applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax 703/358–2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone 703/358–2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Endangered Species

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). Written data, comments, or requests for copies of these complete applications should be submitted to the Director (address above).

Applicant: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory, Ashland, OR, PRT–053639.

The applicant requests renewal of a permit to export/re-export and import/re-import any endangered or threatened species for the explicit purpose of forensics activities which will directly or indirectly enhance the survival of the species in the wild. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

Applicant: Metro Richmond Zoo, Moseley, VA, PRT–189831.

The applicant requests a permit to import two male captive-bred cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*) from the De Wildt Cheetah Breeding Center, South Africa for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Applicant: Cincinnati Zoo, Cincinnati, OH, PRT–185761.

The applicant requests a permit to import various biological samples from captive-held and wild Sumatran rhinoceros (*Dicerorhinus sumatrensis*) from the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary, Indonesia for the purpose of scientific research and veterinary health evaluation. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five year period.

Applicant: Martin K. Slaugh, Salt Lake City, UT, PRT–189851.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Dated: July 25, 2008.

Lisa J. Lierheimer,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Betze Pit Expansion Project, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Elko District Office has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) to expand the Betze Pit at an open pit gold mine in Nevada; and by this Notice is announcing the opening of the comment period.

DATES: To ensure comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Betze Pit Expansion Project DSEIS within 45 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will announce future meetings or hearings and any other public involvement activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media news releases and/or mailings.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

—*E-mail: eiscommentselko@nv.blm.gov.*

—*Fax:* (775) 753–0255.

—*Mail:* Attention Kirk Laird, Project Manager, BLM Elko District Office, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801.

Copies of the Betze Pit Expansion Project DSEIS are available in the BLM Elko District Office, at the above address and on the internet site at: *http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/elko_field_office.html.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to have your name added to the mailing list, contact Kirk Laird, Project Manager, BLM Elko District Office, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801 (775) 753–0200, or e-mail to: *Kirk_Laird@blm.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Betze Pit Expansion Project DSEIS is an amendment to the Betze Project Plan of Operations for an ongoing open pit mine on the Carlin Trend in Eureka and Elko counties, Nevada. The Preferred Alternative of the DSEIS includes the Proposed Action of expanding the existing open pit and constructing a new waste rock and tailings facility. Current mining operations at the Betze Project are expected to end in 2011, with processing operations ending in 2020. The Proposed Action in the Preferred Alternative of the Betze Pit Expansion Project DSEIS would extend mining for 4 years and processing for 5 years. BLM's preferred alternative would also maximize mule deer corridor access in the vicinity of the Clydesdale Waste Rock Facility. Other alternatives include the No-Action Alternative continuing mining as currently approved without approving the expansion and a third Alternative denying the construction of the new Clydesdale Waste Rock Facility in favor of continued expansion of the existing Bazza Waste Rock Facility. A cumulative impacts study and supplemental EIS completed in 2000 and 2002 addressed groundwater pumping/dewatering issues for the Betze Pit, and pumping will continue whether or not expansion is approved. Major issues are impacts of current and proposed operations on mule deer migration routes, potential changes to the post-mining pit lake chemistry, air quality including increased greenhouse gas and mercury emissions/deposition, and sustaining benefits of mining on the local economy.

Please note that public comments and information submitted including names, street addresses, and email addresses of respondents will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6.

Tom Warren,
Acting District Manager.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY–100–08–1610–DQ]

Notice of Availability of the Pinedale Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and its cooperating agencies, have prepared a Proposed Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement (PRMP/FEIS) for the Pinedale Field Office.

DATES: The BLM Planning regulations (43 CFR 1610.5–2) state that any person who meets the conditions as described in the regulations may protest the BLM's Proposed RMP. A person who meets the conditions and files a protest must file the protest within 30 days of the date that the Environmental Protection Agency publishes this notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Pinedale PRMP/FEIS have been sent to affected Federal, state, and local government agencies and to interested parties. Copies of the PRMP/FEIS will be available for public inspection at the following locations:

- Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.
- Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Field Office, 1625 W Pine Street, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941.

Interested persons may also review the PRMP/FEIS on the Internet at *http://www.blm.gov/rmp/wy/pinedale.* All protests must be in writing and mailed to the following addresses:

Regular Mail: Director (210), *Attention:* Brenda Williams, P.O. Box 66538, Washington, DC 20035.

Overnight Mail: Director (210), Attention: Brenda Williams, 1620 L Street, N.W., Suite 1075, Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chuck Otto, Field Manager, or Kellie Roadifer, Pinedale RMP Team Leader, 1625 W Pine Street, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941, or by telephone at (307) 367–5309.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Pinedale Field Office planning area includes public land and federal mineral ownership in Sublette and Lincoln Counties, Wyoming. The area includes approximately 923,000 acres of BLM-administered surface lands and approximately 1,199,000 acres of Federal mineral estate under Federal, state, and private surface.

The Draft RMP/Draft EIS was made available for public review and comment for a 121-day period beginning on February 16, 2007. The Draft RMP/Draft EIS described and analyzed four alternatives for the management of the public lands and resources, including the Federal mineral estate administered by the BLM Pinedale Field Office:

Alternative 1 (No Action): Continues to balance the use and development of resources under current management guidance;

Alternative 2: Provides development and use opportunities while minimizing adverse impacts to cultural and natural resources;

Alternative 3: Focuses on greater conservation of natural and cultural resources while providing for compatible development and use; and

Alternative 4 (Agency Preferred Alternative): Provides development opportunities while protecting sensitive resources.

The key issues addressed by the alternatives are: (1) Development of energy resources and minerals; (2) special management designations; (3) public access and transportation planning; (4) wildland-urban interface; (5) management of special status species; (6) water quality; (7) vegetation management; (8) recreation activities; (9) cultural resources management; (10) air quality; and (11) wildlife management.

The Draft RMP/Draft EIS included recommendations regarding Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs). While the Draft RMP/EIS fully documented the ACECs considered, to ensure that BLM provided the public with the required 60-day review and comment period as required by 43 CFR 1610.7–2, the BLM published a notice of supplemental information describing the proposed ACECs and associated values and use limitations in the **Federal Register** on February 21, 2008.

There are two ACECs in the existing Pinedale Field Office land use plan (1988): Rock Creek ACEC (5,300 acres) and Beaver Creek ACEC (3,590 acres). There are 6 potential new ACECs proposed in the Draft RMP/EIS. The ACECs are:

- *Trapper's Point ACEC (550 acres [Alternative 2], 4,000 acres [Alternative 4], or 9,540 acres [Alternative 3]):* Values of concern are big game migration corridors, cultural and historic properties, and livestock trailing. Within this ACEC, fence construction and surface disturbing activities would be prohibited with the exception of activities designed to increase big game migration viability. The ACEC would be unavailable for oil and gas leasing. Off-road vehicle use would be restricted to designated roads and trails and subject to a seasonal closure from November 15 through April 30 annually.
- *New Fork Potholes ACEC (1,800 acres [Alternatives 3 and 4]):* Values of concern are waterfowl, trumpeter swan, and riparian habitats. With the exception of those that would benefit wildlife habitat, surface disturbing activities would be prohibited. The ACEC would be unavailable for oil and gas leasing. Off-road vehicle use would be restricted to designated roads and trails.
- *Upper Green River ACEC (12,270 acres [Alternative 3]):* Values of concern are big game migration routes and migration bottlenecks, and high scenic and recreational values. The ACEC would be unavailable for oil and gas leasing. Off-road vehicle use would be restricted to designated roads and trails, and no net increase in miles of roads would be allowed.
- *White-Tailed Prairie Dog ACEC (no acreage estimate available [Alternative 3]):* The White-Tailed Prairie Dog (WTPD) ACEC would not have a specific area but would involve a number of townships where WTPD habitat might be found in future surveys. The value of concern is habitat for the WTPD. Surveys for prairie dog presence would be required prior to authorizing any activities. Anti-raptor perching devices would be required on any above-ground facilities located within 1/4 mile of WTPD towns greater than 12.5 acres in size, and surface-disturbing activities would be prohibited in these towns. Off-road vehicle use would be limited to designated roads and trails, and poisoning of prairie dogs would be prohibited except in cases of health and safety emergencies.
- *Ross Butte ACEC (35,670 acres [Alternative 3]):* Values of concern are significant cultural resources, archeological landscapes and Native