

2. An access road and buried gas and produced water lines would be constructed to each well location. Infinity's Mesaverde Formation wells would require a water disposal line for transmission of produced water to a central disposal facility. The produced water line would be placed in a common trench with the gas line.

3. Up to four natural gas transmission pipelines would be constructed and would tie-in with an existing 4-inch diameter gas pipeline located east of the project area in Section 1, T29N, R114W. During the projected life of the project the existing 4-inch gas transmission line may need to be looped, or replaced, with a larger diameter line to accommodate the volume of gas produced from the area.

4. Infinity anticipates the installation of small reciprocating compressors at each of the individual Mesaverde Formation production pods within the well field for compression of methane produced from individual wells within the well field. Williams anticipates the need for one centralized compressor station for the compression of natural gas from the Frontier Formation.

5. A water disposal and injection well would be drilled at each of Infinity's centralized production pods for the subsurface disposal of water produced from the Mesaverde Formation. The produced water would be reinjected into a deep aquifer below the Mesaverde Formation.

The Companies propose to drill an average of approximately 30 wells/year over a 7-year period. After consultation with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding threatened and endangered species, BLM may authorize additional delineation wells while the EIS is being prepared. Results from additional delineation wells would assist the Companies in determining the actual level of development to achieve Federal regulatory mandates of ultimate maximum recovery of Federal mineral resources. Approval would be granted provided that, (1) the additional delineation wells would not result in potential significant impacts, and (2) that BLM's final decision would not be compromised.

The purpose of the natural gas development is to extract and recover natural gas from the South Piney Project area by allowing the Companies to provide more natural gas for distribution to consumers. The project would make additional supplies of clean-burning natural gas available to consumers. In addition, this project would meet the goals and objectives of the President's National Energy Plan, which includes diversifying domestic

energy supplies, improving and accelerating environmental protection and strengthening America's energy security.

BLM personnel, other agencies, and individuals have identified the preliminary issues and management concerns listed below. They represent the BLM's knowledge to date on the existing conditions and potential issues in the proposed project area.

- Air quality and potential impacts to downwind Wilderness Areas and other Class I air sheds;
- Potential impacts to federally listed Threatened, Endangered, Candidate and Sensitive species and their habitats;
- Potential impacts to native Colorado River cutthroat trout habitat;
- Potential impacts to the Finnegun elk winter feed ground protected by No Surface Occupancy stipulations;
- Potential impacts to surface and groundwater resources;
- Short-term revegetation and restoration of disturbed areas and their long-term stabilization, including control of noxious weeds;
- Potential impacts on prehistoric and historic cultural resources including the Lander Cutoff Historic Immigrant Trail;
- Potential social and economic effects to the local communities from projected increased Federal, State, and local revenues;
- Potential impacts to wildlife habitat and fisheries;
- Potential impacts to nesting raptors;
- Potential impacts on wetlands and riparian areas;
- Use of potentially hazardous substances associated with drilling and well completion;
- Potential impacts to the visual resources and landscape; and,
- Potential impacts to recreation activities and opportunities such as hunting and fishing.

The BLM has identified the following opportunities that may be derived from the natural gas development: increased royalties and tax revenues to local, State and Federal governments; additional opportunities for employment and economic benefits for communities near the project area; increases in Wyoming's share of new and existing natural gas markets; and development of natural gas resources to assist in attainment of clean air in conformance with Presidential and Congressional directives. The proposed natural gas development is in conformance with the Pinedale Resource Management Plan (RMP) (1988).

Dated: November 25, 2002.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AK-933-1410-ET; AA-50617]

### Public Land Order No. 7554; Revocation of Three Executive Orders; Alaska

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Public land order.

**SUMMARY:** This order revokes, in their entirety, three Executive Orders as they affect 2,538 acres of public lands withdrawn for administrative purposes for use by the Department of the Treasury at Wrangell, Alaska. The lands are no longer needed for the purpose for which they were withdrawn.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 29, 2003.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A portion of the lands have been eroded by the ocean and are now submerged and a portion of the lands have been placed under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Postal Service. The remaining lands will continue to be subject to the terms and conditions of Public Land Order No. 5180, as amended, and any other withdrawal or segregation of record.

#### Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), and by section 17(d)(1) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 43 U.S.C. 1616(d)(1) (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Executive Order dated June 21, 1890, Executive Order No. 3077, dated April 16, 1919, and Executive Order No. 8054, dated February 23, 1939, which withdrew public lands for administrative purposes, are hereby revoked in their entirety as they affect the following described lands:

#### Copper River Meridian

Located within T. 62 S., R. 83 E., described as:

(a) U.S. Survey No. 125.

The area described contains 2,476 acres.

(b) U.S. Survey No. 1119, lots 12 and 13,