

Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group
Agenda Item Information
February 3-4, 2010

Agenda Item

High Flow Experiment Protocol Development and Initiation of Public Scoping

Action Requested

√ The Secretary's Designee is requesting feedback and comments from the AMWG and public on the high flow experiment protocol.

Presenters

Anne Castle, Secretary's Designee and Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department of the Interior

Previous Action Taken

√ None

Relevant Science

√ See presentation by GCMRC at this meeting on results of previous high flow experiments. Also, the previously used science plan, "Science Plan for Potential 2008 Experimental High Flow at Glen Canyon Dam," at http://www.gcmrc.gov/research/high_flow/2008/documents.aspx. Look for the last document under "Planning Documents" and click on "Proposed 2008 High-Flow Science Plan."

Background Information

On December 10, 2009, at the Colorado River Water Users Association conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar announced that the Department would undertake an important experimental initiative to improve the management of Glen Canyon Dam and the Colorado River as it flows through Grand Canyon National Park. The Secretary identified the initiative as the development of a protocol for conducting additional High Flow Experiments at the dam, building on knowledge accrued during three previous high flow experiments. Preliminary results of the most recent experiment in 2008 show a robust sandbar building response and sandbar development throughout the river corridor. However, erosion of the sandbars occurred over time following the experiment. Research on the effects of the 2008 event on a range of resources—including native fish, vegetation, the Lees Ferry trout fishery, and more—will be completed by the U.S. Geological Survey in January 2010 and this additional information will be taken into consideration in the development of the new protocol. The Secretary's message was provided by video as he was in Copenhagen, Denmark at the time, participating in the global climate change conference on behalf of President Obama. The video message will be replayed at the February 3-4, 2010 AMWG meeting. The Secretary's Designee, Assistant Secretary for Water and Science Anne Castle, will provide additional details on the new proposal and seek feedback from the assembled group. The AMWG meeting will serve as an introduction to public scoping for the proposed protocol and public comments on the proposal are welcome.

2(b) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by section 4 of the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, 30 U.S.C. 201(b), and the regulations adopted at 43 CFR part 3410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Giovanini, Mining Engineer, or Connie Schaff, Land Law Examiner, Branch of Solid Minerals (MT-921), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4668, telephone (406) 896-5084 or (406) 896-5060, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lands to be explored for coal deposits are described as follows:

T. 1 N., R. 40 E., P.M.M.

Sec. 26: All

Sec. 28: All

Sec. 34: Lots 1-4, N $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$

T. 1 S., R. 41 E., P. M.M.

Sec. 6: Lots 1-7, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,

E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Any party electing to participate in this exploration program shall notify, in writing, both the State Director, BLM, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669, and Western Energy Company, P.O. Box 99, Colstrip, Montana 59323. Such written notice must refer to serial number MTM 99242 and be received no later than 30 calendar days after publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register** or 10 calendar days after the last publication of this Notice in the *Independent Press* newspaper, whichever is later. This Notice will be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the *Independent Press*, Forsyth, Montana.

The proposed exploration program is fully described, and may be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan subject to approval by the BLM. The exploration plan, as submitted by Western Energy Company, is available for public inspection at the BLM, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana, during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

Phillip C. Perlewitz,

Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[LLNM920000 L1320000.EW0000; NMNM-123298]

Notice of Invitation To Participate; Exploration for Coal in New Mexico; License NMNM 123298

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Members of the public are invited to participate with the San Juan Coal Company, on a pro rata cost-sharing basis, in a program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America.

DATES: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the San Juan Coal Company must receive notices from the public expressing their interest in participating in the coal-exploration program no later than February 4, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may obtain a complete description of the lands covered in the license application by contacting the San Juan Coal Company, or the Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Office, Solid Minerals Adjudication, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115. Any parties electing to participate in this exploration program shall notify, in writing, both the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Office, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115 and the San Juan Coal Company, P.O. Box 561, Waterflow, New Mexico 87421. The written notice must include a justification for participation and any recommended changes in the exploration plan with specific reasons for such changes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Angela Trujillo at (505) 438-7592.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lands are located in San Juan County, New Mexico, and are described as follows:

T. 30 N., R. 14 W., NMPM

Sec. 9: All;

Sec. 10: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 15: All;

Sec. 21: All;

Sec. 22: All;

Sec. 27: All;

Sec. 28: All;

Sec. 33: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, N $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 34: Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, N $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$.

These lands contain 5,802.15 acres, more or less.

This proposed exploration program is for the purpose of determining the quality and quantity of the coal in the area and will be conducted pursuant to

an exploration plan to be approved by the BLM. A copy of the exploration plan, as submitted by the San Juan Coal Company, may be examined at the BLM's New Mexico State Office, 301 Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87508, and the BLM's Farmington Field Office, 1235 La Plata Highway, Suite A, Farmington, New Mexico 87401.

Jesse J. Juen,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG)

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program (AMP) was implemented as a result of the Record of Decision on the Operation of Glen Canyon Dam Final Environmental Impact Statement to comply with consultation requirements of the Grand Canyon Protection Act (Pub. L. 102-575) of 1992. The AMP includes a Federal advisory committee, the Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG), a Technical Work Group (TWG), a Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center, and independent review panels. The AMWG makes recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior concerning Glen Canyon Dam operations and other management actions to protect resources downstream of Glen Canyon Dam consistent with the Grand Canyon Protection Act. The TWG is a subcommittee of the AMWG and provides technical advice and recommendations to the AMWG.

DATES: Meeting dates are Wednesday, February 3, 2010, 9:30 a.m.-5:40 p.m., and Thursday, February 4, 2010, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Radisson Hotel Phoenix, 3600 North 2nd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis Kubly, Bureau of Reclamation, telephone (801) 524-3715; facsimile (801) 524-3858; e-mail at dkubly@usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the meeting will be for the AMWG to discuss previous high flow experiment results and development of a high flow experimental protocol as announced by

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar on December 10, 2009. This meeting is intended to provide scoping information for the National Environmental Policy Act environmental assessment that will be used to evaluate the effects of the protocol. Other agenda items will include discussion on (1) the fall steady flow plan, (2) non-native fish control planning, (3) tribal issues, and (4) desired future conditions. The AMWG will also receive results from the Core Monitoring Plan and Socio-economic workshops, updates from the public outreach ad hoc group, and a report from the TWG Chair. In addition, other administrative and resource issues pertaining to the AMP may be discussed as necessary. To view a copy of the agenda and documents related to the above meeting, please visit Reclamation's Web site at: <http://www.usbr.gov/uc/rm/amp/amwg/mtgs/10feb03/index.html>. Time will be allowed at the meeting for any individual or organization wishing to make formal oral comments. To allow for full consideration of information by the AMWG members, written notice must be provided to Dennis Kubly, Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Regional Office, 125 South State Street, Room 6107, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138; telephone 801-524-3715; facsimile 801-524-3858; e-mail at dkubly@usbr.gov at least five (5) days prior to the meeting. Any written comments received will be provided to the AMWG members.

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

Dated: December 21, 2009.

Thomas P. Ryan,

Manager, Environmental Resources Division, Upper Colorado Regional Office, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[LLMT922200-10-L13100000-FI0000-P;MTM 91625]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease MTM 91625

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Per 30 U.S.C. 188(d), Denise Matlock timely filed a petition for reinstatement of noncompetitive oil and gas lease MTM 91625, Musselshell County, Montana. The lessee paid the required rental accruing from the date of termination.

No leases were issued that affect these lands. The lessee agrees to new lease terms for rentals and royalties of \$5 per acre and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent. The lessee paid the \$500 administration fee for the reinstatement of the lease and \$163 cost for publishing this Notice.

The lessee met the requirements for reinstatement of the lease per Sec. 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188). We are proposing to reinstate the lease, effective the date of termination subject to:

- The original terms and conditions of the lease;
- The increased rental of \$5 per acre;
- The increased royalty of 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent; and
- The \$163 cost of publishing this Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Teri Bakken, Chief, Fluids Adjudication Section, Bureau of Land Management Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669, 406-896-5091.

Teri Bakken,

Chief, Fluids Adjudication Section.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-923-1310-FI; WYW160181]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease, WYW160181, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed reinstatement of terminated oil and gas lease

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188(d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3(a) and (b)(2), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a petition for reinstatement from El Paso E&P Company LP for competitive oil and gas lease WYW160181 for land in Fremont County, Wyoming. The petition was filed on time and was accompanied by all the rentals due since the date the lease terminated under the law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, Julie L. Weaver, Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication, at (307) 775-6176.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$163 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 Sections 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the BLM is proposing to reinstate lease WYW160181 effective June 1, 2009, under the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

BLM has not issued a valid lease affecting the lands.

Julie L. Weaver,

Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service has filed an application with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) requesting the Secretary of the Interior to withdraw 15 acres of National Forest System land from mining to protect the Red Cloud Campground on the Cibola National Forest. This notice segregates the land for up to 2 years from location and entry under the United States mining laws. The land will remain open to all other