

project planning and environmental protection. The BLM, which also has trust responsibility, is a cooperating agency on the project because the transmission lines, the access road, and a portion of the gas pipeline traverses federal land under its jurisdiction.

The proposed nominal 760-megawatt, natural gas-fired, combined cycle power plant project would employ three gas turbines and one heat recovery steam generator (HRSG). The stacks would be approximately 145 to a maximum of 200 feet high and have a diameter of about 18 feet. Groundwater would be used in operations and for cooling. Both storm water and process wastewater would be confined to the site in retention ponds. The power plant would be fueled by natural gas from the existing Kern River (Williams) natural gas pipeline that is located on the Reservation, approximately 3,000 feet from the proposed plant location. The proposed project would include construction of a gas supply lateral pipeline on Reservation land and a power grid interconnection at the Harry Allen substation, located approximately 12 miles southwest of the proposed plant. Two parallel 230kv lines would traverse both Reservation and federal land, mostly within an existing utility corridor. The project would also include an access road to connect the site to Interstate Highway 15.

The DEIS discusses potential impacts of power plant development and operation on environmental resources in the study area. The DEIS describes the alternatives that were considered, but eliminated from further consideration, and also documents the analysis of three alternatives, the proposed action, a southern site alternative, and no action. Issues to be covered in the DEIS include geology and soils, surface and groundwater resources, biological resources, air quality, visual resources, noise, public services/utilities, hazardous materials, paleontological and cultural resources, socio-economic conditions, land use, environmental justice, Indian Trust Assets, and potential cumulative impacts.

#### Public Comment Solicitation

As an alternative to submitting written comments regarding the content of the EIS/EIR to the locations identified in the **ADDRESSES** section, interested persons may instead comment via the Internet to <http://phxao.az.bia.gov/branches/environment/eis> or to [DeborahHamlin@bia.gov](mailto:DeborahHamlin@bia.gov). Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. If you do not receive confirmation from the

system that your Internet message was received, contact Amy L. Heuslein at 602-379-6750, or Deborah Hamlin at 435-674-9720, respectively.

Comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the mailing addresses shown in the **ADDRESSES** section, during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or 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. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. 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.

#### Authority

This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508), implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 Departmental Manual 8.1.

Dated: March 22, 2001.

**James H. McDivitt,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-1310-01; WYW 149311]

#### Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

March 22, 2001.

Pursuant to the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188(d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3(a) and (b)(1), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease WYW149311 for lands in Washakie County, Wyoming, was timely filed and was accompanied by all the required rentals accruing from the date of termination.

The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent, respectively.

The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$158 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice. The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in section 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease WYW149311 effective December 1, 2000, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

**Pamela J. Lewis,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CO-120-1220-EA]

#### Establishment of a Moratorium on Issuance of New Special Recreation Permits

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Portions of the Kremmling Resource Area and the Glenwood Springs Resource Area, CO.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Public notice is hereby given that a moratorium on issuance of new Special Recreation Permits for river related commercial recreation activities in the Upper Colorado River Special Recreation Management Area is in effect. No new annual Special Recreation Permits (SRPs) for river related commercial recreation activities will be issued for the Upper Colorado River Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) for a period of one year. The SRMA extends from approximately five miles east of Kremmling downstream to Dotsero. Only qualified commercial operators with a valid SRP for the 2000 season will be considered for renewals of annual or multi-year authorizations for the 2001 season and any future year until the moratorium is lifted. Any requests for changes in activity or location for existing permits will be reviewed and approved at the discretion of the authorized officer. The BLM will not accept any new applications nor issue any new SRPs to any individual, group, organization,