

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

Dated: January 14, 1999.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of amendment to approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Amendment to the Tribal-State Compact for Class III Gaming between the Yakama Indian Nation and the State of Washington, which was executed on November 30, 1998.

DATES: This action is effective January 28, 1999.

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Dated: January 14, 1999.

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Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Closure of Public Lands to Camping and Off-Road Vehicle Use; Modification of Maximum Camping Stay Limit; and Exemption From Visitor Use Fees for Native Americans; Phoenix Field Office, Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of closure, modification of maximum camping stay limit, and fee exemption for Native Americans.

SUMMARY: This notice is to inform the public that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to close certain public lands in the Painted Rock Mountains in Maricopa County to camping and off-road vehicle use except designated/signed open roads. The closure will be year-round and will remain in effect until rescinded or modified by the Phoenix Field Office Manager. The public lands affected by this closure are specifically identified as follows:

All BLM administered lands in,

T. 4 S., R. 7 W.,

Sections 30, 31, 32.

T. 4 S., R. 8 W.,

Sections 13, 14, 24, 25,

T. 5 S., R. 7 W.,

Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 20.

T. 5 S., R. 8 W.,

Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12.

The designated area will be posted with signs. This closure will go into effect upon completion of signing, approximately April 15, 1999.

The following persons, operating within the scope of their official duties, are exempt from the provisions of this closure: Employees of the BLM, Arizona Game and Fish Department, and local and federal law enforcement and fire protection personnel. Access by additional parties may be allowed, but must be approved in advance in writing by the Phoenix Field Office Manager.

This closure is in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 USC 1701), and 43 CFR, Subpart 8364.1. Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this closure may be subject to penalties outlined in 43 CFR Subpart 8360.0-7. In accordance with 43 CFR 8364.1 and Subpart 8365, a maximum camping stay of seven (7) months per party is established at designated sites within the limits of Petroglyph Campground, T. 5 S., R. 8 W, section 1, lot 4 and W¹/₂NW¹/₄; and section 2, lots 1, 2, 5, 6, and NE¹/₄. Persons may continuously occupy any one site during the period October 1 through April 30. During the period May 1 through September 30, the existing 14-day camping limit will remain in effect at Petroglyph Campground. On all other public lands administered by Phoenix Field Office, the existing 14-day camping limit, as published in the **Federal Register** Vol. 54, No. 215, November 8, 1989, will remain in effect year-round.

This closure and camping stay limit is being established to assist the BLM in

reducing the incidence of unauthorized long-term occupancy on public lands, protect vegetation and soil resources, eliminate the potential for health hazards associated with indiscriminate dumping of litter and waste, and to address Native American concerns regarding proper etiquette by visitors to a petroglyph site.

Pursuant to the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978, and Executive Orders 13007 and 13084, visitor use fees at Painted Rock Petroglyph Site and Campground will be waived upon request for Native Americans visiting the site for the purpose of engaging in activities of traditional cultural importance. Application for such waiver of fees may be obtained by contacting the Phoenix Field Office Manager. Applicants must demonstrate a tribal affiliation and identify the period of time during which the waiver will be used.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael A. Taylor, Field Manager, Phoenix Field Office, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85027; (602) 580-5500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Petroglyph Campground has sanitation and other facilities adequate to support additional visitor use demands caused by the closure. Painted Rock Petroglyph Site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is recognized as a place of traditional cultural importance by the Tohono O'odham Nation and other Native American tribes. BLM cannot restrict access by other visitors to Painted Rock Petroglyph Site and Campground during such times that activities of traditional cultural importance may be undertaken.

Dated: January 22, 1999.

Michael A. Taylor,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-930-07-1320-00]

Notice of Public Hearing and Call for Public Comment on the Environmental Impact Statement, Proposed Sale and Fair Market Value and Maximum Economic Recovery Consideration for Coal Lease Application UTU-76195

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Utah.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces a public hearing on the Environmental Impact

Statement, the proposed sale and requests public comment on the fair market value of certain coal resources it proposes to offer for competitive lease sale. The lands included in the delineated Federal coal lease tract ("The Pines") are located in Sevier County, Utah, approximately 5 miles northwest of Emery, Utah on public land located in the Manti-LaSal National Forest and are described as follows:

- T. 20 S., R. 5 E., SLM
Section 35, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Section 36, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.
- T. 21 S., R. 5 E., SLM
Section 1, lots 3-4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Section 2, lots 1-4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Section 3, lots 1-2, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Section 10, E $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sections 11-14, all;
Section 15, E $\frac{1}{2}$;
Section 22, E $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sections 23-24, all;
Section 25, N $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Section 26, N $\frac{1}{2}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$.
- T. 21 S., R. 6 E., SLM
Section 19, lots 3-4 E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Section 30, lots 1-3, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.
Containing 7,311.43 acres more or less.

The Tract has one potentially minable coal seam, the Upper Hiawatha. The minable portions of the seam in this area are from 6 to 14 feet in thickness and average 10.9 feet. This tract contains an estimated 65-70 million tons of recoverable high-volatile C bituminous coal. The coal quality in the seam on an as received basis is as follows: 11,539 Btu/lb., 8.37 percent moisture, 8.78 percent ash, 36.87 percent volatile matter, 45.98 percent fixed carbon, and 0.5 percent sulfur. The public is invited to the hearing to make public or written comments on the environmental implications of leasing the proposed tract, and also to submit comments on the fair market value (FMV) and the maximum economic recovery (MER) of the tract.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with Federal coal management regulations 43 CFR 4322 and 4325, a public hearing shall be held on the proposed sale to allow public comment on and discussion of the potential effects of mining and proposed lease. Not less than 30 days prior to the publication of the notice of sale, the Secretary shall solicit public comments on fair market value appraisal and maximum economic recovery and on factors that may affect these two determinations. Proprietary data marked as confidential may be submitted to the Bureau of Land Management in response to this solicitation of public comments. Data so marked shall be

treated in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the confidentiality of such information. A copy of the comments submitted by the public on fair market value and maximum economic recovery, except those portions identified as proprietary by the author and meeting exemptions stated in the Freedom of Information Act, will be available for public inspection at the Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) Monday through Friday. Comments on fair market value and maximum economic recovery should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management and should address, but not necessarily be limited to, the following information:

1. The quality and quantity of the coal resource.
2. The mining method or methods which would achieve maximum economic recovery of the coal, including specifications of seams to be mined and the most desirable timing and rate of production.
3. The quantity of coal.
4. If this tract is likely to be mined as part of an existing mine and therefore be evaluated on a realistic incremental basis, in relation to the existing mine to which it has the greatest value.
5. If this tract should be evaluated as part of a potential larger mining unit and evaluated as a portion of a new potential mine (i.e., a tract which does not in itself form a logical mining unit).
6. The configuration of any larger mining unit of which the tract may be a part.
7. Restrictions to mining which may affect coal recovery.
8. The price that the mined coal would bring when sold.
9. Costs, including mining and reclamation, of producing the coal and the time of production.
10. The percentage rate at which anticipated income streams should be discounted, either in the absence of inflation or with inflation, in which case the anticipated rate of inflation should be given.
11. Depreciation and other tax accounting factors.
12. The value of any surface estate where held privately.
13. Documented information on the terms and conditions of recent and similar coal land transactions in the lease sale area.
14. Any comparable sales data of similar coal lands.

Coal quantities and the FMV of the coal developed by BLM may or may not change as a result of comments received from the public and changes in market

conditions between now and when final economic evaluations are completed.

DATES: The public hearing will be held in the Salina City Hall located at 90 West Main Street in Salina, Utah, at 7:00 p.m. on March 3, 1999. Entrance to the building and parking is at the rear entrance. Written comments on fair market value and maximum economic recovery must be received at the Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, by March 17, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Max Nielson, 801-539-4038, Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, Division of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84145-0155. Copies of an Environmental Impact Statement that considers leasing of this tract may be obtained by contacting Janette Kaiser, Forest Supervisor at the Manti-LaSal National Forest, 599 West Price River Dr. in Price, Utah (801-637-2817).

Dated: January 22, 1999.

Douglas M. Koza,

DSD, Natural Resources, Utah.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement on Oil and Gas Development Within the Bisti/De-Na-Zin Wilderness Area

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Farmington District Office has written a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on proposed oil and gas development of two existing leases within the Bisti/De-Na-Zin Wilderness Area. The DEIS analyzes three alternatives of a proposal by Speerex, Ltd. To drill thirteen wells on leases they have held since 1991.

Copies of the DEIS can be requested by writing the Bureau of Land Management, Farmington Field Office, 1235 La Plata Highway, Suite A, Farmington, NM 87401, or by calling the Farmington Field Office at (505) 599-8900. Individuals, organizations, or companies who had previously responded to the Notice of Intent have been sent the DEIS and need not make a requisition.