

out areas of the pit; developing an oxide heap leach pad; constructing ancillary facilities; temporarily rerouting intermittent stream and flows in the pit area; and concurrent reclamation. Proposed mining operations would last for approximately 9 years through the year 2013. Approximately 1172 acres of public land and 260 acres of private land would be disturbed.

The issues expected to be analyzed in the EIS include potential impacts to wildlife and cultural resources; the potential for waste rock, heap leach, and pit walls to produce acid rock drainage or heavy metals; and diversion of an unnamed drainage. Cumulative impacts will also be addressed. In addition, the following resources will be analyzed: geology and minerals, Native American religious concerns, air quality, paleontology, lands and realty, fisheries and aquatic resources, range management, vegetation, soils, visual resources, recreation and wilderness, weeds, social and economic values, environmental justice, and threatened, endangered, candidate, and sensitive resources.

A range of alternatives (including, but not limited to, alternative reclamation measures and the no-action alternative) will be developed to address the issues. Mitigating measures will be considered to minimize environmental impacts and to assure the proposed action does not result in undue or unnecessary degradation of public lands. Federal, state and local agencies and other individuals or organizations who may be interested in or affected by BLM's decision on Emigrant Mine Plan of Operations are invited to participate in the scoping process with respect to this EIS.

Authority: 43 CFR Part 3809.

Dated: March 9, 2004.

Helen Hankins,

Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting; Central Montana Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory

Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Central Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held June 16 & 17, 2004, at the Great Northern Hotel in Malta, Montana. The June 16 meeting will begin at 1 p.m. with a 60-minute public comment period and will adjourn at 6 p.m. The June 17 meeting will begin at 8 a.m. with a 30-minute public comment period and will adjourn at 3 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This 15-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior on a variety of management issues associated with public lands in Montana. At this meeting the council will discuss:

The Blackleaf EIS scoping meetings;

The visitor use services category in the Monument RMP;

The definition of a road used in the Monument RMP;

The recent joint RAC meeting held in Phoenix;

The Region 6 prairie dog management guidelines; and

Field manager updates (time permitting).

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the RAC. Each formal RAC meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments (as detailed above). Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Mari, Lewistown Field Manager, Lewistown Field Office, Airport Road, Lewistown, Montana 59457, 406/538-7461.

Dated: May 19, 2004.

David L. Mari,

Lewistown Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Termination of Classification and Order Providing for Opening of Land, OR 40119

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice terminates the existing classification in its entirety for public lands that were classified as

suitable for lease/disposal pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926 (44 Stat. 741), as amended, and opens 20.00 acres of land to surface entry, and mining, subject to the existing laws, rules, and regulations applicable to public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management. The land has been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

DATES: *Effective Date:* May 25, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phyllis Gregory, BLM, Oregon/Washington State Office, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, OR 97208, 503-808-6188.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 23, 1987, 20.00 acres of public land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management were classified as suitable for lease pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926 (44 Stat. 741), as amended, and the regulations at 43 CFR part 2400. Upon classification the land was leased to the LaPine Rodeo Association for the construction, operation, and maintenance of rodeo grounds and facilities for a term of 10 years under BLM Serial Number OR 40119. On June 25, 1997, this lease expired.

The formerly leased land is described as follows:

Willamette Meridian, Oregon

T. 23 S., R. 10 E.,

Sec. 3, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 20.00 acres in Klamath County, Oregon.

At 8:30 a.m., on June 24, 2004, the land will be opened to operation of the public land laws generally, but not to location or entry, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, and the requirements of applicable law. All valid existing applications received at or prior to 8:30 a.m., on June 24, 2004, will be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter will be considered in the order of filing.

At 8:30 a.m., on July 9, 2004, the land will be opened to location and entry under the United States mining laws. Appropriation under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. Sec. 38, shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights