

rentals and royalties at rates of \$10 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16 2/3 percent, respectively. The lessee also agreed to the amended stipulations as required by the Casper Approved Resource Management Plan. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and the \$159 cost of publishing this notice. The lessee met the requirements for reinstatement of the lease per Sec. 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188). The BLM proposes to reinstate the lease effective April 1, 2016, under the revised terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

**Authority:** 30 U.S.C. 188 (e)(4) and 43 CFR 3108.2-3 (b)(2)(v).

**Erik Norelius,**

*Acting Chief, Branch of Fluid Minerals Adjudication.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease WYW175931, Wyoming

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As provided for under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a petition for reinstatement of competitive oil and gas lease WYW175931 from Samson Resources Company for land in Converse County, Wyoming. The lessee filed the petition on time, along with all rentals due since the lease terminated under the law. No leases affecting this land were issued before the petition was filed. The BLM proposes to reinstate the lease.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Erik Norelius, Acting Branch Chief for Fluid Minerals Adjudication, Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003; phone 307-775-6176; email [enoreliu@blm.gov](mailto:enoreliu@blm.gov).

Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact Mr. Norelius during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or

question with the above individual. A reply will be sent during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The lessee agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16 2/3 percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and the \$159 cost of publishing this notice. The lessee met the requirements for reinstatement of the lease per Sec. 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188). The BLM proposes to reinstate the lease effective March 1, 2016, under the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

**Authority:** 30 U.S.C. 188 (e)(4) and 43 CFR 3108.2-3 (b)(2)(v).

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability of the Wyoming Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared the Wyoming Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Wyoming Greater Sage-Grouse (GRSG), and by this notice is announcing the opening of the comment period. BLM Wyoming is soliciting comments on the entire Draft EIS, as well as the specific planning issues mentioned in this NOA, and the cumulative effects analysis.

**DATES:** To ensure that comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS within 90 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes a notice of availability of the Draft RMP

Amendment/Draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will announce future meetings or hearings and any other public participation activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media releases, and/or mailings.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments related to the Wyoming Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS by any of the following methods:

- *website:* <https://goo.gl/22jKE2>.
- *mail:* attn: Greater Sage-Grouse EIS, BLM Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, WY 82009.

Copies of the Wyoming Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS are available in the Wyoming State Office at the above address or on the project website at: <https://goo.gl/22jKE2>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information contact Jennifer Fleuret, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, by telephone, 307-775-6329; at the address above; or by email, [jfleuret@blm.gov](mailto:jfleuret@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact Ms. Fleuret. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with Ms. Fleuret. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Greater Sage-Grouse is a state-managed species that is dependent on sagebrush steppe ecosystems. These ecosystems are managed in partnership across the range of the Greater Sage-Grouse by federal, state, and local authorities. Efforts to conserve the species and its habitat date back to the 1950s. Over the past two decades, state wildlife agencies, federal agencies, and many others in the range of the species have been collaborating to conserve Greater Sage-Grouse and its habitats. The United States Department of the Interior (DOI) and the BLM have broad responsibilities to manage federal lands and resources for the public benefit. Nearly half of Greater Sage-Grouse habitat is managed by the BLM. The BLM is committed to being a good neighbor and investing in on-the-ground conservation activities through close collaboration with State governments, local communities, private landowners, and other stakeholders.

In September 2015, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) determined that the Greater Sage-Grouse did not warrant listing under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. The USFWS based its "not warranted" determination, in part, on the conservation commitments and management actions in the BLM and U.S. Forest Service (Forest Service)