

On December 19, 1996, BLM published its preliminary determination that release of the data would not damage the competitive position of the licensee or any participants in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 67061). Only one company responded with an assertion that their competitive position would be harmed by the release of the data. Shortly after this response, the respondent divested themselves of their coal interests. On August 18, 1999, a letter was sent to their apparent successor-in-interest to enable them to provide any further information in support of an assertion that they might be harmed by BLM's release of the data. Their August 29, 1999, response expressed a desire to maintain confidentiality of the data but provided no information to support any assertion that their competitive position would be harmed by BLM allowing the data to become public. Therefore, in accordance with 43 CFR 3410.4(b), BLM has determined that the data acquired by Royal Land Company and any participants in coal exploration license UTU-48608 can be made public without damage to the competitive position of the licensee or any participants. The coal exploration data, including drill hole logs and coal quality analyses, will be made public effective 30 days from publication of this notice. This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4. If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed with the Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155 within 30 days from publication of this notice. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error. If you wish to file a petition (pursuant to regulation 43 CFR 4.21)(58 FR 4939, January 19, 1993)(request) for a stay (suspension) of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. Copies of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay must be submitted to the Interior Board of Land Appeals and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR 4.413) at the same time the original documents are filed in this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

### Standards for Obtaining a Stay

Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

- (1) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,
- (2) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,
- (3) The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and
- (4) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dated: September 19, 2000.

**Robert Lopez,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Meeting of the California Desert District Advisory Council

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Public Laws 92-463 and 94-579, that the California Desert District Advisory Council to the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, will participate in a field tour of the BLM-administered public lands on Friday, October 20, 2000, from 8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m., and meet in formal session on Saturday, October 21, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Saturday meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 220 East Mountain View, Barstow, California.

The Council and interested members of the public will assemble for the field tour at the Holiday Inn parking lot at 7:45 a.m. and depart at 8 a.m. The hotel is located at 1511 East Main Street in Barstow. Tour stops will include sites along Route 66, Amboy Crater, Cadiz Land Company for a discussion on the proposed Cadiz-Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Groundwater and Dry-Year Supply Program, Camp Essex (Patton Camp), and Goffs. Members of the public are welcome to participate in the tour, but should plan on providing their own transportation, drinks, and lunch.

The Council will meet in formal session on Saturday. Agenda items will include updates/briefings on the BLM National Off-Highway Vehicle Management Strategy, Route 66, and the California Desert District Recreation Fee District Policy. At 1:00 p.m. discussions will focus on the proposed Cadiz-MWD Groundwater Storage Project. The Council meeting also will serve as a public meeting during which BLM will accept and record public comment regarding the proposed project. Members of the public must register with the Council Chairman to speak. The time allotted each speaker will be based upon the number of people who register to speak.

All Desert District Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Time for public comment may be made available by the Council Chairman during the presentation of various agenda items, and is scheduled at the beginning of the meeting for topics not on the agenda.

Written comments may be filed in advance of the meeting for the California Desert District Advisory Council, c/o Bureau of Land Management, Public Affairs Office, 6221 Box Springs Boulevard, Riverside, California 92507-0714. Written comments also are accepted at the time of the meeting and, if copies are provided to the recorder, will be incorporated into the minutes.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Intention To Extend a Concession Contract at Crater Lake National Park

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998, notice is hereby given that the National Park Service intends to extend the concession contract with Crater Lake Lodge, Inc., authorizing continuation of visitor services which include lodging, food service, campground, gasoline service, retail merchandise, and boat tour services within Crater Lake National Park. This short-term extension is necessary to avoid an interruption of public services while the National Park