


**Director's Agenda**

**DIRECTOR'S OFFICE**

Rachel Brown  
Mineral Lease Analyst  
January 17, 2012

Approve   
Director Richard J. Buehler  
Date 1/17/12

**MINERAL LEASING PLAN FOR SOVEREIGN LANDS ON GREEN AND COLORADO RIVERS-SIXTH AMENDMENT**

Forestry, Fire, and State Lands Green and Colorado River Mineral Leasing Plan has been amended five times since the final approval on August 7, 1998 with the following amendments:

- First plan amendment: October 3, 2003, in response to a oil and gas nomination near the Dinosaur National Monument and Stewart Lake Waterfowl Management Area (WMA); areas designated as “no leasing” were amended to “no surface occupancy”.
- Second plan amendment: March 1, 2004, in response to a oil and gas nomination (Township 11 South and Range 18 East) designated as “no leasing” was amended to “no surface occupancy”.
- Third plan amendment: December 3, 2004, in response to a oil and gas nomination within the Ouray National Wildlife Refuge (Township 8 South, Range 20 East, Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, and 14) designated as “no leasing” were amended to “no surface occupancy”.
- Fourth plan amendment: October 23, 2007 in response to various oil and gas nominations, the Division’s management team and Governor’s Office amended the “no leasing” category for sovereign lands to “no surface occupancy”.
- Fifth plan amendment: October 23, 2007 in response to a oil and gas lease offering (Township 5 South, Range 24 East, SLBM) dated February 25, 2006 the lease was reinstated on June 12, 2006 due to the “no surface occupancy” stipulation.

This DA is to approve a sixth plan amendment in response to a oil and gas nomination (Township 23 South, Range 23 East, Sections 13, 14, 23, and 24, SLBM). The Division’s management team has agreed on changing the category for sovereign land on the Colorado River currently designated as being under “ownership review or U.S. District Court C-201-62” to “no surface occupancy”.

Upon recommendation from Rachel Brown, the director approves the Green and Colorado River Mineral Leasing Plan sixth amendment to change the mineral and oil and gas category for sovereign lands on the Colorado River from “ownership review or U.S. District Court C-201-62” to “no surface occupancy”.

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Jennifer Wiglama  
October 23, 2007

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Approve \_\_\_\_\_  
Deny \_\_\_\_\_  
Date 10/24/07

**DIRECTOR'S AGENDA**

**OIL, GAS AND HYDROCARBON LEASES – GREEN RIVER VII**

On June 12, 2006, the Director approved the withdrawal of the Green River Oil, Gas and Hydrocarbon Lease Offering VII from further action. This simultaneous offering was nominated by Vern Jones dated 25 February 2006 with the following legal description:

Township 5 South Range 24 East, SLBM  
Bed of Green River in Section 6 (Lots 1-10, 13, 14)  
Bed of Green River in Section 7 (Lots 2-5)

On June 1, 2007, the Director approved the amendment to the Green and Colorado Rivers Mineral Leasing Plan by changing the category for sovereign lands on the Green River from "no leasing" to "no surface occupancy." Therefore the area of Green River Oil, Gas and Hydrocarbon Lease Offering VII is open for mineral leasing with the stipulation of no surface occupancy.

Jennifer Wiglama recommends the Director approves the reinstatement for simultaneous offering of lands associated with Green River Oil, Gas and Hydrocarbon Lease Offering VII.

**Director's Agenda**  
David Grierson  
June 1, 2007

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DB Approve \_\_\_\_\_  
Deny \_\_\_\_\_  
Date 6/1/07

## **DIRECTOR'S AGENDA**

### **GREEN RIVER AND COLORADO RIVER MINERAL LEASING PLAN**

#### **Green River and Colorado River Mineral Leasing Plan – Fourth Amendment**

#### **COUNTY: Uintah, Grand, Emery, Carbon**

The Division has received nominations for oil, gas and hydrocarbon leasing on the Green River. Some stretches along the Green River indicate a “no leasing” category” in the Mineral Leasing Plan. Discussions in the division’s management team, and comments from the Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget indicated the state should not lose revenue from the mineral estate under the Green River if the category is changed from “no leasing” to “no surface occupancy.” This will generate the same effect as “no leasing” because there is no surface disturbance of sovereign lands, yet makes the mineral estate whole with royalties paid for minerals extracted below the river bed.

The attached action submitted to the Resource Development and Coordination Committee (RDCC) proposed a plan amendment to change the “no leasing” designation to “no surface occupancy.” RDCC review generated no comments. The State Historic Preservation Office concurred with the division of no significant impacts to archeological and historical sites. Standard stipulations will remain in the leases requiring notification to the Division and the State Historic Preservation Office.


Mr. Grierson recommends the Mineral Leasing Plan for the Green and Colorado Rivers be amended by changing the category for sovereign lands on the Green River from “no leasing” to “no surface occupancy.”

Director's Agenda  
Karl Kappe  
December 3, 2004

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Approve

Deny



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MINERAL LEASING PLAN FOR SOVEREIGN LANDS ON GREEN AND COLORADO RIVERS – THIRD PLAN AMENDMENT

The division has received a nomination of Green River sovereign lands for oil, gas and hydrocarbon leasing. The nomination includes a stretch of river inside Ouray National Wildlife Refuge designated as “no leasing” in the Mineral Leasing Plan.

The nomination was submitted for RDCC review. The attached state action submitted to RDCC proposed a plan amendment to change the “no leasing” designation to “no surface occupancy”. RDCC review concluded with comments from SHPO concurring with determination of no historic properties affected.

The division received a letter from Uintah County expressing support of the nomination and a statement of compliance with the Uintah County General Plan.

Mr. Kappe recommends the Mineral Leasing Plan be amended by changing the category for sovereign lands in T 8 S, R 20 E, Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, and 14 from “no leasing” to “no surface occupancy”.

Director's Agenda  
Karl Kappe  
March 1, 2004

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Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Deny \_\_\_\_\_



MINERAL LEASING PLAN FOR SOVEREIGN LANDS ON GREEN AND COLORADO RIVERS - SECOND PLAN AMENDMENT

The division has received a nomination of Green River sovereign lands for oil, gas and hydrocarbon leasing. The nomination includes one stretch of river that is designated as "no leasing" in the Mineral Leasing Plan.

The nomination was submitted for RDCC review. The attached state action submitted to RDCC proposed a plan amendment to change the "no leasing" category to "no surface occupancy". RDCC review concluded with comments on road standards aimed at minimizing erosion and degradation of water quality. These standards will be kept on file for future reference when and if surface occupancy on sovereign lands is allowed.

The division received a letter from Uintah County stating that the county supports multiple use on public lands, and that the proposed action is consistent with the county's plan.

Mr. Kappe recommends that the mineral leasing plan be amended by changing the category for sovereign lands in T 11 S, R 18 E from "no leasing" to "no surface occupancy".

Director's Agenda  
Karl Kappe  
October 3, 2003

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Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Deny \_\_\_\_\_



#### MINERAL LEASING PLAN FOR SOVEREIGN LANDS ON GREEN AND COLORADO RIVERS - PLAN AMENDMENT

The Division has received a nomination of Green River sovereign lands for oil and gas leasing. The nomination includes two stretches of the river that are designated as "no leasing" in the Mineral Leasing Plan. One stretch is in the no leasing category because of proximity to Dinosaur National Monument. The other stretch is inside Stewart Lake Waterfowl Management Area (WMA).

The nomination was submitted for RDCC review. The RDCC review concluded with a recommendation that proximity to Dinosaur National Monument more appropriately called for "no surface occupancy" rather than no leasing.

The Division of Wildlife Resources has authorized the Division to issue a "no surface occupancy" oil and gas lease on DWR lands inside the WMA. Since the WMA was the reason for "no leasing" in the plan for the river, it now is appropriate to allow leasing of the river bed, but with the same surface occupancy stipulation.

Mr. Kappe recommends that the mineral leasing plan be amended by changing the category for these two stretches of the Green River from "no leasing" to "no surface occupancy".