

2014 Protocol agreement between the BLM Colorado and the SHPO, this undertaking does not exceed any of the review thresholds requiring SHPO concurrence, and that there will be no adverse effect to historic properties. Finally, the BLM began tribal consultation for the project in April 2014 when the field manager sent a scoping letter via certified mail to the Ute Indian Tribe (Uintah and Ouray Reservation), Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Consultation and outreach continued through April 22, 2016, when the BLM sent the tribes a letter that identified the Preferred Alternative and summarized cultural resource records within the area of potential effect (including potential Traditional Cultural Properties). The letter also offered the opportunity for comments or clarifications. The BLM will continue to offer opportunities for tribes that may be affected by potential future development of these leases as stipulated under E.O. 13175, November 6, 2000.

The BLM published the Notice of Availability of the Final Previously Issued Leases in the WRNF EIS in the **Federal Register** on August 5, 2016 (81 FR 51936). Publication of the Notice of Availability initiated a 30-day availability period. Even though there was no comment period on the Final EIS, the BLM received a number of comments, all of which were addressed in the ROD as appropriate.

The BLM's ROD for the Previously Issued Leases in the WRNF EIS implements a slightly modified version of the Preferred Alternative, which combines portions of *Alternatives 2 and 4*. The decision applies stipulations described under *Alternative 2* (including minor updates to reflect the 1993 USFS ROD stipulations) to all leases within the analysis area that are producing or committed to a unit or agreement. For those leases within the analysis area that are not producing or committed to a unit, *Alternative 4* applies (canceling or modifying leases to match the 2015 USFS Final ROD) with one exception: The decision cancels in their entirety all undeveloped leases that overlap the area identified as closed to future leasing by the USFS's 2015 Final ROD. The difference between lease cancellations under *Alternative 4* in the BLM's Previously Issued Leases in the WRNF EIS and this ROD is that seven leases having acres retained under *Alternative 4* are cancelled in full under the ROD. There are no partial lease cancellations. On August 15, 2016, the Middleton Creek Unit was automatically contracted, retroactively effective August 20, 2015, according to Section

2(e) of the unit agreement and as per BLM regulation at 43 CFR 3186.1. As a result of the contraction, three leases (COC67147, COC70013, and COC70361) considered producing in the Final EIS are now considered undeveloped, and thus will be offered modified lease terms consistent with *Alternative 4* of the Final EIS.

Under the BLM's Previously Issued Oil and Gas Lease ROD, 25 undeveloped leases are administratively cancelled in full, 12 undeveloped leases remain open with new stipulations applied under *Alternative 4* (with lessee consent), 20 producing or committed leases are reaffirmed or modified as described under *Alternative 2*, four expired leases currently under appeal that had previously been part of the Willow Creek Unit (held by production) would have *Alternative 2* applied if the appeal is successful, and one expired lease subject to appeal would have *Alternative 4* stipulations applied if it were reauthorized. No decision is made for three leases that have expired or terminated and are not subject to appeal.

The BLM's Previously Issued Oil and Gas Lease ROD takes agency and public comments into account and best meets the BLM's mandate to protect important resources while allowing oil and gas development. For reaffirmed or modified leases, upon receiving an application to approve an action on the ground, the BLM will conduct site-specific analysis of impacts through the subsequent NEPA reviews and analyses that will be necessary before the BLM issues any permit or approval for oil and gas development.

This decision is approved by the Deputy Secretary for the U.S. Department of the Interior; therefore it is not subject to administrative appeal (43 CFR 4.410(a)(3)).

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1506.6, 40 CFR 1506.10.

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## JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

### Meeting of the Judicial Conference Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure

**AGENCY:** Judicial Conference of the United States, Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure will hold a meeting on January 3, 2017. The meeting will be open to public observation but not participation. An agenda and supporting materials will be posted at least 7 days in advance of the meeting at: <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/records-and-archives-rules-committees/agenda-books>.

**DATES:** January 3, 2017.

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Special Proceedings Courtroom, U.S. District Court, 401 Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rebecca A. Womeldorf, Rules Committee Secretary, Rules Committee Support Office, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Washington, DC 20544, telephone (202) 502-1820.

Dated: November 23, 2016.

**Rebecca A. Womeldorf,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Foreign Claims Settlement Commission

[F.C.S.C. Meeting and Hearing Notice No. 10-16]

#### Sunshine Act Meeting

The Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, pursuant to its regulations (45 CFR part 503.25) and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice in regard to the scheduling of open meetings as follows:

*Wednesday, December 14, 2016:* 10:00 a.m.—Consolidated oral hearing on Objection to Commission's Proposed Decisions in Claim Nos. LIB-III-036, LIB-III-037, LIB-III-038, LIB-III-039, LIB-III-040, LIB-III-041, LIB-III-042, LIB-III-043, LIB-III-044, LIB-III-045, LIB-III-046, LIB-III-047, LIB-III-048, LIB-III-049, LIB-III-050, LIB-III-051, LIB-III-052, LIB-III-053, LIB-III-054, LIB-III-055, LIB-III-056, LIB-III-057, LIB-III-058, LIB-III-059, LIB-III-060, LIB-III-061, LIB-III-062, LIB-III-063, LIB-III-064, LIB-III-065, LIB-III-066, LIB-III-068, LIB-III-069, LIB-III-070, LIB-III-071, LIB-III-072, LIB-III-073, LIB-III-074, LIB-III-075, LIB-III-076, LIB-III-077, LIB-III-078, LIB-III-079, LIB-III-080, LIB-III-081, LIB-III-082, LIB-III-083, LIB-III-084, LIB-III-086 and LIB-III-087.

*Status:* Open.