

goal to conserve, recover, and enhance sage-grouse habitat on a landscape scale.

The parcel of land is not required for any other Federal purposes and does not contain other known public values. The patent will include an appropriate indemnification claim protecting the United States from claims arising out of the patentee's use occupancy or occupations on the patented lands. The BLM will retain all mineral rights.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for conveyance under the R&PP, leasing under the mineral leasing laws, and disposals under the mineral material disposal laws. This segregative effect will end upon issuance of the patent, publication in the **Federal Register** of a termination of the segregation, or April 9, 2018, unless extended by the BLM State Director in accordance with 43 CFR 2711.1-2(d) prior to the termination date.

The patent, if issued, will be subject to the provisions of the R&PP and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. All minerals, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe;

2. A right-of-way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States pursuant to the Act of August 30, 1890, (43 U.S.C. 945); and

3. All valid existing rights of record, including those documented on the official public land records at the time of patent issuance.

4. An appropriate indemnification clause protecting the United States from claims arising out of the patentee's use, occupancy, or operations on the patented lands.

5. No portion of the land shall under any circumstance revert to the United States if any such portion has been used for solid waste disposal or for any other purpose which may result in the disposal, placement, or release of any hazardous substance.

Detailed information concerning these actions is available for review at the address above during normal business hours, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays.

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the lands for a municipal solid waste transfer station. Classification comments are restricted to whether the land is

physically suitable for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

Interested parties may submit comments regarding the conveyance and specific uses proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision to convey under the R&PP, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for R&PP use.

Interested parties may submit written comments to the BLM Kemmerer Field Manager at the address above. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM Kemmerer Field Office during regular business hours.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of timely filed objections, the classification of the land described in this notice will become effective June 7, 2016. The lands will not be available for conveyance until after the classification becomes effective.

**Authority:** 43 CFR 2741.5(h).

**Brian W. Davis,**

*Acting State Director, Wyoming.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability of the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement To Evaluate the Use of Herbicides on Public Lands Administered by the Bureau of Land Management

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the BLM is making available for public review and comment the Final National Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on vegetation treatments involving the use of aminopyralid, fluroxypyr, and rimsulfuron herbicides on public lands administered by 11 BLM state offices in 17 western states, including Alaska. The BLM is the lead Federal agency for the preparation of this final Programmatic EIS in compliance with the requirements of NEPA. If a Record of Decision is approved, the BLM would be permitted to use three new herbicide formulations on public lands.

**DATES:** The BLM will not issue a final decision on the proposal for a minimum of 30 days after the date that the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** The Final Programmatic EIS and associated documents will be available for review in either hard copy or on compact disks at all BLM State, District, and Field Office public rooms. You can also review or download the document from the BLM Web site: <http://blm.gov/3vkd>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gina Ramos, Senior Weeds Specialist, telephone 202-912-7226, or Stuart Paulus, Project Manager, telephone 206-403-4287. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the referenced individuals during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individuals. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Final National Programmatic EIS proposes to add aminopyralid, fluroxypyr, and rimsulfuron to the BLM's approved list of herbicides for: (1) Controlling noxious weeds and other invasive species; and (2) Conserving and restoring native vegetation, watersheds, and fish and wildlife habitat. The Programmatic EIS evaluated the use of the three new herbicides as part of the BLM's vegetation treatment programs on public lands in 17 Western States. This action would increase the number of active ingredients approved for use, and would give the BLM increased flexibility and options when designing herbicide treatments. The Programmatic EIS is neither a land-use plan nor a

land-use plan amendment. The Programmatic EIS will provide a comprehensive programmatic NEPA document to allow effective tiering and incorporation by reference of environmental effects and baseline cumulative impact assessment for new, revised, or existing land use and activity level plans and implementation projects that involve vegetation modification or maintenance. The analysis area includes only surface estate public lands administered by 11 BLM state offices: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana (North Dakota/South Dakota), New Mexico (Oklahoma/Texas/Nebraska), Nevada, Oregon (Washington), Utah and Wyoming.

The BLM issued a Notice of Availability of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement Using Aminopyralid, Fluroxypyr, and Rimsulfuron on June 19, 2015 (80 FR 35394). The BLM responded to public comments during the Draft Programmatic EIS public review period. Comment responses and the subsequent changes in the impact analysis as a result of public comments are documented in this Final Programmatic EIS per requirements under 40 CFR 1503.4. The BLM will prepare a Record of Decision for the Final Programmatic EIS after the 30-day period following publication of this notice.

**Nancy Haug,**

*Acting Director, Resources and Planning.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Enefit American Oil Utility Corridor Project, Uintah County, Utah

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Enefit American Oil Utility Corridor Project. Through this Notice, the BLM is announcing a 60-day public comment period on the draft.

**DATES:** To ensure comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Enefit American Oil Utility Corridor Project Draft EIS within 60 days following the date on which the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will announce future meetings and any other public involvement activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media releases, and/or mailings.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Enefit American Oil Utility Corridor Project Draft EIS are available for public inspection in the BLM Vernal Field Office, 170 South 500 East, Vernal, Utah 84078. Interested persons may also review the Draft EIS on the Internet at: [https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa\\_register.do](https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephanie Howard, NEPA Coordinator; telephone 435-781-4469; address 170 South 500 East, Vernal, Utah 84078; email [BLM\\_UT\\_Vernal\\_Comments@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_UT_Vernal_Comments@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. Replies are provided during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Enefit American Oil (Enefit) submitted five rights-of-way (ROW) applications under Title V of FLPMA. Collectively, these ROW applications are known as the Enefit American Oil Utility Corridor Project. The Project involves three pipeline ROWs, a ROW for a 138-kV power line, and a ROW grant to widen an existing road. The project area is located in the southern portion of Townships 8-10 South, Ranges 24-25 East, Salt Lake Meridian, in Uintah County, Utah, approximately 12 miles southeast of Bonanza Utah.

The BLM is the lead Federal agency for this Draft EIS. Cooperating agencies include the Environmental Protection Agency Region 8, Corps of Engineers Utah Regulatory Office, Fish and Wildlife Service Utah Field Office, Utah's Public Lands Policy and Coordination Office, and Uintah County.

The BLM published a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS for this project in the **Federal Register** on July 1, 2013, 78 FR 39313. Public scoping in response to the NOI and meetings resulted in 260 submittals, including letters from Federal, State, and local agencies,

special interest groups, corporations, comment forms, and email messages. Comments focused on applicants' interests and objectives, project description, climate and air quality, soil and water, vegetation, fish and wildlife, cultural resources, Native American concerns, paleontological resources, visual resources, wilderness characteristics, travel management, lands and realty, social and economic conditions, environmental justice, health and safety, solid and hazardous waste management, and indirect and cumulative impacts.

The Draft EIS describes and analyzes the impacts of the Utility Corridor Project and the No Action Alternative. The following is a summary of the alternatives:

1. *Proposed Action*—The proposed action consists of approval of five ROW requests for: (a) 19 miles of water supply lines (116 acres); (b) 8.8 miles of buried natural gas supply lines (52.6 acres); (c) 11.2 miles of buried oil product line (68.3 acres); (d) the upgrade and improvement of 5.7 miles of Dragon Road (41.7 acres); and, (e) 30 miles of 138-kV power line (501.4 acres). The proposed action also includes the utilization of some temporary lay-down areas during construction of the pipelines (31.2 acres).

2. *No Action Alternative*—Under the No Action Alternative, the ROWs listed in the Proposed Action Alternative would be denied.

Enefit has applied for the ROW across public land to facilitate utilities access to and transport finished product from its South Project. The South Project is located entirely on private land and involves accessing privately-owned oil shale mineral resources. The South Project will include development of a 7,000-9,000-acre commercial oil shale mining, retorting, and upgrading operation in Uintah County. The South Project is anticipated to produce 50,000 barrels of oil per day at full build out for a period of up to 30 years utilizing oil shale ore rock mined from Enefit's private property holdings.

Because of its location on fee surface and fee minerals, the South Project is outside of the jurisdiction of the BLM. As explained in the Draft EIS, it is expected to reach full build out regardless of whether or not the BLM approves the Proposed Action.

Because of the relationship between the South Project and the Proposed Action, the Draft EIS evaluates the environmental impacts of the South Project as indirect effects of the Proposed Action. Based on the impact analysis, on-site, landscape, and compensatory conservation and