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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Shell Pipeline Company LP (Shell) is the successor-in-interest to Equilon Pipeline Company LLC, the project proponent listed in the Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS published in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 2001. Shell filed a ROW application with BLM to convert an existing 406-mile pipeline and to construct approximately 93 miles of new pipeline to carry refined petroleum products, such as gasoline, diesel, and aviation fuel, from Odessa, Texas to Bloomfield, New Mexico.

Shell's existing 406-mile, 16-inch pipeline was formerly used to carry crude oil from Bisti, New Mexico to Jal, New Mexico. Shell intends to extend

the length of this pipeline, reverse its direction of flow, and convert it to refined products service. The approximately 93 miles of new pipeline will be constructed in two segments: (1) A segment from Odessa to Jal of approximately 60 miles and (2) a Bisti to Bloomfield segment of approximately 33 miles. Twenty miles of the Bisti to Bloomfield segment will be located within an existing utility corridor. Thirteen miles of new pipeline would extend beyond the established corridor.

In addition to the new pipeline segments, a number of new facilities will be constructed, including a new truck loading terminal in Moriarty, New Mexico; new block and check valves; new pump stations; new pressure control stations; a new metering station at the terminus of the pipeline at Bloomfield; and other equipment at the pump stations and along the pipeline, such as meters, launchers and receivers, cathodic protection systems, and aerial markers. The project will require approximately 700 worksites for construction and maintenance activities along the existing pipeline, construction of the new pipeline segments, and construction of the new facilities required for the operation of the pipeline.

The BLM considered issues and concerns identified during the scoping process in the preparation of the DEIS. These issues can be broadly categorized as issues related to the protection of public safety, water quality, threatened and endangered species and the human environment. The DEIS analyzes the proposed action, a no-action alternative, and three action alternatives, namely pipeline replacement in sensitive areas, pipeline reroute in sensitive areas, and the proposed action with enhanced mitigation. The pipeline replacement alternative was developed to address public concerns about the existing pipeline's integrity and the potential effects of leaks on groundwater resources. It would involve the installation of new pipe in sensitive areas parallel to the existing pipe within the existing ROW. The existing pipe in those areas would be abandoned in place. Under the pipeline reroute alternative, portions of the existing pipeline would be relocated to less developed areas to reduce the risk to public safety. The new route would reduce the number of residences in close proximity to the pipeline and would minimize new disturbance by utilizing other existing ROW corridors as much as possible.

In the proposed action with enhanced mitigation alternative, the BLM identifies several additional mitigation

measures to address the protection of public safety, water quality, threatened and endangered species and the human environment.

The purpose of the DEIS is to disclose to the public and agency decision makers the environmental impacts of constructing and operating the proposed project. If the project is approved, the BLM, as lead agency, would sign the necessary Record of Decision (ROD) for the issuance of a single ROW under the Mineral Leasing Act, which would consolidate and replace the eleven ROW grants that currently authorize the existing pipeline and would authorize the additional project features described above occurring on public lands.

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Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-924-1430-ET; SDM 87066]

Cancellation of Proposed Withdrawal; South Dakota

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice cancels a withdrawal application affecting .25 acre of National Forest System land for the National Park Service for construction of temporary quarters for summer seasonal employees. The segregative effect of the application was previously terminated and the land was opened to surface entry and mining, subject to other segregations of record. The land has been and remains open to mineral leasing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 4, 2003.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Notice of Proposed Withdrawal was published in the **Federal Register** March 20, 1998 (63 FR 13687). This action will terminate the proposed withdrawal. The land was described as follows:

Black Hills Meridian

T. 3 S., R. 4 E.,
Sec. 23, portion of the S½ of lot 19.

The area described contains .25 acre in Custer County.