

statement is expected to be available for public review in early 2002.

**Richard Conrad,**

*Acting District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CA-650-1430-01; CACA-40856]

#### Notice of Availability

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability for an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) considering a Recreational and Public Purposes Act (R&PP) lease for a horse ranch near Trona, California.

**SUMMARY:** An EA and FONSI are available for public review for a proposed horse ranch R&PP lease near the community of Trona, California. Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared an EA analyzing impacts of a proposed horse ranch in San Bernardino County, CA. The ranch is proposed to be located on public land, managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Ridgecrest Field Office. Based on the environmental analysis, BLM has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The EA and FONSI are available for public review and comment for 30 days from publication of this notice. A copy of the document can be obtained from the BLM office at 300 S. Richmond Rd, Ridgecrest, CA 93555 or by contacting Peter G. Graves at (760) 384-5429. After consideration of all the public comments, the BLM Field Manager (Authorized Officer) will render a decision selecting the alternative that best meets BLM's Multiple-Use mission. **ADDRESS:** Comments should be addressed to Hector A. Villalobos, Field Manager, BLM Ridgecrest Field Office, 300 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555. 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 and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of

organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Peter Graves, Resource Management Specialist, Ridgecrest Field Office, BLM, 300 South Richmond Road, Ridgecrest, CA 93555, (760) 384-5429.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 29, 1999, Rocking "R" Ranch submitted a Recreation and Public Purpose Lease application to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Ridgecrest Field Office, in order to construct, develop, operate and maintain a horse ranch on public land near the community of Trona, California. The proposed horse ranch would shelter abused and abandoned horses.

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**Linn Gum,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[ES-020-1310-E1]

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare Planning Analysis/Environmental Assessments

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Prepare a Planning Analysis/Environmental Assessment.

**SUMMARY:** The Jackson Field Offices, Eastern States will prepare a Planning Analysis/Environmental Assessment (PA/EA), in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to consider leasing Federal mineral estate for oil and gas exploration and development. The lands, managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, are located in the Blue Mountain Lake Project Area in Logan and Yell Counties, Arkansas. This notice is issued pursuant to Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1501.7 and Title 43 CFR 1610.2(c). The planning effort will follow the procedures set forth in Title 43 CFR part 1600. The public is invited to participate in this planning process, beginning with the identification of planning issues and criteria.

**DATES:** Comments relating to the identification of planning issues and criteria will be accepted for thirty days from the date of this publication. 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 and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to: Bureau of Land Management, Jackson Field Office; 411 Briarwood Drive, Suite 404; Jackson, MS 39206.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Clay Moore, Lead for PA/EA Jackson Field Office, (601-977-5400).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM has responsibility to consider nominations to lease Federal mineral estate oil and gas exploration and development. An interdisciplinary team will be used in the preparation of the PA/EA. Preliminary issues, subject to change as a result of public input, are (1) potential impacts of oil and gas exploration and development on the surface resources and uses by the Corps of Engineers and (2) consideration of restriction on lease rights to protect surface resources and uses by the Corps of Engineers. The lands are located in the below listed townships/sections in Logan and Yell Counties, Arkansas. Total acreage being addressed is approximately 17,000 acres.

T5N, R25W, 5th Meridian  
Sections 2, 7-11, 15-20  
T5N, R26W, 5th Meridian  
Sections 1-19, 24, 27, 28 330  
T5N, R27W, 5th Meridian  
Sections 1-4, 9-19, 24-26  
T5N, R26W, 5th Meridian  
Sections 29, 31, 32  
T6 N, R.27W, 5th Meridian

Sections 25, 34-36

Due to the limited scope of this PA/EA process, public meetings are not scheduled.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[ES-020-02-1310-EI]

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare Planning Analyses/Environmental Assessments

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.