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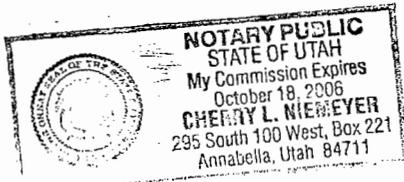
County of Sevier, State of Utah, ss.

I, TERESA WATERS, being first duly sworn, depose and say I am the Legal Secretary of THE RICHFIELD REAPER, a weekly paper having a bonafide circulation of more than 200 subscribers in the State of Utah, published every Wednesday at Richfield, Sevier County, Utah.

That the notice ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in said paper for 1 consecutive issues, the first publication having been made in the issue of the 5 day of JULY 2006 and the last publication in the issue of the 5 day of JULY 2006, that the said notice was published in the regular and entire issue of every number of said paper during the period of times and publication, and that the same was published in the newspaper proper and not in a supplement.

Teresa Waters

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5 day of JULY, 2006



Cheryl L. Niemeyer
Notary Public

My Residence is Annabella, Sevier, County, Utah
My Commission Expires October 18, 2006

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PUBLIC NOTICE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LEGAL NOTICE

Environmental Impact Statement for Oil and Gas Leasing on Lands Administered by the Fishlake National Forest

The Fishlake National Forest will be conducting a forest-wide environmental analysis for oil and gas leasing. Since it is likely that the analysis will address controversial issues and alternatives, and could involve significant effects, the analysis will be documented in an environmental impact statement (EIS). As the agency responsible for Federal leasing under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will participate as a cooperating agency.

Proposed Action

The responsible officials of the Forest Service (FS) and BLM propose to conduct the analysis and decide which lands to make available for oil and gas leasing. The analysis area includes lands administered by the Fishlake National Forest. As part of the analysis, the FS will identify those areas that would be available for leasing subject to the terms and conditions of the standard oil and gas lease form, or subject to constraints that would require the use of lease stipulations such as those prohibiting surface occupancy. The analysis will also: 1) identify alternatives to the proposed action, including that of not allowing leasing (no action), 2) project the type/amount of post-leasing activity that is reasonably foreseeable, and 3) analyze the reasonably foreseeable impacts of projected post-leasing activity [36 CFR 228.102(c)].

Background

The Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Reform Act of 1987 (Oil and Gas Leasing Reform Act) requires the FS to evaluate National Forest System (NFS) lands for potential oil and gas leasing and establishes FS consent authority for leasing prior to the BLM offering NFS lands for lease. Since the effective date of the Oil and Gas Leasing Reform Act in 1987, there has been little industry interest in leasing the lands administered by the Fishlake National Forest. No leasing has been authorized by the Fishlake National Forest since 1987; however, interest has recently escalated due to the increased demand for oil and gas, high prices, and discoveries of oil and gas reserves in other areas with similar geologic conditions. The BLM Utah State Office has received numerous Expressions of Interest for leasing portions of the Fishlake National Forest.

Decision Framework

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As the responsible official, the Forest Supervisor will decide which lands will be administratively available for oil and gas leasing along with associated conditions or constraints, and will authorize the BLM to offer specific lands for lease. The BLM Utah State Director will decide whether to offer for lease, those NFS lands authorized for leasing by the FS. The responsible officials of the FS and BLM will release Records of Decision (ROD) based on the final EIS.

Providing Comments

The FS requests comments on the nature and scope of the environmental, social, and economic issues, and possible alternatives related to the proposed action. Please be as specific as possible in expressing your comments so they can be effectively addressed. Send written comments to: Carter Reed, Oil and Gas Team Leader, Fishlake National Forest, 115 East 900 North, Richfield, UT 84701; phone: (435) 896-9233; fax: (435) 896-0347; email: comments - i n t e r m t n - fishlake@fs.fed.us. Please include "Oil and Gas Leasing Analysis Project" on the subject line. While scoping is an ongoing process, comments received by August 10, 2006 will be the most helpful. Comments received, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for this project and will be available for public inspection.

Public Meetings

You are also invited to meet with us at Public Open House meetings scheduled at the following locations and times to provide information, answer questions, and receive written comments:

July 17: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Beaver Ranger District, 575 South Main, Beaver, Utah

July 18: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Piute Event Center, 180 W. 500 N., Junction, Utah

July 19: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Loa Civic Center, 95 W. Center, Loa, Utah

July 20: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Millard High School, 35 N. 200 W., Fillmore, Utah

August 1: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Snow College, Room 147C, Richfield, Utah

August 2: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., American Legion Hall, 50 S. State St., Salina, Utah

Contact

For more information about this proposal, please contact Carter Reed, Project Leader, (435) 636-3547, or Davida Carnahan, Public Affairs Officer, (435) 896-1070.

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