

the rehabilitation of the burned area. No motorized vehicle travel into these areas will be allowed, including the retrieval of big game, unless specifically authorized (in writing) by the authorized officer (BLM Lander Field Manager). The following acts are exempt from this action: (1) Access within the area by other means (e.g., foot or horseback); (2) persons with a BLM permit or contract specifically authorizing motor vehicle use; (3) owners or lessees of land in the area; and (4) any federal, state, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty. Extension of the closure order may occur if it is determined that the rehabilitation of the burned area has not been successful. Once rehabilitation of the burned area is determined to be successful, motorized vehicle access is limited to designated roads and two-tracks, as described in the Lander Resource Management Plan (RMP) Record Of Decision (ROD) dated June, 9, 1987.

DATES: This emergency closure will be effective immediately and will remain in effect until September 10, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ray Hanson, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Bureau of Land Management, 1335 Main Street, P.O. Box 589, Lander, Wyoming, 82520; or contact by phone at 307-332-8420.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM Lander Field Office is responsible for management of public lands within Fremont County. The management of these lands is addressed in the Lander RMP ROD, which was signed June, 9, 1987. The Pass Creek Fire started on August 24, 2002 and burned 13,433 acres, 4,725 acres of which are public lands. It was declared controlled on September 10, 2002. This Emergency Closure is necessary to protect the watershed and allow adequate time for the rehabilitation of the burned area within the Pass Creek Fire.

The following BLM-administered lands are included in this emergency closure: 4,725 acres of BLM-administered public land within the Pass Creek Fire.

Maps of this emergency closure area will be posted with this notice at key locations that provide access into the emergency closure area, as well as at the Lander Field Office, 1335 Main Street, Lander, Wyoming 82520.

Authority for the closure order is provided in regulations 43 CFR Subpart 8364—Closure and Restrictions, 8364.1 (a).

Dated: September 10, 2002.

Jack Kelly,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-100-03-1610-DJ]

Pinedale Anticline Working Group, Notice of Initiation of the Nomination/ Selection Process, Sublette County, WY

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Call for nominations for membership to the Pinedale Anticline Working Group as part of the Adaptive Environmental Management program for the Pinedale Anticline Project Area in Southwestern Wyoming.

DATES: All nominations should be postmarked by 45 days from date of publication in the **Federal Register**. Final selections will be made by and serve at the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior.

ADDRESSES: You can obtain information and a copy of the notice for the nomination/selection process by writing or visiting the following offices: Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, PO Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003; Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Field Office, 432 East Mill Street, PO Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941.

SUMMARY: On August 15, 2002, the Secretary of the Interior signed the Charter to establish the Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG). We are now initiating the process to select the membership of that group. Several interest groups, governmental agencies, and local interests will be given the opportunity to be represented on the PAWG. Individuals or groups interested in becoming a member of the PAWG should submit the specified information within 45 days of receiving this notice.

Nominations and supporting documentation should be sent to: Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Field Office, ATTN: Eldon Allison, PAWG Coordinator, PO Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eldon Allison, PAWG Coordinator, BLM, Pinedale Field Office, PO Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming, 82941, telephone (307) 367-5300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 15, 2002, the Secretary of the Interior

signed the Charter to establish the Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG). We are now initiating the process to select the membership of that group. The Charter establishes several membership selection criteria and operational procedures that need to be followed once the Working Group has been established and becomes active. These are listed as follows:

(1) The PAWG will be composed of 9 members who reside in the State of Wyoming. The PAWG members will be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of Interior.

(2) Members of the PAWG will be as follows:

- A representative from the State of Wyoming Office of Federal Land Policy.
- A representative from the Town of Pinedale.
- A representative from the oil/gas operators active in the Pinedale Anticline area.
- A representative from the Sublette County government.
- A representative from statewide or local environmental groups.
- A representative from the landowners within or bordering the Pinedale Anticline area.
- A representative of livestock operators operating within or bordering the Pinedale Anticline area.
- Two members from the public-at-large.

(3) All members should have demonstrated an ability to analyze and interpret data and information, evaluate proposals, identify problems, and promote the use of collaborative management techniques (such as, long term planning, management across jurisdictional boundaries, data sharing, information exchange, and partnerships), and a knowledge of issues involving oil and gas development activities.

(4) The service of the PAWG members shall be as follows:

(a) PAWG members will be appointed for 2-year terms, subject to removal by the Secretary of the Interior. At the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, members may be reappointed to additional terms.

(b) The Chairperson of the PAWG will be selected by the PAWG at its first meeting.

(c) The term of the Chairperson will not exceed 2 years.

Individuals, or representatives of groups, who wish to become members of the Pinedale Anticline Working Group should complete and submit the following information to this office by March 28, 2003:

A. Representative group to be considered for:

- B. Nominee's full name:
 C. Business address:
 D. Business phone:
 E. Home address:
 F. Home phone:
 G. Occupation/title:
 H. Qualifications (education including colleges, degrees, major field of study and/or training):
 I. Career highlights (significant related experience, civic and professional activities, elected offices, prior advisory committee experience, or career achievements related to the interest to be represented):
 J. Experience in collaborative management techniques, such as long term planning, management across jurisdictional boundaries, data sharing, information exchange and partnerships:
 K. Experience in data analysis and interpretation, problem identification and evaluation of proposals:
 L. Knowledge of issues involving oil and gas development:
 M. Indicate specific area of interest to be represented from the following:
 1. A representative from the State of Wyoming Office of Federal Land Policy,
 2. A representative from the Town of Pinedale,
 3. A representative from the oil/gas operators active in the Pinedal, Anticline area,
 4. A representative from the Sublette County government,
 5. A representative from statewide or local environmental groups,
 6. A representative from the landowners within or bordering the Pinedale Anticline area,
 7. A representative of livestock operators operating within or bordering the Pinedale Anticline area, or
 8. Two representatives from the public-at-large.
 N. List any leases, license, permits, contracts or claims that you hold which involve lands or resources administered by the BLM:
 O. Attach two or three letters of reference from interests or organization to be represented.
 P. Nominated by: include nominator's name, address and telephone number(s).
 Q. Date of nomination:
 Groups should nominate more than one persona and indicate their preferred order of appointment selection.

Dated: December 20, 2002.

Alan L. Kesterke,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-040-1430-EQ; AA-081878]

Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification; R&PP Lease of Public Lands; Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The following public lands along the Anvik River in western Alaska have been examined and found suitable for classification and opening under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*).

Seward Meridian

Alaska

T. 31 N., R. 61 W.

NW1/4NE1/4NE1/4, Section 34

SW1/4NW1/4NW1/4, Section 35

Containing 2.00 acres more or less.

This action is a motion by the Bureau of Land Management to make available lands identified in the Management Framework Plan dated November 1981 for the Southwest Planning area available for the erection of structures used to enhance fisheries resources. Due to the remote location of these lands this activity may have potential for research expansion. Lease of these lands for public purpose use would be in the public and Federal government interest. Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Anchorage Field Office, 6881 Abbott Loop Road, Anchorage, Alaska.

Lease of these lands will be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.
2. All valid existing rights documented on the official public land records at the time of lease issuance.
3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.
4. Any other reservations that the authorized officer determines appropriate to ensure public access and proper management of Federal lands and interests therein.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land

laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and leasing under the mineral leasing law. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed classification of the lands to the Anchorage Field Manager. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will be effective 60 days from the date of publication of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dorothy Bonds, Anchorage Field Office, 6881 Abbott Loop Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99507, (907) 267-1239.

Dated: December 17, 2002.

Clinton E. Hanson,

Acting Anchorage Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-921-5440-EU-K054; WYW 150996]

Realty Action; Conveyance of Public Lands; Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action; airport conveyance to the City of Worland.

SUMMARY: The following public lands in Washakie County have been found suitable for conveyance to the City of Worland for airport purposes under the Act of May 24, 1928, as amended and 49 U.S.C. 47125 (2000).

Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 46 N., R. 92 W.,

Sec. 19, lots 7 and 12.

The above land contains 80.00 acres.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tamara Gertsch, Wyoming State Office, BLM, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003, 307-775-6115.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Conveyance of the lands is consistent with applicable Federal and county land use plans and will help meet the needs of Washakie County residents. Under this conveyance Runway 16-34 at the Worland Municipal Airport will be extended for safety purposes.

The conveyance will contain reservations to the United States for ditches, canals and all minerals. The patent will also be issued subject to the existing rights of record including a right-of-way, WYW 81769, issued to the BLM for road purposes; a right-of-way,