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Committee Management Officer, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-040-1610-00]

Notice of Availability of the Proposed Caliente Management Framework Plan Amendment and Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Management of Desert Tortoise Habitat

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Proposed Plan Amendment and Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Caliente Management Framework Plan would implement management goals and actions for Bureau of Land Management (BLM)-administered desert tortoise habitat in Lincoln County, Nevada. The Mojave desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) was listed as a threatened species in 1990, based on declining numbers in some areas of its range. These goals and actions, some of which are recommended in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's approved Desert Tortoise (Mojave Population) Recovery Plan, would assist the recovery and delisting of the desert tortoise in the Northeastern Mojave Recovery Unit. This amendment is required to comply with the Endangered Species Act of 1973 which mandates that all federal agencies conserve and recover listed species within their administrative units. The accompanying Final EIS satisfies the National Environmental Policy Act, which mandates that federal agencies analyze the environmental consequences of major federal actions.

The planning area for this amendment consists of approximately 754,600 acres of public land in southern Lincoln County, administered by the Caliente Field Station, within BLM's Ely Field Office. No private lands would be directly affected by management

direction described under the Proposed Action or alternatives. The planning area is located within the Northeastern Mojave Recovery Unit, as defined by the Recovery Plan. The document discusses several alternatives for the protection of desert tortoise habitat and recovery of the species.

The Proposed Plan Amendment may be protested by any person who participated in the planning process, and who has an interest which is or may be adversely affected by the approval of the Proposed Plan Amendment. A protest may raise only those issues which were submitted for the record during the planning process (see 43 CFR 1610.5-2).

All protests must be written and must be postmarked on or before *July 23, 1999* and shall contain the following information:

- The name, mailing address, telephone number, and interest of the person filing the protest.
- A statement of the issue or issues being protested.
- A statement of the part or parts of the document being protested.
- A copy of all documents addressing the issue or issues previously submitted during the planning process by the protesting party, or an indication of the date the issue or issues were discussed for the record.
- A concise statement explaining precisely why the Bureau of Land Management, Nevada State Director's decision is wrong.

Upon resolution of any protests, an Approved Plan Amendment and Record of Decision will be issued. The Approved Plan Amendment/Record of Decision will be mailed to all individuals who participated in this planning process and all other interested publics upon their request.

DATES: All written protests must be postmarked no later than July 23, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Protests must be filed with: Director, Bureau of Land Management, Attn. Ms. Brenda Williams, Protests Coordinator, WO-210/LS-1075, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240.

Copies of the Proposed Plan Amendment/FEIS may be obtained from the Ely Field Office, HC33 Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301 and the Caliente Field Station, U.S. Highway 93, P.O. Box 237, Caliente, NV 89008.

Public reading copies are available for review at the public libraries of Clark, White Pine and Lincoln Counties, all government document repository libraries and at the following BLM locations:

Office of External Affairs, Main Interior Building, Room 5000, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC.;
Public Room, Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, NV;
The Caliente Field Station and the Ely Field Office at the above addresses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gene L. Drais, Project Manager at (775) 289-1880 at the Ely Field Office.

Dated: June 4, 1999.

Gene A. Kolkman,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Extending the Public Comment on the Proposed Sand and Gravel Mining Operation, Los Angeles County, CA Until September 13, 1999

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, Palm Springs—South Coast Field Office, Desert District, CA.

ACTION: Extension of the public comment period until September 13, 1999 for the draft environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and 40 CFR 1503.1(a), notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Transit Mixed Concrete (TMC) Company Sand and Gravel Mining Project proposed for construction and operation off of Soledad Canyon Road and State Highway 14, Los Angeles County, California. The project site is within an unincorporated area of the County, north of Soledad Canyon Road, south of Antelope Valley Freeway, and west of Agua Dulce Canyon.

Interested citizens are invited to review the Draft EIS and submit comments. Copies of the Draft EIS may be obtained by telephoning or writing to the contact person listed below. Public reading copies of the Draft EIS are available at the following County of Los Angeles public libraries: Canyon Country Library, 18536 Soledad Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91351; Newhall Library, 22704 W. Ninth Street, Santa Clarita, CA 91321; Valencia Library, 23743 W. Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, CA 91355.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing to the BLM no later than September 13, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments shall be mailed to the following address: Mr. James G. Kenna, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Palm Springs—South Coast Field Office, 690 W. Garnet Avenue, PO Box 1260, North Palm Springs, California, 92258. Comments may also be submitted by electronic mail (e-mail) to the following address: <http://www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings>. The response to comments will be provided in the Final EIS.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: TMC plans to mine a total of 83 million tons of materials and produce and sell approximately 56 million tons of Portland cement concrete sand and gravel over a 20-year period. The project plan includes the transport of processed material off-site in trucks as either aggregate product or ready-mixed concrete. All proposed mining and processing operations are located north of Soledad Canyon Road and outside the floodplain of the Santa Clara River and its tributaries. Mining will begin on the south side of a northeast-southwest trending ridge on-site, and progress through four successive excavation cuts. Fill areas for excess natural fines will be established on the south and north sides of the ridge. Reclamation and revegetation will be concurrent with mining operations and measures have been incorporated into project design to minimize erosion, provide watershed control, and protect water quality in the Santa Clara River. A full range of alternatives to the proposed action are considered in the Draft EIS.

The project site is on "split-estate" lands where the surface is privately owned and the minerals are federally owned and administered by the BLM. Thus, the project is also subject to approval of a Surface Mining Permit through preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The County of Los Angeles is the lead agency responsible for preparation of the EIR which has been prepared concurrently with the EIS.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Elena Miquez, BLM, Palm Springs—South Coast Field Office, PO Box 1260, North Palm Springs, CA 92258, telephone (760) 251-4804.

Dated: June 8, 1999.

Tim Salt,
District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-930-1610-00]

Notice of Intent To Conduct a Planning Review and Request for Public Participation Concerning Land Use Planning Decisions for Certain Bureau of Reclamation Withdrawn Lands in Wyoming To Be Restored to Bureau of Land Management Jurisdiction

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Seven Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Field Offices in Wyoming are reviewing their land use plans to determine which of the resource and land use planning and management decisions in those plans will apply to the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) withdrawn lands being restored to BLM jurisdiction. The BOR lands involved total about 310,000 acres and collectively lie within the BLM Cody, Worland, Rawlins, Casper, Rock Springs, Kemmerer, and Pinedale Field Office administrative areas. The public is invited to identify concerns to be addressed in the planning review.

EFFECTIVE DATES: Meeting dates and other public participation activities in the seven BLM Field Office areas will be announced in public notices, the local media, or in letters sent to interested and potentially affected parties. Persons wishing to participate in this planning review and wishing to be placed on mailing lists must notify the appropriate BLM Field Office(s) at the addresses and phone numbers below.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

CONSIDERATIONS: Public comments submitted for this planning review, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review and disclosure at the addresses below during regular business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Worland and Cody Field Offices:
Bob Ross, Planning Coordinator, BLM,
101 South 23rd Street, P.O. Box
119, Worland, Wyoming 82401-
0119, 307-347-5100;

Casper Field Office:

Glen Nebeker, Resource Advisor,
BLM, 1701 East E Street, Casper,
Wyoming 82601-2167, 307-261-
7600;

Rawlins Field Office:

John Spehar, Planning Coordinator,
BLM, 1300 North 3rd Street, P.O.
Box 2407, Rawlins, Wyoming
82301-2407, 307-328-4200

Rock Springs, Kemmerer, and Pinedale
Field Offices:

Renee Dana, Resource Advisor, BLM,
280 Highway 191 North, Rock
Springs, Wyoming 82901-3448,
307-352-0256.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM in Wyoming is reviewing the land use planning decisions in the Cody, Grass Creek, Washakie, Great Divide, Platte River, Green River, Kemmerer, and Pinedale Resource Management Plans (RMPs) to determine which of those decisions apply to the BOR withdrawn lands being restored to BLM jurisdiction. The withdrawn lands to be restored, involving parts of the Shoshone, Missouri River Basin, Platte River, and Seedskaadee Reclamation Projects, are no longer needed for those reclamation projects.

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) requires the development of land use plans for the BLM-administered public lands. Accordingly, the BOR withdrawn lands that will be restored to BLM jurisdiction must be incorporated into the BLM RMPs and have planning decisions made for them.

The initial focus of the planning review will be on determining which of the BOR withdrawn lands have undergone sufficient NEPA analysis to adopt the existing RMP decisions that will apply to them and for incorporating those lands into and amending the RMPs. The NEPA analyses documented in the Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) for the RMPs will be reviewed for this determination. When these EISs were prepared, there was no differentiation made between the Federal lands under BOR jurisdiction and the Federal lands under BLM jurisdiction. Therefore, the BOR withdrawn lands were included in the impact analyses. However, the BLM did not include planning decisions for these lands in the BLM RMPs because of lacking jurisdiction to do so.

The withdrawn lands involved in this review are closed to the operation of the