 1995.

Potential consequences, in terms of adverse impacts and benefits associated with the implementation of each alternative, were described in the Draft EIS/EIR. The Service received 39 letters of comment on the Draft EIS/EIR that primarily focused on the following subject areas: (1) The range of alternatives in the document; (2) inadequate analysis of effects to SKR, effects on local General Plans, effects on local economic conditions, cumulative effects, and growth-inducing effects; (3) mitigation measures for effects to SKR; (4) population viability analysis model; and (5) analysis of funding requirements, sources and assurances.

The Responses to Comments document for the FEIS/EIR contains copies of all comments received and responses to all comments received. Issues and potential consequences remain constant from the Draft to the Final EIS/EIR.

Alternatives Analyzed in the Final EIS/EIR

Four alternatives were considered for analysis in the Final EIS/EIR: (1) Proposed Action/Project (approve and implement the Long-term SKR HCP); (2) Expanded Conservation/Protection (conserve additional SKR habitat); (3) Existing Reserves/Public Lands (focus of SKR habitat already protected); and (4) a No Project/No Action Alternative (assume no regional program). Issuance of the permit with the mitigating, minimizing, and monitoring measures outlined in the Proposed Action/Project

alternative is the Service's preferred action and is discussed above. Key issues addressed in the Final EIS/EIR are identified as the effects that implementation of various alternatives would have upon: (1) The endangered SKR; (2) other wildlife and their habitats; (3) land uses and general plans; (4) provision of public facilities, services and utilities; and (5) social and economic conditions. In addition, a second assessment of funding was prepared in response to comments on the Draft EIS/EIR.

Each alternative was evaluated for its potential to result in significant adverse impacts, and the adequacy or inadequacy of the proposed measures to avoid, minimize, and substantially reduce the effects.

Dated: February 22, 1996.
Thomas Dwyer,
Deputy Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.
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Extension of the Public Comment Period for the "Black-footed Ferret Survey Guidelines for Oil and Gas Activities in Wyoming for Compliance With the Endangered Species Act"

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service is extending the comment period for review of the draft "Black-footed Ferret Survey Guidelines For Oil And Gas Activities In Wyoming For Compliance With The Endangered Species Act."

DATES: Comments on the draft guidelines must be received on or before March 15, 1996, to ensure they receive consideration by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the draft guidelines may obtain a copy by contacting the Field Supervisor, Ecological Services, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4000 Morrie Avenue, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001. Written comments and materials regarding the draft guidelines should be sent to the Field Supervisor at the Cheyenne address given above. Comments and materials received are available on request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chuck Davis (see **ADDRESSES** above), at telephone 307/772-2374.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) published a Notice of Availability of the draft "Black-footed Ferret Survey Guidelines for Oil and Gas Activities in Wyoming for Compliance with the Endangered Species Act" which appeared in the Federal Register on January 30, 1996 (61 FR 3051). It established a public comment period ending on February 29, 1996. Requests for extending the comment period have been received from persons that have indicated that 30 days is not sufficient time to review and comment on the Guidelines. The comment period is, therefore, extended to march 15, 1996.

Public Comments Solicited

The Service solicits written comments on the draft guidelines described above. All comments received by the date specified in the **DATES** section above will be considered prior to approval of the guidelines.

Dated: February 23, 1996.
Terry T. Terrell,
Deputy Regional Director, Denver, CO.
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Bureau of Land Management

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Land Closure; Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.
ACTION: Notice of closure and restriction on public land.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that, effective immediately and until further notice, the last 1,000 feet of the road leading to the warm springs, near Gandy Utah, located in the SW¹/₄ of Sec. 31, T. 15 S., R. 19 W. S.L.B.M., Utah, is closed to all vehicular traffic. Personnel that are exempt from the closure include any federal, state, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty, or any person authorized by the Bureau. Foot traffic will be allowed.

The purpose of the closure is to protect the riparian and wildlife values associated with the spring and to reduce erosion caused by vehicle travel on this section of road.

The authority for this closure is the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 43 Subpart 8364.1.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rex Rowley, House Range Resource Area Manager, P.O. Box 778 Fillmore, UT 84631 or Phone 801-743-6811.

Dated: February 22, 1996.
David R. Henderson,
Associate District Manager.
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Notice of Meeting; Lower Snake River District

AGENCY: Lower Snake River District, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.
ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lower Snake River District Resource Advisory Council will meet on March 16, 1996 at 9:00 a.m. to begin developing proposed guidelines for managing livestock grazing on public lands. The Council will continue their work on the proposed guidelines on March 28 and 29 beginning at 8:30 a.m. both days. A public comment period will be held at 11:00 a.m. on all three days.

DATES: March 16, 1996, beginning at 9:00 a.m.; March 28 and 29, 1996, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Bureau of Land Management's Idaho State Office, 3380 Americana Terrace, Boise, Idaho 83706.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barry Rose, Lower Snake River District Office (208-384-3393).

Barry Rose,
Public Affairs Specialist.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Meeting of Southeastern Oregon Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Vale District, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is given that a meeting of the Southeastern Oregon Resource Advisory Council will be held April 1, 1996 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and April 2, 1996 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Harney County Museum Club Room, 18 West "D" Street, Burns, Oregon.

At an appropriate time, the Council will recess for approximately one hour for lunch and one and one-half hours for dinner. Public comments will be received from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., April 1. Topics to be discussed are administrative activities of the Council, the Southeastern Oregon Resource Management Plan, and standards and guidelines for livestock grazing on public lands.

DATES: The meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and run to 9 p.m. April 1, 1996 and 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. April 2, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place in the Harney County Museum Club Room, 18 West "D" Street, Burns, Oregon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jonne Hower, Bureau of Land Management, Vale District, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, OR 97918 (Telephone 541 473-3144).

James E. May,
District Manager.

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Bureau of Land Management

State Office Identifier (NM-930-1310-01); (NMNM 84866) New Mexico: Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

Under the provisions of Public Law 97-451, a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease NMNM 84866 for lands in Eddy County, New Mexico, was timely filed and was accompanied by all required rentals and royalties accruing from September 1, 1995, the date of termination.

No valid lease has been issued affecting the lands. The lessee has agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10.00 per acre or fraction thereof and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and has reimbursed the Bureau of Land Management for the cost of this Federal Register notice.

The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Sections 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 USC 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate the lease effective September 1, 1995, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Becky C. Olivas, BLM, New Mexico State Office, (505) 438-7609.

Dated: February 22, 1996.
Becky C. Olivas,
Land Law Examiner, Fluids Adjudication Team 1.
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Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Act Classification, New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of R&PP lease/patent of public land in Sandoval County, New Mexico.

SUMMARY: The following described public land is determined suitable for classification for leasing and patenting to the Presbyterian Medical Services (Presbyterian), Cuba, New Mexico under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). Presbyterian proposes to use the land for medical clinic facilities.

New Mexico Principal Meridian
T. 23 N., R. 6 W.,

Sec. 21, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Containing 5 acres, more or less.

COMMENT DATES: On or before April 15, 1996 interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed leasing and conveyance or classification of the lands to the Bureau of Land Management at the following address. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the Bureau of Land Management, Farmington District Manager, 1235 LaPlata Highway, Farmington, NM 87401, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, this realty action becomes the final determination of the Department of the Interior and effective April 29, 1996.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Information related to this action including the environmental assessment, is available for review at the Bureau of Land Management, Farmington District Office, 1235 LaPlata Highway, Farmington, NM 87401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Publication of this notice segregates the public land described above from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for leasing and conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws for a period of two (2) years from date of this publication in the Federal Register. The segregative affect will terminate upon issuance of the lease and patent to Presbyterian, or two (2) years from the date of this publication, whichever occurs first.

The lease, when issued, will be subject to the following terms: