

EFFECTIVE DATES: These restrictions will go into effect April 15, 1999. The restrictions shall remain in effect pending approval of a site specific recreation management plan for these public lands. These restrictions can be rescinded or modified by the authorized officer.

PENALTIES: Any person who knowingly and willfully violates the regulations under 43 CFR 8364.1 may be subject to a fine or mandatory court appearance before a U.S. Magistrate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Anderson, Missoula Field Office, 3255 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula, Montana 59804, (406) 329-3914.

Dated: April 9, 1999.

Nancy T. Anderson,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-020-09-5101-00-J206, U-76985]

Notice of Intent to Prepare a Plan Amendment to the Pony Express Resource Management Plan (RMP)

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare a plan amendment to the Pony Express Resource Management Plan (RMP).

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Salt Lake Field Office, Utah is starting a plan amendment process to the RMP which may allow an exception to the Transportation and Utility Corridor Decision for a railroad and related facilities outside a designated corridor. The railroad would serve the proposed Private Fuel Storage (PFS) nuclear storage site on the Goshute Indian Reservation.

DATES: The comment period for identification of issues for the potential plan amendment will commence on April 15, 1999. Comments must be submitted on or before May 30, 1999. Two scoping meetings focusing on environmental issues associated with the amendment will be held on April 29, 1999: from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Little America Inn, Grand Ballroom A, 500 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84101; from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Tooele High School, Auditorium, 240 West Second Street, Tooele, UT 84074.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the BLM plan amendment should be sent to Bureau of Land Management, Salt Lake Field

Office, 2370 South 2300 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84119.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For Information on the BLM plan amendment contact Leon Berggren, Resource Advisor, telephone (801) 977-4350. Existing planning documents and information are available at the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Salt Lake Field Office, BLM, received an application from PFS for a railroad line on the west side of Skull Valley, and is cooperating with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) by providing an analysis of the railroad and plan amendment for inclusion into an environmental impact statement to be prepared by NRC. The proposed BLM amendment would consider an exception to the Transportation and Utility Corridor Decision, to allow a right-of-way for a railroad and related facilities to PFS outside a designated corridor. Issues identified for the railroad access include: fire, rangeland health, noxious weeds, cultural resources, wildlife, wild horses, wetlands, historic trails, wilderness study areas, recreation, visual, access, minerals, geology, and threatened and endangered plants. Public participation is being sought at this initial stage in the planning process to ensure the RMP amendment addresses all issues, problems, and concerns from those interested in the management of lands under the jurisdiction of the Salt Lake Field Office.

Mike Pool,
Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-952-09-1420-00]

Notice of Filing of Plat of Survey; New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey described below will be officially filed in the New Mexico State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Santa Fe, New Mexico, on April 30, 1999.

New Mexico Principal Meridian, New Mexico

T. 15 N., R. 12 E., accepted March 24, 1999, for Group 947 NM.

Indian Meridian, Oklahoma

T. 29 N., R. 25 E., accepted January 29, 1999, for Group 77 OK.

T. 23 N., R. 10 E., accepted January 29, 1999, for Group 925 NM; and Protraction Diagram for Townships 11 and 12 North, Ranges 4 and 5 East, NM, have been officially filed as of this date, April 1, 1999.

If a protest against a survey, as shown on any of the above plats is received prior to the date of official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest. A plat will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

A person or party who wishes to protest against any of these surveys must file a written protest with the NM State Director, Bureau of Land Management, stating that they wish to protest.

A statement of reasons for a protest may be filed with the notice of protest to the State Director, of the statement of reasons must be filed with the State Director within thirty (30) days after the protest is filed.

The above-listed plats represent dependent resurveys, surveys, and subdivisions.

These plats will be available for inspection in the New Mexico State Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87502-0115. Copies may be obtained from this office upon payment of \$1.10 per sheet.

Dated: April 1, 1999.

Stephen W. Beyerlein,
Acting Chief Cadastral, Surveyor For New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-957-00-1420-00: GP-0159]

Filing of Plats of Survey: Oregon/ Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of the following described lands are scheduled to be officially filed in the Oregon State Office, Portland, Oregon, thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication.

Willamette Meridian

Oregon

T. 38 S., R. W., accepted January 11, 1999

T. 39 S., R. 4 E., accepted December 18, 1998
 T. 18 S., R. 27 E., accepted January 22, 1999
 T. 37 S., R. 3 W., accepted January 22, 1999
 T. 38 S., R. 3 W., accepted January 15, 1999
 T. 39 S., R. 1 W., accepted December 28, 1998
 T. 34 S., R. 6 W., accepted January 26, 1999
 T. 38 S., R. 2 W., accepted January 22, 1999

Washington

T. 9 N., R. 27 E., accepted December 23, 1998

If protests against a survey, as shown on any of the above plat(s), are received prior to the date of official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest(s). A plat will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

The plat(s) will be placed in the open files of the Oregon State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1515 S.W. 5th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97201, and will be available to the public as a matter of information only. Copies of the plat(s) may be obtained from the above office upon required payment. A person or party who wishes to protest against a survey must file with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Portland, Oregon, a notice that they wish to protest prior to the proposed official filing date given above. A statement of reasons for a protest may be filed with the notice of protest to the State Director, or the statement of reasons must be filed with the State Director within thirty (30) days after the proposed official filing date.

The above-listed plats represent dependent resurveys, survey, and subdivision.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, (1515 S.W. 5th Avenue) P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208.

Dated: April 1, 1999.

Robert D. DeViney, Jr.

Chief, Branch of Realty and Records Services.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Proposed Ridgewater Water Distribution System Project in Wyoming

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of application for grant funding; public comment period on request to fund the Ridgewater project.

SUMMARY: OSM is announcing its receipt of a grant application from the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Abandoned Mine Land Division (AML D). Wyoming's application requests \$76,265 from the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund to pay approximately 29 percent of the cost of rebuilding the Ridgewater Improvement District water distribution system in Converse County, Wyoming. In its application, the State proposes paying for part of the reconstruction cost as a public facility project that will benefit a community impacted by coal mining activities.

This notice describes when and where the Wyoming abandoned mine land (AML) program and the grant application for funding the Ridgewater project are available for you to read. It also sets the time period during which you may send written comments on the request to us.

DATES: We will accept written comments until 4:00 p.m., m.s.t., May 17, 1999.

ADDRESSES: You should mail or hand-deliver written comments to Guy V. Padgett, Casper Field Office Director, at the address shown below. You may read Wyoming's grant application for this proposed project during normal business hours Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) at the same address. Also, we will send one free copy of the grant application to you if you contact OSM's Casper Field Office.

Guy V. Padgett, Director, Casper Field Office, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Federal Building, Rm. 2403, 100 East "B" Street, Casper, Wyoming 82601-1918.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Guy V. Padgett, Telephone: (307) 261-6555.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background on Title IV of SMCRA

Title IV of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) established an Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation (AML R) program. The purpose of the AML R program is to reclaim and restore lands and waters that were adversely affected by past mining. The program is funded by a reclamation fee paid by active coal mining operations. Lands and waters eligible for reclamation under Title IV are primarily those that were mined, or affected by mining, and abandoned or inadequately reclaimed before August 3, 1977, and for which there is no continuing reclamation responsibility under State, Federal, or other laws.

Title IV of SMCRA allows States to submit AML R plans to us. We, on behalf of the Secretary, review those plans and

consider any public comments we receive about them. If we determine that a State has the ability and necessary legislation to operate an AML R program, the Secretary can approve it. The Secretary's approval gives a State exclusively authority to put its AML R plan into effect.

Once the Secretary approves a State's AML R plan, the State may annually apply to us for money to fund specific projects that will achieve the goals of its approved plan. We follow the requirements of the Federal regulations at 30 CFR Parts 874, 875, and 886 when we review and approve such applications.

II. Background on the Wyoming AML R Plan

The Secretary of the Interior approved Wyoming's AML R plan on February 14, 1983. You can find background information on the Wyoming AML R program, including the Secretary's findings and our responses to comments, in the February 14, 1983, **Federal Register** (48 FR 6536). Wyoming changed its plan a number of times since the Secretary first approved it. In 1984, we accepted the State's certification that it addressed all known coal-related impacts in Wyoming that were eligible for funding under its program. As a result, the State may now reclaim low priority non-coal reclamation projects. You can read about the certification and OSM's acceptance in the May 25, 1984, **Federal Register** (49 FR 22139). At the same time, we also accepted Wyoming proposal that it will ask us for funds to reclaim any additional coal-related problems that occur during the life of the Wyoming AML R program as soon as it becomes aware of them. In the April 13, 1992, **Federal Register** (57 FR 12731), we announced our decision to accept other changes in Wyoming's plan that describe how it will rank eligible coal, non-coal, and facility projects for funding. Those changes also authorized the Governor of Wyoming to evaluate the priority of a project based upon the Governor's determination of need and urgency. They also expanded the State's ability to construct public facilities under section 411 of SMCRA. We approved additional changes in Wyoming's plan concerning noncoal lien authority and contractor eligibility that improve the efficiency of the State's AML R program. That approval is described in the February 21, 1996, **Federal Register** (61 FR 6537).

Once a State certifies that it will address all remaining abandoned coal mine problems, and the Secretary concurs, then it may request funds to