

DATES: Citizens are requested to provide written comments on the proposed amendment and environmental assessment no later than May 14, 1996 to the following address: Ms. Julia Dougan, Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Palm Springs—South Coast Resource Area, 63–500 Garnet Avenue, North Palm Springs, CA 92258–2000.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: If you would like to receive a copy of the Proposed Plan and Environmental Assessment, contact Ms. Elena Misquez, Bureau of Land Management, Palm Springs—South Coast Resource Area, 63–500 Garnet Avenue, North Palm Springs, CA 92258–2000; telephone (619) 251–4826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Big Morongo Canyon ACEC currently includes 3,705 acres of public land just east of Highway 62, and 7 miles north of Interstate 10, San Bernardino County. BLM proposes to expand the ACEC to approximately 29,000 acres to establish a corridor between the BLM-managed public lands and Joshua Tree National Park, 5 miles due east. The proposed ACEC expansion would protect sensitive plant and wildlife habitat and wildlife movement corridors. The legal description for the Big Morongo Canyon ACEC expansion is as follows:

Lots 1, 2, 5, 6, SE¹/₄ NE¹/₄, W¹/₂ NW¹/₄, S¹/₂ above boundary of San Geronio Wilderness Area, Sec. 36, T.1 N., R.4 E., SBM. S¹/₂ SE¹/₄ SE¹/₄, SE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄, Sec. 13; E¹/₂ SE¹/₄ SE¹/₄, SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄ SE¹/₄, Sec. 22; SE¹/₄ NE¹/₄, S¹/₂ SW¹/₄, E¹/₂ SE¹/₄, SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄, Sec. 23; E¹/₂ NE¹/₄, S¹/₂ NW¹/₄, S¹/₂, Sec. 24; Sec. 25–26 All; NE¹/₄, S¹/₂ SW¹/₄ NE¹/₄ NW¹/₄, SE¹/₄ NE¹/₄ NW¹/₄, S¹/₂ SE¹/₄ NW¹/₄ NW¹/₄, S¹/₂, Sec. 27; S¹/₂ SE¹/₄ SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄, Sec. 28; S¹/₂ SE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ SW¹/₄, E¹/₂ NE¹/₄ SE¹/₄ SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄ SE¹/₄ SW¹/₄, S¹/₂ NE¹/₄ SE¹/₄, S¹/₂ SE¹/₄, Sec. 32; N¹/₂ NE¹/₄, E¹/₂ SW¹/₄ NE¹/₄, E¹/₂ NW¹/₄ SW¹/₄ NE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ SW¹/₄ NE¹/₄, E¹/₂ NE¹/₄ NW¹/₄, E¹/₂ W¹/₂ NE¹/₄ NW¹/₄, S¹/₂ SE¹/₄ NW¹/₄, S¹/₂, Sec. 33; Secs. 34–36 All, T.1 S, R.4 E SBM. Secs. 1–5 All; N¹/₂, E¹/₂ SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄ Sec. 9; Secs. 10–12 All, T.2 S, R.4 E SBM. Sec. 6–7 All; W¹/₂ NE¹/₄ NW¹/₄ NE¹/₄, W¹/₂ NW¹/₄ NE¹/₄, N¹/₂ NW¹/₄, E¹/₂ NE¹/₄ SE¹/₄ NW¹/₄, W¹/₂ W¹/₂ SE¹/₄ NW¹/₄, SW¹/₄ NW¹/₄, W¹/₂ NW¹/₄ NE¹/₄ SW¹/₄, NW¹/₄ SW¹/₄, N¹/₂ SW¹/₄ SW¹/₄, SW¹/₄ SW¹/₄ SW¹/₄, Sec. 8; Sec. 16–17 All; Lots 4, 11, 16, 17, 22, 23, 28, 29, 34, 35, 40, E¹/₂, E¹/₂ NW¹/₄, E¹/₂ SW¹/₄ Sec. 18; Secs. 19–21 All; Secs. 28–33, T.1 S, R.5 E SBM. Secs. 4–9 All; Secs. 16–18 All; NE¹/₄ above aqueduct Sec. 19; N¹/₂, E¹/₂ SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄ Sec. 20; Sec. 21

All; Lots 1–5 Sec. 26; Sec. 27 All below aqueduct; N¹/₂, N¹/₂ SW¹/₄, NE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ SW¹/₄, N¹/₂ NW¹/₄ SW¹/₄ SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄ NW¹/₄ SW¹/₄ SW¹/₄, N¹/₂ SE¹/₄ SW¹/₄ SW¹/₄, N¹/₂ SE¹/₄ SW¹/₄, N¹/₂ SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄ SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄ SE¹/₄ SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄, Sec. 28, T.2 S, R.5 E SBM.

The following management prescriptions are proposed: The powerline access road in Little Morongo Canyon leading to the southwest end of Yucca Valley will remain open to motorized vehicle use, bicycles, equestrian use, hunting, and pets on a leash. Vehicle travel will be limited to the existing road. OHV use off that road will be prohibited. Big Morongo Canyon will remain closed to public motorized vehicle use, bicycles, pets and hunting. Equestrian use will be allowed on designated trails in Big Morongo Canyon. Due to the low mineral material value and sensitive resources contained therein, mineral material sales would not be in the public's interest and will not be offered. The ACEC would continue to be closed to livestock grazing.

The Salt Creek Pupfish/Rail Habitat ACEC (4,288 acres) is located northeast of the Salton Sea and Highway 111 in Riverside County. The ACEC would be renamed as the Dos Palmas ACEC. The ACEC boundary would be expanded to 14,880 acres to include additional public lands and lands acquired by The Nature Conservancy for the protection of sensitive plant, wildlife and cultural resources. The legal description for the Dos Palmas ACEC is as follows: Sec. 34 All T.7 S, R.11 E SBM.; Secs. 2–4, 9–16, 21–28, 35—All, T.8 S, R.11 E, SBM. Secs. 18, 19, 30—All, T.8 S., R.12 E. SBM. The following management prescriptions are proposed: The width of the utility corridor which runs through the ACEC will be reduced to one mile to avoid areas with sensitive resources and still allow room for any future utility line development. The ACEC will be closed to public motorized vehicle use except along Dos Palmas Road to allow public access. Due to the low mineral material value and sensitive resources contained therein, mineral material sales would not be in the public's interest and will not be offered. The ACEC will remain closed to livestock grazing. The discharge of firearms will be disallowed except for the legal take of game. Pets shall be kept on a leash at all times. The palm oases within the ACEC will be closed to bicycles and equestrian use.

Nothing in this Proposed Plan shall have the effect of terminating any validly issued rights-of-way or customary operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement activities in

such rights-of-ways within the ACEC boundaries in accordance with Sections 509(a) and 701(a) of the Federal Land Policy Management Act of 1976.

Dated: March 8, 1996.

Julia Dougan,

Area Manager.

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Availability of the Record of Decision for the Mesquite Regional Landfill

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Record of Decision (ROD) for the Mesquite Regional Landfill in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and the regulations at 40 CFR Part 1500. This document is now available to the public.

The ROD adopts the Proposed Action as described in the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) jointly prepared by the BLM and the County of Imperial. The ROD approves a land exchange (CACA–34105) and issuance of a right-of-way grant (CACA–29617) to Gold Fields Mining Corporation who, through its wholly owned subsidiary Arid Operations, Inc., will operate the landfill in Imperial County, California.

The landfill will encompass approximately 4250 acres, including approximately 1750 acres of public lands currently administered by BLM. The BLM-administered lands in the project area will be exchanged for approximately 2640 acres of private land located elsewhere in Imperial and Riverside Counties. The exchange of approximately 5 acres of public land currently situated within the Singer Geoglyphs Area of Critical Environmental Concern will not be completed until such time as the California State Director issues a separate ROD approving an amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan to exclude this land from the ACEC and redesignate it as Multiple-Use Class M. The exchange of the five acre parcel is not essential to the construction or operation of the Mesquite Regional Landfill.

The right-of-way grant is for the construction, operation and maintenance of a five mile long railroad spur between the landfill and the existing Southern Pacific rail line near Glamis, California. The term of the grant is 40 years with an option for renewal.

DATES: A 45 day protest period on the land exchange and a 30 day appeal period on the right-of-way both begin March 15, 1996. Protests on the land exchange must be received by May 1, 1996, and appeals to the right-of-way must be received by April 15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Protests and appeals should be sent to: Bureau of Land Management, El Centro Resource Area, 1661 South 4th Street, El Centro, CA 92243.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the ROD, contact Thomas Zale, Multi-Resources Staff Chief, El Centro Resource Area at (619) 337-4420.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental analysis of the proposed action and alternatives is described in the April 1994 Draft EIS/EIR and the June 1995 Final EIS/EIR for the Mesquite Regional Landfill, including the Responses to Comments Volume and Technical Appendices A through I. The BLM's decisions to approve the land exchange and issue the right-of-way grant are based on the management considerations identified in the ROD. The right-of-way grant is issued subject to the condition that the holder comply with all mitigation and monitoring requirements identified in the ROD, including those derived from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Biological Opinion for the project and the California State Historic Preservation Officer's concurrence determination for the project.

Dated: March 6, 1996.

Terry A. Reed,
Area Manager.

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[WY-921-41-5700; WYW134389]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

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 WYW134389 for lands in Fremont 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 \$125 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 WYW134389 effective November 1, 1995, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

Pamela J. Lewis,

Chief, Leasable Minerals Section.

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Idaho: Filing of Plats of Survey; Idaho

The plat of the following described land was officially filed in the Idaho State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Boise, Idaho, effective 9 a.m., March 7, 1996.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the subdivisional lines, of the 1917 meander lines, on the left bank of the Snake River, and of the 1881 meander lines, now a fixed and limiting boundary, in section 16, T. 9 N., R. 16 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, Group No. 912, was accepted, March 7, 1996.

This survey was executed to meet certain administrative needs of the Bureau of Land Management. All inquiries concerning the survey of the above described land must be sent to the Chief, Cadastral Survey, Idaho State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 3380 Americana Terrace, Boise, Idaho 83706-2500.

Dated: March 7, 1996.

Duane E. Olsen,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Idaho.

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[ID-957-1050-00]

Idaho: Filing of Plats of Survey; Idaho

The plat of the following described land was officially filed in the Idaho State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Boise, Idaho, effective 9 a.m., March 5, 1996.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the subdivisional lines, of the 1913-1915 meanders of the Salmon River in section 14, and of a portion of the subdivision of section 1, and the subdivision of section 14, and a metes-and-bounds survey in sections 1 and 14, T. 19 N., R. 21 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, Group No. 916, was accepted, March 5, 1996.

This survey was executed to meet certain administrative needs of the Bureau of Land Management. All inquiries concerning the survey of the above described land must be sent to the Chief, Cadastral Survey, Idaho State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 3380 Americana Terrace, Boise, Idaho, 83706-2500.

Dated: March 5, 1996.

Duane E. Olsen,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Idaho.

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National Park Service

Subsistence Resource Commission Meeting

SUMMARY: The Superintendent of Gates of the Arctic National Park and the Chairperson of the Subsistence Resource Commission for Gates of the Arctic National Park announce a forthcoming meeting of the Gates of the Arctic National Park Subsistence Resource Commission.

The following agenda items will be discussed:

- (1) Call to order.
- (2) Roll call.
- (3) Approval of summary of meeting minutes for November 7-9, 1995.
- (4) Review agenda.
- (5) Superintendent's introduction of guests and staff and review of SRC function and purpose.
- (6) Superintendent's management/research reports:
 - a. Administration and management.
 - b. Park operations.