The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has requested to modify their Lost Creek Uranium ISR, LLC (LCI), a wholly owned subsidiary of Ur-Energy Inc., has requested to modify their Lost Creek Uranium In-Situ Recovery Project, 43 CFR 3809 Plan of Operations, approved October 5, 2012. The proposed plan amendments (Lost Creek East, KM Horizon, and secondary objectives received September 29, 2014) would expand uranium production by in-situ recovery methods and increase associated milling facilities, located in T. 25 N., R. 92 W.; and T. 25 N., R. 93 W., 6th P.M., Sweetwater County, Wyoming.

The Lost Creek East amendment would add approximately 5,750 acres to the existing Lost Creek Project area of approximately 4,254 acres for a new total project area of approximately 10,000 acres. LCI’s proposed KM horizon amendment would allow in-situ mining of uranium from the KM horizon, and increases the extent of mining in the existing HJ horizon within the existing project area, approved October 5, 2012. Development of the proposed amendments would result in approximately 650 acres of new surface disturbance including 5 new mine units, additional Class 1 deep disposal well pads, roads, pipelines, power lines, header houses, and mud pits. LCI also requested the BLM approve an increase of the overall production rate from 1.0 million pounds of uranium per year to 2.2 million pounds of uranium per year. This includes an increase of 0.2 million pounds of uranium per year from the facility well fields, plus an increase of 1 million pounds of uranium per year from the toll milling resin or slurry from other off-site facilities. The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the process for developing the EIS. At present, the BLM has identified the following preliminary issues: (1) Potential impacts to range, water, recreation, wild horses, and wildlife resources (e.g., Greater Sage-Grouse, Wyoming Pocket Gopher); (2) the need to identify opportunities to apply mitigation hierarchy strategies for on-site, regional, and compensatory mitigation efforts; and, (3) the need to apply landscape-level conservation and management actions that are appropriate to the size of the project in order to achieve resource objectives.

The BLM will use NEPA public participation requirements to assist the agency in satisfying the public involvement requirements under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (16 U.S.C. 470(f)) pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). The information about historic and cultural resources within the area potentially affected by the proposed plan amendments will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources in the context of both NEPA and section 106 of the NHPA. The BLM will coordinate with Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175 and other policies. Tribal concerns, including impacts on Indian trust assets and potential impacts to cultural resources, will be given due consideration. Federal, State, and local agencies, along with tribes and other stakeholders that may be interested in or affected by the proposed plan amendments that the BLM is evaluating, are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM to participate in the development of the environmental analysis as a cooperating agency.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the State of Wyoming will be cooperating agencies for this project. Others are pending. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment may be made publicly available at any time. While you may 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 1501.7.

Larry Claypool,
Acting, State Director.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of Record of Decision for the Jarbidge Resource Management Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Approved Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Jarbidge Field Office located in the Twin Falls District (Idaho and Nevada). The Idaho State Director signed the ROD on September 2, 2015, which constitutes the final decision of the BLM and makes the Approved RMP effective immediately.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the ROD/Approved RMP are available upon request from the Field Manager, Jarbidge Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2536 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 and online at http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/prog/nepa_register/jarbidge-rmp-revision.html. Copies of the ROD/Approved RMP are also available for public inspection at 2536 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elliot Traher, Jarbidge Field Manager, or Heidi Whitlach, Jarbidge RMP Project Manager, telephone 208–736–2350; address Jarbidge Field Office, 2536 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301; email blm_id_jarbidge@ blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Approved RMP was developed with public participation through a collaborative planning process in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. The Approved RMP addresses the management of resources and resource uses on about 1,371,000 acres of public land surface; 1,497,000 acres of Federal mineral estate; and 1,463,000 acres of livestock grazing (including 1,371,000 acres of public land surface and an additional 92,000 acres on the US Air Force Saylor Creek Training Range) in Elmore, Owyhee, and Twin Falls Counties in Idaho and Elko County in Nevada. The Approved RMP describes the landscape-level conservation and management actions needed to meet desired resource conditions and regional mitigation objectives for vegetation, wild horses, livestock grazing, recreation, energy development, and Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs).

In the Draft RMP/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Alternative IV–B was selected as the BLM’s Preferred Alternative. As a result of public comment, internal review, and cooperating agency coordination on the Draft RMP/EIS, Alternative IV–B was adjusted to become Alternative VI (Proposed RMP) and analyzed in the Proposed RMP/Final EIS. The Proposed RMP/Final EIS was published in the Federal Register on August 22, 2014 (79 FR 49774).

The BLM received 8 protest letters during the 30-day protest period. The BLM Director denied all protest issues as reported in the Director’s Protest Resolution Report, which can be viewed at the following Web site: http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/planning/planning_overview/protest_resolution/protestreports.html. While the Approved RMP contains some conservation management measures for greater sage-grouse habitat, final decisions on how to manage habitat within the Jarbidge Field Office will be made in the Records of Decision for the Idaho/SW Montana and Nevada/NE California Greater Sage-Grouse Plan Amendment and the Nevada/Northeast (NE) California Greater Sage-Grouse Plan Amendment. The Idaho/SW Montana and Nevada/NE California Greater Sage-Grouse Plan Amendment EISs will fully analyze applicable greater sage-grouse conservation measures, consistent with BLM Instruction Memorandum No. 2012-J1491. The BLM expects to make a comprehensive set of decisions for managing greater sage-grouse on lands administered by the Jarbidge Field Office in the Records of Decision for the Idaho/SW Montana and Nevada/NE California Greater Sage-Grouse Plan Amendments.

During the Governor’s consistency review process, the Idaho Governor’s Office identified discrepancies between the Jarbidge Proposed RMP and laws, plans, policies and programs of the State of Idaho. The discrepancies mostly concerned greater sage-grouse direction and conservation actions in the Proposed RMP and Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter’s “Alternative for Federal Lands for Greater Sage-grouse Management in Idaho” and the Idaho Department of Lands Greater Sage-grouse Conservation Plan for State Endowment Lands. The issues raised by the State of Idaho were responded to by letter from the BLM Idaho State Director. The Governor’s Office did not appeal the State Director’s decision to the BLM Director. The Nevada Governor’s Office did not submit a response to the BLM during the Governor’s consistency review period.

Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6.

Timothy M. Murphy, BLM Idaho State Director.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Notice of Availability of the Proposed Notice of Sale for Central Gulf of Mexico Planning Area Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sale 241

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the proposed notice of sale for CPA sale 241.

SUMMARY: BOEM announces the availability of the Proposed Notice of Sale (NOS) for the proposed Central Gulf of Mexico Planning Area (CPA) Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 241 (CPA Sale 241). This Notice is published pursuant to 30 CFR 556.29(c) as a matter of information to the public. With regard to oil and gas leasing on the OCS, the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to section 19 of the OCS Lands Act, provides affected States the opportunity to review the Proposed NOS. The Proposed NOS sets forth the proposed terms and conditions of the sale, including minimum bids, royalty rates, and rental rates.

DATES: Affected States may comment on the size, timing, and location of proposed CPA Sale 241 within 60 days following their receipt of the Proposed NOS. The Final NOS will be published in the Federal Register at least 30 days prior to the date of bid opening. Bid opening currently is scheduled for March 23, 2016.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Proposed NOS for CPA Sale 241 and a Proposed NOS Package containing information essential to potential bidders may be obtained from the Public Information Unit, Gulf of Mexico Region, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394. Telephone: (504) 736–2519. The Proposed NOS and Proposed NOS Package also are available on BOEM’s Web site at http://www.boem.gov/Sale-241/.

Agency Contact: Abigail Ross Hopper, Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Notice of Availability of the Proposed Notice of Sale for Eastern Gulf of Mexico Planning Area Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sale 226

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the proposed notice of sale for EPA sale 226.

SUMMARY: BOEM announces the availability of the Proposed Notice of Sale (NOS) for the proposed Eastern Gulf of Mexico Planning Area (EPA) Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Lease Sale 226 (EPA Sale 226). This Notice is published pursuant to 30 CFR 556.29(c) as a matter of information to the public. With regard to oil and gas leasing on the OCS, the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to section 19 of the OCS Lands Act, provides affected States the opportunity to review the Proposed NOS. The Proposed NOS sets forth the proposed terms and conditions of the

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