

biological monitor. To compensate for unavoidable habitat loss from the parking lot expansion, and for future impacts from fiber optic cable construction should a permit amendment be needed, Globenet/Worldcom proposes to provide funds to acquire, restore, monitor and manage in perpetuity 3.78 acres of high quality, Morro shoulderband snail habitat off-site and adjacent to Montana de Oro State Park. This land would be deeded to and managed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation or another land manager approved by the Service.

The Plan and the Environmental Assessment consider two alternatives to the proposed parking lot expansion project, as well as additional alternatives to the future cable project. Under the No Development Alternative, the parking lot would not be expanded, the telecommunications building would remain vacated, and the Service would not issue an incidental take permit. Non-native plants would recolonize the project site, human disturbances would likely continue, and off-site high quality snail habitat would not be protected. Under the Alternate Site Alternative, the existing telecommunications building would remain vacated. Globenet/Worldcom would construct another building at another site that does not support listed species. The Service would not issue an incidental take permit. This alternative would result in greater impacts to the environment than the other alternatives and would not provide a substantial benefit to the snail.

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

Dated: December 1, 1999.

Elizabeth H. Stevens,

Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-932-1320-05; NMNM 99144]

Notice of Coal Lease Offering

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of competitive coal lease sale.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain coal resources in the tract described below in San Juan County, New Mexico, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et. seq.*)

DATES: The lease sale will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 12, 2000. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 9 a.m., on January 12, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The lease sale will be held in the BLM Conference Room, located at 1474 Rodeo Rd., Santa Fe, NM 87502. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 9 a.m. on January 12, 2000, to: Cashier, New Mexico State Office, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, NM 87502.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ida T. Viarreal at (505) 438-7603.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The tract will be leased to the qualified bidder(s) submitting the highest cash offer provided that the high bids meet or exceed the fair market value of the tracts as determined by the authorized officer after the sale. Each bid should be clearly identified by tract number or serial number on the outside of the envelope containing the bid(s). No bid that is less than \$100.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, will be considered. This \$100.00 per acre is a regulatory minimum, and is not intended to reflect fair market value of the tracts.

Sealed bids clearly market "Sealed Bid for NMNM 99144 Coal Sale—Not to be opened before 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 12, 2000." must be received on or before 9 a.m., Wednesday, January 12, 2000. Bids should be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or should be hand delivered. The cashier will issue a receipt for each hand delivered sealed bid. Bids received after 9 a.m., on January 12, 2000, will not be considered. The minimum bid is not intended to represent fair market value. The fair market value of the tract will be determined by the Authorized Officer after the sale.

If identical high sealed bids are received, the tying bidders will be requested to submit follow-up sealed bids until a high bid is received. All tie-

breaking sealed bids must be within 15 minutes following the sale official's announcement at the sale that identical sealed bids have been received.

Coal Tract To Be Offered

The coal resources to be offered consist of all recoverable reserves in the following described lands located in San Juan County, New Mexico and are described as follows:

T. 30 N., R. 14 W., NMPM
Sec. 17, ALL;
Sec. 18, ALL;
Sec. 19, ALL;
Sec. 20, ALL;
Sec. 29, ALL;
Sec. 30, ALL;
Sec. 31, Lot 1-4, N¹/₂, N¹/₂, S¹/₂.

Containing 4,483.88 acres, more or less.

Rental and Royalty

The leases issued as a result of this lease offering will require payment of an annual rental of \$3.00 per acre or fraction thereof, and a royalty payable to the United States of 12¹/₂ percent of the value of the coal removed by surface methods and 8 percent of the value of the coal removed by underground methods. The value of the coal will be determined in accordance with 30 CFR 206.250.

Notice of Availability

Bidding instructions for the offered tracts are included in Detailed Statement of Coal Lease Sale. Copies of the Statement and the proposed coal lease are available upon request in person or by mail from the New Mexico State Office at the addresses shown above. The case files are available for inspection during normal business hours only at the Santa Fe, New Mexico, location.

Dated: December 2, 1999.

Richard A. Whitley,

Associate State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-030-1310-DB]

Continental Divide/Wamsutter II Natural Gas Project

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of final environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and

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_x) emissions for the CD/WII wells were corrected; (d) potential NO_x and sulfur dioxide (SO₂) 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_x and SO₂ 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_x emissions, rather than as SO₂ 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.

Dated: December 3, 1999.

Alan L. Kesterke,

Associate State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-700-00-0777-XQ-1784]

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 and are available for public inspection and reproduction within thirty (30) days following each meeting.

Dated: November 29, 1999.

Roger Alexander,

Public Affairs Specialist.

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