

Sec. 32, NE¹/₄SE¹/₄, SE¹/₄SE¹/₄, SW¹/₄SE¹/₄, NE¹/₄NW¹/₄SE¹/₄, SE¹/₄NW¹/₄SE¹/₄, SW¹/₄NW¹/₄SE¹/₄, SE¹/₄SE¹/₄NE¹/₄, SW¹/₄SE¹/₄NE¹/₄, SE¹/₄SW¹/₄NE¹/₄, NE¹/₄SE¹/₄SW¹/₄, and SE¹/₄SE¹/₄SW¹/₄, excluding those portions withdrawn by P.L. No. 98–406 within the Miller Peak Wilderness;

Sec. 33, SE¹/₄, SE¹/₄SE¹/₄NE¹/₄, SW¹/₄SE¹/₄NE¹/₄, SE¹/₄SW¹/₄NE¹/₄, SW¹/₄SW¹/₄NE¹/₄, SW¹/₄SW¹/₄NW¹/₄, SW¹/₄SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄NE¹/₄SW¹/₄, SW¹/₄NE¹/₄SW¹/₄, NW¹/₄NW¹/₄SW¹/₄, SW¹/₄NW¹/₄SW¹/₄, and SE¹/₄NW¹/₄SW¹/₄, excluding those portions withdrawn by P.L. No. 98–406 within the Miller Peak Wilderness.

T. 18 S., R. 23 E.,

Sec. 2, SW¹/₄NE¹/₄ and SE¹/₄NW¹/₄.

T. 15 S., R. 30 E.,

Sec. 20, SE¹/₄ SE¹/₄, NE¹/₄SE¹/₄, SW¹/₄SE¹/₄, NW¹/₄SE¹/₄, SE¹/₄NE¹/₄, NE¹/₄NE¹/₄, and SE¹/₄NW¹/₄NE¹/₄, excepting those portions within HES 283.

T. 18 S., R. 31 E.,

Sec. 6, SE¹/₄SW¹/₄ and SW¹/₄SW¹/₄.

The areas described aggregate approximately 2,070 acres in Cochise and Santa Cruz Counties.

All persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing, by the date specified above, to the Forest Supervisor of the Coronado National Forest.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the Forest Supervisor of the Coronado National Forest, within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** and a newspaper at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date.

Dated: March 20, 2003.

Steven J. Gobat,

Acting Deputy State Director, Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZA 32394]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Forest Service proposes to withdraw approximately 10 acres of National Forest System land to protect the Dragoon Springs Stage Station Historic Site on the Coronado 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 uses which may by law be made of National Forest System land.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before July 28, 2003.

ADDRESS: Comments should be sent to the Forest Supervisor, Coronado National Forest, 300 W. Congress, Tucson, AZ 85701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverley Everson, Coronado National Forest, 300 W. Congress, Tucson, AZ 85701, 520–670–4571.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Service proposes to withdraw the following described National Forest System land from location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

Coronado National Forest

Gila and Salt River Meridian
T. 16 S., R., 5 E. (unsurveyed)
Sec. 32, SW¹/₄NW¹/₄NW¹/₄SE¹/₄,
SE¹/₄NE¹/₄NE¹/₄SW¹/₄,
NE¹/₄SE¹/₄NE¹/₄SW¹/₄, and
NW¹/₄SW¹/₄NW¹/₄SE¹/₄.

The area described contains approximately 10 acres in Cochise County.

All persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing, by the date specified above, to the Forest Supervisor of the Coronado National Forest.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the Forest Supervisor of the Coronado National Forest, within

90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** and a newspaper having a general circulation in the vicinity of the land at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

For a period of 2 years from April 29, 2003, in accordance with 43 CFR 2310.2(a), the land will be segregated from location and entry under the United States mining laws, unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date.

Dated: March 31, 2003.

Steven J. Gobat,

Acting Deputy State Director, Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

RIN 1010–AB57

Major Portion Prices and Due Dates for Additional Royalty Payments on Indian Gas Production in Designated Areas Not Associated With an Index Zone

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of major portion prices.

SUMMARY: Final regulations for valuing gas produced from Indian leases, published on August 10, 1999, require MMS to determine major portion values and notify industry by publishing the values in the **Federal Register**. The regulations also require MMS to publish a due date for industry to pay additional royalty based on the major portion value. This notice provides the major portion values for the twelve months of 2001. The due date to pay is July 31, 2003.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: See **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Barder, Indian Oil and Gas Compliance Asset Management, MMS; telephone, (303) 231–3702; FAX, (303) 231–3755; E-mail, John.Barder@mms.gov; or David Guzy, Indian Oil and Gas Compliance Asset Management, MMS; telephone, (303) 231–3432; FAX, (303) 231–3755; E-mail, David.Guzy@mms.gov; mailing address, Minerals Management Service,

Minerals Revenue Management, Indian Oil and Gas Compliance Asset Management, P.O. Box 25165, MS 396B2, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 10, 1999, MMS published a final rule titled "Amendments to Gas Valuation Regulations for Indian Leases," (64 FR 43506) with an effective date of January 1, 2000. The gas regulations apply to all gas production from Indian (tribal or

allotted) oil and gas leases (except leases on the Osage Indian Reservation).

The rule requires that MMS publish major portion prices for each designated area not associated with an index zone for each production month beginning January 2000 along with a due date for additional royalty payments. See 30 CFR 206.174(a)(4)(ii)(2002). If additional royalties are due based on a published major portion price, the lessee must submit an amended Form MMS-2014,

Report of Sales and Royalty Remittance, to MMS by the due date. If additional royalties are not paid by the due date, late payment interest under 30 CFR 218.54 (2002) will accrue from the due date until payment is made and an amended Form MMS-2014 is received. The table below lists the major portion prices for all designated areas not associated with an Index Zone. The due date is July 31, 2003.

GAS MAJOR PORTION PRICES AND DUE DATES FOR DESIGNATED AREAS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH AN INDEX ZONE

MMS-Designated areas	January 2001— (MMBtu)	February 2001— (MMBtu)	March 2001— (MMBtu)
Alabama-Coushatta	\$10.49	\$6.62	\$5.40
Blackfeet Reservation	8.38	6.74	4.65
Fort Belknap	5.57	5.31	4.72
Fort Berthold	4.48	3.07	2.81
Fort Peck Reservation	8.30	4.98	3.89
Navajo Allotted Leases in the Navajo Reservation	8.63	6.06	4.84
Rocky Boys Reservation	8.25	5.66	4.27
Turtle Mountain Reservation	3.24	1.94	1.52
Ute Allotted Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation	9.40	6.86	5.10
Ute Tribal Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation	9.44	6.86	4.78

MMS-Designated areas	April 2001— (MMBtu)	May 2001— (MMBtu)	June 2001— (MMBtu)
Alabama-Coushatta	\$5.68	\$5.19	\$4.17
Blackfeet Reservation	4.54	4.31	3.28
Fort Belknap	4.71	4.66	4.49
Fort Berthold	2.61	1.94	1.70
Fort Peck Reservation	3.98	3.30	2.48
Navajo Allotted Leases in the Navajo Reservation	4.65	4.23	3.21
Rocky Boys Reservation	4.38	3.74	2.94
Turtle Mountain Reservation	1.56	1.47	1.47
Ute Allotted Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation	4.49	3.92	2.45
Ute Tribal Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation	4.44	4.07	2.81

MMS-Designated areas	July 2001— (MMBtu)	August 2001— (MMBtu)	September 2001— (MMBtu)
Alabama-Coushatta	\$3.52	\$3.39	\$2.54
Blackfeet Reservation	2.51	2.02	1.84
Fort Belknap	4.36	4.34	4.32
Fort Berthold	1.17	1.27	0.79
Fort Peck Reservation	1.81	2.02	1.62
Navajo Allotted Leases in the Navajo Reservation	2.33	2.36	2.18
Rocky Boys Reservation	2.35	2.18	1.48
Turtle Mountain Reservation	1.48	1.48	1.47
Ute Allotted Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation	1.71	1.93	1.77
Ute Tribal Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation	2.62	2.66	2.10

MMS-Designated areas	October 2001— (MMBtu)	November 2001— (MMBtu)	December 2001— (MMBtu)
Alabama-Coushatta	\$2.32	\$3.26	\$2.53
Blackfeet Reservation	1.27	2.11	2.94
Fort Belknap	4.34	4.34	4.34
Fort Berthold	0.98	1.17	0.88
Fort Peck Reservation	1.10	2.47	1.94
Navajo Allotted Leases in the Navajo Reservation	1.46	2.61	2.09
Rocky Boys Reservation98	2.32	1.60

MMS-Designated areas	October 2001— (MMBtu)	November 2001— (MMBtu)	December 2001— (MMBtu)
Turtle Mountain Reservation	1.47	1.47	1.47
Ute Allotted Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation	0.90	2.32	
Ute Tribal Leases in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation	0.84	2.30	1.78

For information on how to report additional royalties due to major portion prices, please refer to our Dear Payor letter dated December 1, 1999 on the MMS Web site address @<http://www.mrm.mms.gov/TribServ/MonMajPP.htm>.

Dated: April 9, 2003.

Lucy Querques Denett,

Associate Director for Minerals Revenue Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Quarterly Status Report of Water Service, Repayment, and Other Water-Related Contract Negotiations

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of contractual actions that have been proposed to the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and are new, modified, discontinued, or completed since the last publication of this notice on February 28, 2003. This notice is one of a variety of means used to inform the public about proposed contractual actions for capital recovery and management of project resources and facilities consistent with section 9(f) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939. Additional announcements of individual contract actions may be published in the **Federal Register** and in newspapers of general circulation in the areas determined by Reclamation to be affected by the proposed action.

ADDRESSES: The identity of the approving officer and other information pertaining to a specific contract proposal may be obtained by calling or writing the appropriate regional office at the address and telephone number given for each region in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandra L. Simons, Manager, Water Contracts and Repayment Office, Bureau of Reclamation, PO Box 25007, Denver,

Colorado 80225-0007; telephone 303-445-2902.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Consistent with section 9(f) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 and 43 CFR 426.20 of the rules and regulations published in 52 FR 11954, April 13, 1987, Reclamation will publish notice of proposed or amendatory contract actions for any contract for the delivery of project water for authorized uses in newspapers of general circulation in the affected area at least 60 days prior to contract execution. Announcements may be in the form of news releases, legal notices, official letters, memorandums, or other forms of written material. Meetings, workshops, and/or hearings may also be used, as appropriate, to provide local publicity. The public participation procedures do not apply to proposed contracts for the sale of surplus or interim irrigation water for a term of 1 year or less. Either of the contracting parties may invite the public to observe contract proceedings. All public participation procedures will be coordinated with those involved in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act. Pursuant to the "Final Revised Public Participation Procedures" for water resource-related contract negotiations, published in 47 FR 7763, February 22, 1982, a tabulation is provided of all proposed contractual actions in each of the five Reclamation regions. When contract negotiations are completed, and prior to execution, each proposed contract form must be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, or pursuant to delegated or redelegated authority, the Commissioner of Reclamation or one of the regional directors. In some instances, congressional review and approval of a report, water rate, or other terms and conditions of the contract may be involved.

Public participation in and receipt of comments on contract proposals will be facilitated by adherence to the following procedures:

1. Only persons authorized to act on behalf of the contracting entities may negotiate the terms and conditions of a specific contract proposal.
2. Advance notice of meetings or hearings will be furnished to those parties that have made a timely written

request for such notice to the appropriate regional or project office of Reclamation.

3. Written correspondence regarding proposed contracts may be made available to the general public pursuant to the terms and procedures of the Freedom of Information Act, as amended.

4. Written comments on a proposed contract or contract action must be submitted to the appropriate regional officials at the locations and within the time limits set forth in the advance public notices.

5. All written comments received and testimony presented at any public hearings will be reviewed and summarized by the appropriate regional office for use by the contract approving authority.

6. Copies of specific proposed contracts may be obtained from the appropriate regional director or his designated public contact as they become available for review and comment.

7. In the event modifications are made in the form of a proposed contract, the appropriate regional director shall determine whether republication of the notice and/or extension of the comment period is necessary.

Factors considered in making such a determination shall include, but are not limited to (i) the significance of the modification, and (ii) the degree of public interest which has been expressed over the course of the negotiations. At a minimum, the regional director shall furnish revised contracts to all parties who requested the contract in response to the initial public notice.

The February 28, 2003, notice should be used as a reference point to identify changes. The numbering system in this notice corresponds with the numbering system in the February 28, 2003, notice.

Definitions of Abbreviations Used in This Document

- BCP—Boulder Canyon Project
- Reclamation—Bureau of Reclamation
- CAP—Central Arizona Project
- CVP—Central Valley Project
- CRSP—Colorado River Storage Project
- FR—Federal Register
- IDD—Irrigation and Drainage District