or the State of California legislature. The State-sponsored actions are being reviewed under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Dated: December 19, 1996.

Michael J. Spear,

Regional Director, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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Geological Survey

Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC); Public Meetings of the FGDC Facilities Working Group

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice is to invite public participation in meetings of the FGDC Facilities Working Group and subgroups. The major topics for this meeting are: development of a Facility/Installation ID standard; development of a utility data content standard; and development of an environmental hazard data content standard, and an accuracy standard for facility mapping.

TIME AND PLACE: 10 February 1997, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Headquarters U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in Room 8222D of the Pulaski Building, 20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The Pulaski building is located just a few blocks west of Union Station. The standards development project teams will also meet in the same place at the following times: the Facility ID and Environmental Hazards Standards Teams will meet from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon and the Utilities Standard Team will meet from 3:15 p.m.–4:15 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Fox, FGDC Secretariat, U.S. Geological Survey, 590 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192; telephone (703) 648–5514; facsimile (703) 648–5755; Internet "gdc@usgs.gov".

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FGDC is a committee of Federal agencies engaged in geospatial activities. The FGDC Facilities Working Group specifically focuses on geospatial data issues related to facilities and facility management. A facility is an entity with location, deliberately established as a site for designated activities. A facility database might describe a factory, a military base, a college, a hospital, a power plant, a fishery, a national park, an office building, a space command center, or a prison. The database for a complex facility may describe multiple functions or missions, multiple buildings, or even a county, town, or city. The objectives of the Working Group are to: promote standards of accuracy and currentness in facilities data which is financed in whole in part by Federal funds; exchange information on technological improvements for collecting facilities data; encourage the Federal and non-Federal community to identify and adopt standards and specifications for facilities data; and to promote the sharing of facilities data among Federal and non-Federal organizations

Dated: December 19, 1996.

Richard E. Witmer,

Acting Chief, National Mapping Division.

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Bureau of Land Management

[AK–962–1410–00–P]

Alaska; Notice for Publication, AA–9243; Alaska Native Claims Selection

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision to issue conveyance under the provisions of Sec. 14(h)(1) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(h)(1), will be issued to Calista Corporation for approximately 680.8 acres. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Nunivak Island, Alaska.

Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 1 S., R. 95 W.,
Sec. 31.
T. 2 S., R. 96 W.,
Sec. 1;
Sec. 2.

A notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the Anchorage Daily News. Copies of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513–7599 ((907) 271–5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government or regional corporation, shall have until January 27, 1997 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

Patricia A. Baker,

Land Law Examiner, ANCSA Team, Branch of 962 Adjudication.

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[NM–932–1320–7; OKNM 91571, et al.]

Notice of Coal Lease Offering; Oklahoma

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of competitive coal lease sale by sealed bid.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain coal resources in the tracts described below in Le Flore County, Oklahoma, will be offered for competitive lease by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*), and the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1977.

DATES: The lease sale will be held at 10:00 a.m., January 31, 1997. Sealed bids must be submitted on or before 10:00 a.m., January 31, 1997. Each bid should be clearly identified by tract and/or serial number on the outside of the envelope containing the bid(s).

ADDRESSES: The lease sale will be held in the Bureau of Land Management Conference Room, Tulsa District Office, 7906 E. 33rd Street, Suite 121, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74145. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Cashier, Tulsa District Office, Attention: Laura Stich, 7906 E. 33rd Street, Suite 121, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74145.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Stuckey, BLM, Tulsa District Office, (918) 621–4115.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The tracts will be leased to the qualified bidder(s) submitting the highest cash offer provided that the high bid meets the fair market value determination of the coal resource. The minimum bid for these tracts is $100.00 per acre or fraction thereof. No bid that is less than $100.00 per acre or fraction thereof, will be considered. This $100.00 per acre is a regulatory minimum, and is not intended to reflect fair market value of the tracts. Bids should be sent by certified mail, return receipt, or be hand-delivered. The cashier will issue a receipt for each hand-delivered bid. Bids received after the time specified above will not be considered. The fair market value of each tract will be

determined by the authorized officer after the sale.

If identical high sealed bids are received, the tying high bidders will be requested to submit follow-up sealed bids until a high bid is received. All tie-breaking sealed bids must be submitted within 15 minutes following the Sale Official's announcement at the sale that identical high bids have been received.

All the tracts in this lease offering contain split estate lands. Except where specified, the proposed mining method is surface mining techniques. The regulations at 43 CFR 3427 set out the protection that shall be afforded qualified surface owners of split estate lands (as defined at 43 CFR 3400.0–5(gg)).

Tract No. 1—Rock Island Tract—OKNM 91571

Coal Offered: The coal resource to be offered in Tract No. 1 (OKNM 91571), will be mined by both surface *and underground* mining methods in the following described lands located in Le Flore County, Oklahoma:

Indian Meridian

T. 8 N., R. 25 E., Le Flore Co., OK
sec. 23, S½;
T. 8 N., R. 26 E., Le Flore Co., OK
sec. 12, S½S½;
sec. 13, N½;
sec. 14, NE¼, S½NW¼, and N½SW¼;
sec. 15, N½SE¼ and SW¼SE¼;
sec. 21, N½NE¼;
sec. 22, NW¼NW¼;
T. 8 N., R. 27 E.,
sec. 7, S½NE¼SW¼, S½SW¼, S½SE¼, S½N½SE¼, and N½NE¼SE¼;
sec. 8, SW¼, and N½N½SE¼;
sec. 9, S½N½ and N½N½S½;
sec. 10, SW¼NW¼ and NW¼SW¼.
Containing 2,120.00 acres, more or less.

The lands described below may only be mined by underground mining techniques. No surface mining is allowed

T. 8 N., R. 25 E., Le Flore Co., OK
sec. 23, S½SW¼, S½NW¼SW¼, S½N½NW¼SW¼, S½S½NE¼SW¼, and W½SE¼;
T. 8 N., R. 26 E., Le Flore Co., OK
sec. 12, S½S½;
sec. 13, NW¼NE¼NW¼;
sec. 14, N½NE¼;
sec. 22, NW¼NW¼;
T. 8 N., R. 27, E.,
sec 7, E½SE¼NW¼SE¼SW¼, SW¼NE¼SE¼SW¼, W½SE¼NE¼SE¼SW¼, SE¼SW¼SW¼SE¼SW¼, E½SW¼SE¼SW¼, and SW¼SE¼SE¼SW¼;
sec. 9, S½S½NW¼, and N½SE¼NE¼;
sec. 10, N½SW¼NW¼.

The lease tract consists of three non-contiguous parcels. The largest occurs on the Hackett and Spiro quadrangles and extends from section 10, T. 8 N., R. 27 E. to Section 15, T. 8 N., R. 26 E. The small central parcel lies in sections 21 and 22, T. 8 N., R. 26 E. The western parcel lies in section 23, T. 8 N., R. 25 E. While this last parcel is some 4 miles from the other parcels, the intervening lands are non-Federal. The Federal lands adjoining it on the west are encumbered by the Poteau River and consequently cannot be leased nor developed. The parcel therefore does not fit with any larger tract and is most logically mined in conjunction with the fee coal to the east. After consultation with the applicant, it was decided to include these lands with Rock Island tract rather than set offer it as a separate lease which would be costlier and less efficient for both the government and any potential lessee.

Coal resources on the tract occur in two beds: the Upper and Lower Hartshorne. These beds are separated by about 80 feet of interburden in the eastern and central parcels but only about 50 feet in the western parcel. The beds dip south, away from the Backbone anticline, at about 2° in the western parcel and at about 5° in the eastern parcels. There is a small graben in the Hackett quadrangle which has dropped the coals 40 to 60 feet and which may reduce recovery in the immediate area. Other local faulting will most likely be encountered.

The Upper Hartshorne on the eastern and central parcels is thin, split by partings of bone and rock. It is not considered recoverable.

The Lower Hartshorne on the eastern parcel has a rock parting that ranges up to 3 feet thick. Coal above the parting has been designated the Upper Split and that below, the Lower Split. The Upper Split ranges from 0.9 to 4.9 feet thick, averaging 2.7 feet. Where it thins, the Lower Split appears to thicken. The Lower Split ranges from 0.7 to 3.25 feet thick averaging 2.4 feet.

In the western parcel, both the Upper and Lower Hartshorne are considered minable. The Upper bed averages 3.8 feet thick and the Lower 4.4 feet. The two beds are separated by about 50 feet of interburden. Recoverable coal resources are estimated to be 4.3 million tons. Reserve estimates were made to a depth of 150 feet, intercepting the Lower Hartshorne coal bed.

According to the projected monthly production of 25,000 tons stated in the original lease application, coal reserves in this lease will be depleted within 14 years.

The critical quality parameters are: Upper Hartshorne: Ash 6.9%, BTU/lb 14,125; Sulfur 0.8%. Lower Hartshorne: Ash 5.2%; BTU/lb 14,310; Sulfur 1.0% (Table 1, OFR 79–495).

Tract No. 2—OKNM 94663

Indian Meridian

T. 9 N., R. 24 E.,
sec. 3, NE¼SW¼, N½SW¼SW¼, SW¼SW¼SW¼, SE¼SW¼SW¼, and NW¼SE¼SW¼.
Containing 90.00 acres, more or less.

The lands described below may only be mined by underground mining techniques. No surface mining is allowed

Indian Meridian

T. 9 N., R. 24 E., LeFlore Co., OK
Sec. 3, S½SE¼SW¼SW¼.

Geological information for this application indicates the surface minable coal is the Stigler coal bed with estimated average thickness of 1.3 feet. The coal is considered to be a good quality, medium volatile bituminous rank coal which could be used as a blend in the production of coke. The area applied-for contains an estimated 138,000 tons of recoverable Federal coal. Reserve estimates are made to a depth of 70 feet.

Projected production would be 24,000 to 30,000 tons per year depending upon market conditions. The coal would be mined in 5 or 6 years at the projected rate of production.

The Stigler coal averages 2 percent moisture, 25 percent volatile matter, 4 to 10 percent ash, and 66 to 72 percent fixed carbon content in the general area of the application. The heating value of the coal is approximately 13,000 British thermal units (Btu) per pound.

Surface Owner Information

There are currently 13 qualified surface owner consents on file for application to lease OKNM 91571. For application to lease OKNM 94663, it has been determined that there is one qualified surface owner. These consents are posted and are available for viewing at either the Tulsa District Office or the New Mexico State Office at the addresses shown above. They are also available for inspection at the BLM office located at 221 N. Service Rd., Moore, OK 73160–4946.

Rental and Royalty

The leases issued as a result of this lease offering will require payment of an annual rental of $3.00 per acre, or fraction, thereof, and a royalty payable to the United States of 12½ percent of the value of the coal removed from a surface mine and 8 percent of the value of the coal removed from an underground mine. The value of the

coal will be determined in accordance with 30 CFR § 206.250.

Notice of Availability

Bidding instructions for the offered tracts are included in the Detailed Statement of Coal Lease Sale. Copies of the proposed coal lease sale and detailed statement are available upon request in person or by mail from the New Mexico State Office, P.O. Box 27115, 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, NM 87502–0115, or the Tulsa District Office at the address shown above. The case files are available for inspection during normal business hours *only* at the Santa Fe BLM Office at the address indicated.

Dated: December 18, 1996.

Richard A. Whitley,

Acting State Director.

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California Desert District; Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS); U.S. Army's Land Acquisition Project for the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California; Proposed Withdrawal of Public Lands and Proposed Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of draft environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Department of the Interior has prepared, by third party contractors to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) analyzing the impacts to the human environment of the U.S. Army's proposed expansion of the National Training Center (NTC) at Fort Irwin. The NTC is located approximately 35 miles northeast of Barstow in north-central San Bernardino County, California. The proposed action is (1) the withdrawal and transfer of jurisdiction to the U.S. Army of approximately 310,296 acres of public lands managed by the BLM, and (2) an amendment of the California Desert Conservation Area Plan. This DEIS analyzes environmental impacts of the proposed action, five alternatives and the no action alternative, and identifies mitigation measures. This DEIS was prepared to comply with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500–1508) for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 43 U.S.C. 1701.

DATES: A ninety (90) day public review and comment period on the DEIS and proposed plan amendment begins on January 3, 1997. Written comments relating to the DEIS will be accepted until April 4, 1997. Written or oral comments may also be presented at the five public meetings to be held in February 1997 at the following locations and times:

San Bernardino, February 6, 1997, 7:00 p.m.—County Government Center, County Supervisors Hearing Room, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415

Victorville, February 13, 1997, 7:00 p.m.—Victorville City Hall, City Council Chambers, 14343 Civic Drive, Victorville, CA 92392

Barstow, February 18, 1997, 7:00 p.m.—Barstow City Hall, City Council Chambers, 220 East Mountain View Avenue, Barstow, CA 92311

Baker, February 20, 1997, 2:00 p.m.—Baker Community Center, Baker Blvd., Baker, CA 92309

Sacramento, February 24, 1997, 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.—Sacramento City Hall, City Council Chambers, 915 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

The public meetings will be conducted in two parts. At each location, a one-half hour "open house" will precede the formal public hearing. During the open house, information about the proposed action and the environmental review process will be provided by the Army and BLM representatives. Comments on the DEIS will be recorded only during the public hearing part.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to the BLM, Barstow Resource Area Office, Attention: Mike DeKeyrel, Project Manager, 150 Coolwater Lane, Barstow, CA 92311. Written comments relating to the DEIS will be accepted if postmarked no later than April 4, 1997.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Army proposed action was developed from an Army Land Use Requirements Study (LURS) completed in 1985 and updated in 1993, which determined that an additional 222,000 net maneuverable acres are needed for the National Training Center's combat training mission.

The BLM has not selected a lead Federal agency preferred alternative in this DEIS. After public review and consideration of the comments to the DEIS, the BLM will select a preferred alternative in the Final EIS.

Under the Engle Act of February 28, 1958, 43 U.S.C. 155–158, military withdrawals of over 5,000 acres are subject to Congressional review. This DEIS and the public review will enable the BLM and the Army to develop recommendations on the proposed action through completion of a Final EIS and Records(s) of Decision. The recommendations will be reviewed by the Secretary of the Interior in coordination with the Department of Defense.

Copies of an executive summary of the DEIS, and the entire DEIS document including technical appendices, are available for review at the BLM Barstow Resource Area Office at the above address; at the BLM California Desert District Office, 6221 Box Springs Blvd., Riverside, CA 92507; and at the BLM California State Office, 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, CA 95825.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike DeKeyrel, Project Manager at the above Barstow Resource Area address and at (619) 255–8730.

Dated December 20, 1996.

Molly S. Brady,

Assistant District Manager, Planning and Renewable Resources.

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Motor Vehicle Closure; Prineville District

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, Prineville District.

ACTION: Notice is hereby given that effective immediately, the following legally described area below, including all roads and trails, is closed to motor vehicle use year-round.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: This closure order applies to the entire area, and all roads and trails within the area, located on Public Lands in Township 16 South, Range 13 East, Sections 25, 35, 36; Township 16 South, Range 14 East, Section 19, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34; Township 17 South, Range 13 East, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27; and Township 17 South, Range 14 East, Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 30 W.M. Southeast of the Powell Butte Highway; East of the subdivisions known as Cimmarron City, Terry Drive, and Sunset Acres; North of Alfalfa Market Road; West of the subdivision known as Cascade View Estates; West of Johnson Market Road; and Southwest of the B.P.A. Powerline Right of Way #ORE 010362. Exemptions to this closure are: Portions of BLM Roads 6589–A and 6589 where 6589–A