

and no-action alternatives. The proposed action alternative is issuance of the incidental take permit and implementation of the habitat conservation plan as submitted by RMC Lonestar. Two other alternatives were considered, but were not advanced for detailed analysis because they were neither technically nor economically feasible.

Under the no-action alternative, the Service would not issue an incidental take permit to RMC Lonestar and a habitat conservation plan would not be implemented. No maintenance activities would be performed on the ponds, and the incidental take associated with those activities would be avoided. Therefore, no permit would be needed. This alternative is not being used because RMC Lonestar is under a legal obligation to carry out these maintenance activities by the County and the Regional Water Quality Control Board. These objectives are in place to protect water quality in the streams below the quarry areas. If the ponds were allowed to fill with sediment, the protection to water quality provided by the ponds would be lost and increased sedimentation of downstream areas would result. California red-legged frogs inhabiting downstream habitat would likely be adversely affected. For these reasons, this alternative was rejected.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act and Service regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (40 CFR 1506.6). The Service will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of law. If the Service determines that the requirements are met, a permit will be issued for the incidental take of the listed species. A final decision on permit issuance will be made no sooner than 30 days from the date of this notice.

Dated: June 11, 1998.

David L. McMullen,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of New Information Collection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces its intention to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to collect certain information from Alaska natives, groups of Alaska natives, or associations or corporations of Alaska natives who want to graze reindeer on public lands in Alaska that are vacant and unappropriated. This information allows BLM to determine whether or not applicants are qualified to receive a reindeer grazing permit. BLM also collects information from permittees to determine whether or not they are using their permits according to the terms and conditions.

DATES: BLM must receive comments on the proposed information collection by August 17, 1998 to assure consideration of them.

ADDRESSES: Mail comments to: Director (630), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C St., NW, Mail Stop 401LS, Washington, DC 20240. Send comments via Internet to:

WoComment@wo.blm.gov. Please include "Attn: 1004-NEW" and your name and return address in the Internet message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frances Watson, (202) 452-5006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a), BLM is required to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information from 10 or more people who are not Federal employees on (a) whether a proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of collecting the information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology. BLM will receive and analyze any comments sent in response to this notice and include them with its request for approval from OMB.

BLM conducts the reindeer grazing program under the authority of the Act of September 1, 1937, which authorizes

the Secretary of the Interior to manage the reindeer industry in Alaska to maintain a self-sustaining industry for natives of Alaska. The Act also authorizes the Secretary to issue permits to those natives for grazing reindeer on public lands.

BLM uses the information on the Grazing Permit Application to determine an individual or group's qualifications to receive a grazing lease or permit. The information requested on the form includes: the applicant's name and address; a legal description of the land applied for; whether or not the applicant is an Alaska native, citizen of the United States, or a qualified corporation; whether or not the applicant has examined the land and whether there are any improvements on the land, in which case a list of the owners; whether or not the applicant has previously used the land; how many acres of adjoining land, if any, the applicant controls; whether or not the applicant can furnish a statement of financial responsibility; and the types and numbers of livestock the applicant intends to graze on the land.

The Reindeer Grazing Permit requires permittees to file a report describing his or her grazing operations for the preceding year. The report is filed annually with BLM before April 1.

There is an average of six applicants annually for grazing permits, and six permittees file annual reports with BLM. The estimated time for collecting the information, filling out and filing each permit application is 1 hour, for a total of 6 burden hours. The estimated time for collecting the information and providing it for the annual report is 15 minutes, for a total of 1.5 burden hours. The total number of respondents for this collection is therefore six respondents and 7.5 burden hours annually.

Dated: June 11, 1998.

Carole Smith,

Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-078-98-1310-00]

Notice of Availability of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) on Oil and Gas Leasing in the Glenwood Springs Resource Area

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to sec. 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regulations in CFR 1610.5-5, BLM proposes to amend the Resource Management Plan (RMP) for its Glenwood Springs Resource Area (GSRA). As described in a Notice of Intent published on April 21, 1997 (62 FR 19349), BLM has prepared a supplemental EIS on the impacts of oil and gas development in the GSRA. On March 17, 1998, an additional Notice of Intent (63 FR 13068) expressed BLM's intent to include lands in the Naval Oil Shale Reserves (NOSR) in the SEIS and the RMP amendment. That SEIS is now available for review and comment.

Copies of the SEIS will be available at the following BLM offices: the Glenwood Springs Resource Area Office, 50629 Highway 6 & 24, Glenwood Springs, Colorado, 81602; the Grand Junction District Office, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado, 81506; and the Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado, 80215.

DATES: Comments will be accepted until September 17, 1998. A public meeting on the SEIS will be held on July 7, 1998, from 3:00 to 8:00 PM in the Valley Senior Center, 540 Parachute Avenue, Parachute, Colorado, 81635.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Area Manager, Glenwood Springs Resource Area, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1009, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602, ATTN: Oil and Gas SEIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Moore, (970) 947-2824

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Notice of Intent to prepare a supplemental EIS on oil and gas leasing and development in the GSRA was published on April 21, 1997 (62 FR 19349). The EIS process indicated that some changes in the leasing decisions are necessary and that an RMP amendment will be required. After publication of that notice, the Department of Defense Authorization Act of 1998 (November 18, 1997) transferred management authority for the Naval Oil Shale Reserves (NOSR) from the Department of Energy to BLM. In addition to transferring management authority to BLM, the Act directs BLM to lease approximately 6,000 acres in the NOSR for oil and gas development by November 18, 1998. On March 17, 1998, BLM published an additional Notice of Intent (63 FR 13068) expressing its intent to include lands in the Naval Oil Shale Reserves (NOSR) in the oil and gas leasing SEIS and RMP amendment.

Among the issues identified and evaluated in the SEIS are: the effects on visual quality of gas development in highly visible terrain; the impact on riparian areas; the effects on wildlife and wildlife habitat; and the potential success of reclamation efforts in the arid environment.

Three alternatives were evaluated: The Continuation of Current Management Alternative, which would continue leasing and mitigation decisions adopted in a 1991 RMP amendment and extend them to the NOSR area to be leased;

The Maximum Protection Alternative, which would attempt to maximize mitigation measures regardless of the impact on gas production; and

The Proposed Action, which describes the GSRA's attempt to provide multiple resource management of oil and gas development.

Larry J. Porter,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability, Wolford Mountain Reservoir, Amended Record of Decision

AGENCY: Craig District Office, Kremmling Resource Area.

ACTION: Notice of Availability, Wolford Mountain Reservoir, Amended Record of Decision.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 102(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act, the Craig District prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and issued a Record of Decision (ROD), February 8, 1991, for the Muddy Creek Reservoir project, now referred to as the Wolford Mountain Reservoir project. The FEIS analyzed the impacts of storing water to the 7,500 foot elevation level. The ROD stated that 60,000 acre-feet of water would be stored up to the 7,485 elevation level. During construction, the Probable Maximum Flood Event was recalculated. This permitted the spillway to be redesigned to allow storage of an additional 6,000 acre-feet of water at a maximum elevation of 7,489 feet, an increase of four feet in elevation. The new pool elevation remains below the 7,500 foot elevation level analyzed in the FEIS. No additional "in basin" impacts were identified. "Out of basin" impacts are

mitigated by using the additional 6,000 acre-feet of storage as a "fish pool" from which the Colorado River Water Conservation District will make releases for the benefit of endangered fish species downstream in the Colorado River.

DATES: This notice announces the beginning of the 30 day review period.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the Amended Record of Decision should be sent to Linda M. Gross, Kremmling Area Manager, BLM, PO Box 68, Kremmling, CO 80459.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain additional information or to receive a copy of the Amended Record of Decision, contact Jim Perry at (970) 724-3437.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Those individuals, organizations, and agencies with known interest in the proposal have been sent a copy of the Amended Record of Decision.

Mark T. Morse,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-060-1620-01; WYW141435]

Notice of Intent

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a lease application received from Antelope Coal Company for Federal coal in the decertified Powder River Federal Coal Production Region, Wyoming, and Notice of Scoping on a modification to the lease application.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a competitive coal lease application (WYW141435) from Antelope Coal Company (ACC) on February 14, 1997, for a tract containing approximately 177.5 million tons of Federal coal and including approximately 1,471 acres in an area adjacent to the company's Antelope Mine. ACC is a subsidiary of Kennecott Energy and Coal Company. The Antelope Mine is located in northern Converse County, Wyoming; the lease application area is located in Campbell and Converse Counties, Wyoming. The tract, which is referred to as the Horse Creek LBA Tract, was applied for as a maintenance tract lease-by-application (LBA) under the provisions of 43 Code of Federal