

be received within thirty days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Any party wishing to participate in this exploration program must be qualified to hold a lease under the provisions of 43 CFR 3472.1 and must share all cost on a pro rata basis. An exploration plan submitted by Canyon Fuel Company, LLC, detailing the scope and timing of this exploration program is available for public review during normal business hours in the public room of the BLM State Office, 324 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, under the serial number UTU-80041.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Chris Merritt, Salt Lake City, Bureau of Land Management, (801) 539-4109.

Dated: June 3, 2002.

**Kent Hoffman,**

*Deputy State Director, Lands and Minerals.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CA-650-02-1610-JP-064B]

#### Notice of Extension of Scoping Phase Public Comment Period

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of the scoping phase public comment period for an Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan and Environmental Impact Statement regarding vehicle route designation in the Surprise Canyon Area of Critical Environmental Concern.

**SUMMARY:** The Notice of Intent for the Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan and Environmental Impact Statement regarding vehicle route designation in the Surprise Canyon Area of Critical Environmental Concern, Inyo County, California was published in the **Federal Register** on May 30, 2002 (Volume 67, Number 104, Pages 37859-37860).

**DATES:** The time period for accepting written comments on the scope of the proposed plan amendment and Environmental Impact Statement has been extended to October 3, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to Hector Villalobos, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Ridgecrest Field Office, 300 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555. Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Ridgecrest Field Office

during normal working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays), and may be published as part of the Environmental Impact Statement or other related documents. Individuals may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this at the beginning of your comment letter. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jeffrey B. Aardahl, Bureau of Land Management, Ridgecrest Field Office, 300 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555, telephone number (760) 384-5420, or e-mail at [jaardahl@ca.blm.gov](mailto:jaardahl@ca.blm.gov).

Dated: June 12, 2002.

**Hector Villalobos,**

*Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[ES-020-1320-EL]

#### Notice of Intent to Prepare a Land Use Analysis/Environmental Assessment

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a Land Use Analysis/Environmental Assessment.

**SUMMARY:** A Land Use Analysis/Environmental Assessment (LUA/EA) is being prepared to consider leasing Federal coal in response to lease application KYES-51088. The 64.51-acre application area in Whitley and McCreary Counties, Kentucky is managed by the Daniel Boone National Forest. The LUA/EA will be a cooperative effort among the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service and the Office of Surface Mining. This notice is issued pursuant to 40 CFR 1501.7 and 43 CFR 1610.2(c).

The planning effort will follow the procedures set forth in 43 CFR part 1600. As provided at 43 CFR 3420, information and data pertaining to the coal deposits or other resources, which potentially may be affected by development of the coal, are requested. Additionally, the public is invited to participate in this planning process, beginning with the identification of planning issues and criteria.

**DATES:** Input will be accepted for 30 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 comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by the 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:** Comments should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, Jackson Field Office, 411 Briarwood Drive, Suite 404, Jackson, MS 39206-3039.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John A. Lewis, Lead for the LUA/EA, Jackson Field Office at 601-955-5437.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The coal lease application was filed by Southfork Coal Company to supplement their existing private and other federal reserves currently under lease. The reserves would be mined by underground methods from a portal area on private surface and mineral estates. A permit has been issued by the State of Kentucky for this 14.47-acre portal area located 0.8 miles from the intersection of County Highway 92 and the Whitley/McCreary County line.

The BLM has responsibility to address coal lease applications on federal mineral estate. The Forest Service has the responsibility to consider consenting to lease Federal coal underlying Forest Service managed surface lands. The Office of Surface Mining provides recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior regarding approval of mining plans. An interdisciplinary team from these three agencies will be used in the preparation of the LUA/EA. Preliminary issues, subject to change as a result of public input, are (1) potential impacts of coal exploration and development on the surface and subsurface resources and (2) consideration of restrictions on lease rights to protect surface resources and uses by the Forest Service.

Due to the limited scope of this LUA/EA process, a public meeting is not scheduled during this scoping stage; however, a public hearing will be conducted, in accordance with 43 CFR 3420 and 1600, upon the completion of the LUA/EA.

Dated: July 23, 2002.

Duane Winters,

Acting Field Manager.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NM-020-02-7122-DS-64GG]

#### New Mexico; Notice of Intent To Prepare a Plan Amendment to the Taos Resource Management Plan With an Associated National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Documentation

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to amend the Taos Field Office's Resource Management Plan (RMP) and preparation of an associated NEPA document.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 43 CFR 1600, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Taos Field Office is considering an amendment to the Taos Resource Management Plan (RMP) to provide for the possible disposal of approximately 640 acres, more or less, of public land in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, and to provide improvements associated with access.

This amendment will be addressed through an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The level of NEPA documentation will be determined following public scoping.

As a part of the public participation process, the public is invited to submit comments on this proposal for consideration in the RMP Amendment/NEPA documentation. 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:** Written comments should be sent to: Lora Yonemoto, Taos BLM Field Office, 226 Cruz Alta Rd., Taos, NM 87571. If you are not currently on our mailing list and wish to receive meeting notices and copies of planning documents, please send your name and address to the address listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lora Yonemoto at the address above, or call 505-758-8851.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following described public land in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, will be examined for possible disposal under sections 209 and 212 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C 1713 and 1719 and the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of 1926, as amended by the Recreation and Public Purpose Amendment Act of 1988.

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The land described above contains 640 acres, more or less.

An amendment to the RMP and associated environmental documentation (EA or EIS) will be completed for this action. If the land is found suitable for disposal, the United States would offer it to the North Central Solid Waste Authority (NCSWA) at \$10.00 per acre, and a right-of-way grant for the associated access. This action would provide the member organizations within the NCSWA with a site for solid waste disposal. The public is invited to provide scoping comments on the issues that should be addressed in the plan amendment and EA or EIS. The following resources will be considered in the preparation of the plan amendment: lands, wildlife, range, minerals, cultural resources, watershed/soils, threatened/endangered species, visual, and hazardous materials. Staff specialists representing these resources will make up the planning team. Several public meetings are planned. Public meetings will be announced in the Rio Grande Sun newspaper and at the Taos BLM web page ([www.nm.blm.gov/www/tafo/tafo\\_home.html](http://www.nm.blm.gov/www/tafo/tafo_home.html)). At least 15 days prior notice will be given before a meeting is held. Written comments will be accepted for at least 15 days after the last scoping meeting is held. Comments on the scope of the proposed plan amendment and environmental document should be sent to Lora Yonemoto at the address above no later than 45 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Current land use planning information is available at the Taos Field Office. Office hours are 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Dated: May 16, 2002.

Carsten F. Goff,

New Mexico Acting State Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CO-172-02-5440-EQ-C028]

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Amendment to the San Juan/San Miguel Resource Management Plan (RMP) for a Proposed Ski Area Near Silverton, CO

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent. This notice will initiate a public scoping period.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will prepare, by a third-party contractor, an EIS on a proposed ski area in southwestern Colorado CoreMountain Enterprises, LLC, proposes to use approximately 1,300 acres of BLM managed public land, combined with about 400 acres of their private lands, for a downhill ski area located about 5 miles north of Silverton, Colorado. The proposed action may be modified, as a result of comments received during scoping or during the preparation of the draft EIS.

The proposed action will require a plan amendment if it results in a change in the scope of resource uses or decisions in the San Juan/San Miguel RMP.

**DATES:** Written comments will be accepted until October 3, 2002. If the agency determines that public scoping meetings are needed, all parties on the project's mailing list will be notified through written correspondence. Additionally, public notices for these scoping meetings will be placed in local newspapers two weeks prior to the meetings.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to Bureau of Land Management, San Juan Public Lands Center, Columbine Field Office, 15 Burnett Court, Durango, Colorado 81301.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Speegle, Team Leader, Columbine Field Office, at (970) 375-3310.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 9, 2001, Core Mountain Enterprises, LLC (Silverton Outdoor Learning and Recreation Center) submitted a proposal for a ski area and recreation/learning facility, titled the "Silverton Outdoor Learning and Recreation Center"