

implementing regulations, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed Continental Divide/Wamsutter II (CD/WII) Natural Gas Project located in Carbon and Sweetwater Counties, Wyoming. This FEIS analyzes the potential impacts from natural gas exploration and development proposed by Amoco Production Company, Union Pacific Resources Company, Yates Petroleum Corporation, Snyder Oil Corporation, and other natural gas operators within the CD/WII project area and alternatives to that proposed development. The BLM preferred alternative for this project is the Proposed Action, with additional mitigation measures which would reduce environmental impacts.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) prepared for this project was made available to the public on April 30, 1999 (64 FR 23349). The FEIS contains corrected and new material which supplements the DEIS. The DEIS and this FEIS comprise the complete document. Please refer to the DEIS for more detailed analyses and descriptions of the proposed action and alternatives.

This FEIS is not a decision document. A Record of Decision will be prepared and made available to the public after the public comment period expires.

**DATES:** BLM will accept comments on the FEIS for a period of 30 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes their Notice of Availability (NOA) of this FEIS in the **Federal Register**. We anticipate that EPA will publish its NOA on December 10, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to: Clare Miller, Bureau of Land Management, Rawlins Field Office, 1300 North Third Street, P.O. Box 2407, Rawlins, WY 82301.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Clare Miller, Team Leader, Telephone: 307-328-4245, or Teresa Deakins, Telephone: 307-352-0211. Copies of the FEIS may be obtained from the BLM Rawlins Field Office (307-324-4200), 1300 North Third Street, P.O. Box 2407, Rawlins, WY 82301 or from the BLM Rock Springs Field Office, (307-352-0256) 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, WY 82901.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FEIS contains corrected and new material which supplements the DEIS issued April 30, 1999. The DEIS air quality impact assessment was revised in order to address the following items: (a) The CD/WII near-field particulate matter emission assumptions and impact

analyses were revised using Rock Springs, WY, meteorological data; (b) potential well blowdown emissions were included and the hazardous air pollutant (HAP) and ozone impact analyses were revised; (c) potential oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>) emissions for the CD/WII wells were corrected; (d) potential NO<sub>x</sub> and sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) emissions from the Lost Cabin Gas Plant were corrected for seasonal operation; (e) potential particulate matter emissions from the Seneca Coal facility (Colorado Permit No. 82R0258F) were corrected; (f) potential particulate matter, NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the SF Phosphates facility (Wyoming Permit No. CT-550A4) were added to the emissions inventory; (g) several other Colorado emission sources were correctly analyzed as potential NO<sub>x</sub> emissions, rather than as SO<sub>2</sub> emissions reported in the DEIS; and (h) hourly scaling factors were applied to several Wyoming portable emission sources. Based on these revisions, potential air quality impacts were reanalyzed and reported in both the FEIS and the Revised Technical Support Document text.

In addition to air quality updates, some revisions to the DEIS were made in sections of the document dealing with wildlife resources, mineral resources, and aesthetics and visual resources.

Upon recommendation of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the BLM has initiated formal consultation and conferring with the USFWS on issues dealing with the listed Threatened and Endangered species of Black-footed Ferret and with the proposed listed species of Mountain Plover. Some additional mitigation measures to protect these species are expected from this process. The results of the consultation/conferring will be addressed in the Record of Decision for this EIS.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM offices listed above during regular business hours (7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of officials of organizations or businesses, will be

made available for public inspection in their entirety.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Southwest Resource Advisory Council Meeting

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice; Southwest Resource Advisory Council Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Resource Advisory Council (Southwest RAC) will meet in January, 2000 in Durango, Colorado.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** For additional information, contact Roger Alexander, Bureau of Land Management, Southwest Center, 2465 South Townsend Avenue, Montrose, Colorado 81401; telephone 970-240-5335; TDD 970-240-5366; e-mail Roger\_Alexander@co.blm.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The January 20, 2000 meeting will be held at the Bureau of Land Management-U.S. Forest Service Public Lands Center, Sonoran Conference Room, 15 Burnett Court, Durango, Colorado. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end no later than 4:30 p.m. The agenda will include an update on recreation guidelines, discussions on outdoor ethics in advertising, and identification of RAC workloads for 2000. General public comment is scheduled for 9:15 a.m.

Summary minutes for Council meetings are maintained in the Southwest Center Office and on the World Wide Web at [http://www.co.blm.gov/mdo/mdo\\_sw\\_rac.htm](http://www.co.blm.gov/mdo/mdo_sw_rac.htm) and are available for public inspection and reproduction within thirty (30) days following each meeting.

Dated: November 29, 1999.

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