

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF STATE AND FEDERAL LANDS AS VERY RARE OR UNCOMMON

Pursuant to Wyoming Revised Statute 35-11-112 and Chapter 7 of the Environmental Quality Council...s Rules of Practice and Procedure Public Notice is hereby given that the Wyoming State Environmental Quality Council (EQC) has scheduled a public hearing to receive comment on the Proposed Designation of Federal Lands as Very Rare or Uncommon on Tuesday, October 26, 2010. On October, 26, 2010 the Council shall take a tour of the petition area. The tour shall start at 8:00 a.m. The council and any interested persons will gather at the Multipurpose building at the Crook County Fairgrounds at 7:30 a.m. prior to beginning the tour. The public is welcome to attend the tour but must provide their own transportation. Such transportation should be a high clearance four wheel drive vehicle. Due to the sensitive nature of the area the Council would encourage the public to carpool as much as possible. The Council will not receive public input during the tour. The public comment portion of the public hearing will begin on October 27, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. The hearing will close when all those present who wish to comment have been heard. If necessary the Council may recess the hearing from time to time. The hearing will be conducted pursuant to Chapter 7 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure. These rules can be found at: <http://deq.state.wy.us/eqc/Rules%20of%20Practice%20and%20P%20Ch%207.pdf> The proposed designation area consists of portions of the upper valley of Sand Creek above Ranch A, as Very Rare or Uncommon, under the provisions of W.S. §35-11-112(a)(v) and W.S. §16-3-103. The legal description is provided below. Biodiversity Conservation Alliance has petitioned the EQC to designate Sand Creek as Very Rare or Uncommon because of its botanical values, scenery, geological values, historical features, and sensitive wildlife habitats. The petition states that the sensitive values in this area are very rare or uncommon. Questions regarding this petition or hearing procedures can be forwarded to James Ruby or Joe Girardin at 307-777-7170; Fax 307-777-6134, e-mail jgirar@wyo.gov, or at the address below. A copy of the petition is available to review on the Council's web-site, <http://deq.state.wy.us/eqc/docket.htm>.

Public comments will be accepted throughout the hearing. A time limit may be imposed on oral comments. While comments will be accepted until the public hearing is concluded written comments should be filed with the Council at the address provided below by October 20th, 2010 so that the Council may review them prior to the public hearing. Written statements may be delivered by submitting them to the following address: Wyoming Environmental Quality Council, Herschler Building, 122 W. 25th St., Rm. 1714, Cheyenne, WY 82002. Having comments in advance of the hearing helps the Council prepare for the hearing. Comments must be submitted by first class mail postage prepaid with an original signature of the person submitting the comments. Email and faxed copies will not be accepted.

At the end of the hearing, if a quorum is present, the Council may convene a meeting to deliberate and make a decision regarding the petition to declare the lands as Very Rare or Uncommon.

The legal description for the proposed area is as follows:

T52N R60W: Sec. 19 SW 1/4, S 1/2 NW 1/4, W 1/2 SE 1/4; Sec. 30 W 1/2, SE 1/4, W 1/2 NE 1/4; & Sec. 31. T52N R61W: Sec. 24 SE 1/4 SE 1/4, SW 1/4 SE 1/4; Sec. 25 E 1/2, SW 1/4, S 1/2 NW 1/4; Sec. 26 SE 1/4, S 1/2 NE 1/4; Sec. 35 E 1/2, E 1/2 SW 1/4; & Sec. 36. T51N R61W: Sec. 1, 12, 24, 25, 11, & 13; Sec. 2 E 1/2, SW 1/4, NE 1/4 NW 1/4, SW 1/4 NW 1/4, SE 1/4 NW 1/4; Sec. 3 SE 1/4 SE 1/4; Sec. 10 N 1/2 NE 1/4; Sec. 14 E 1/2, NW 1/4 SW 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4; Sec. 23 E 1/2 E 1/2; Sec. 25 N 1/2, N 1/2 SW 1/4, SE 1/4; & Sec. 36 S 1/2 NE 1/4, N 1/2 SE 1/4. T51N R60W: Sec. 6, 7, 18, 19, 20, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33; Sec. 8 SW 1/4, W 1/2 NW 1/4; Sec. 21 S 1/2, S 1/2 N 1/2, NW 1/4 NW 1/4; Sec. 17 W 1/2, NW 1/4 SE 1/4, S 1/2 SE 1/4; & Sec. 31 N 1/2, N 1/2 SW 1/4, SE 1/4. T50N R60W: Sec. 4 N 1/2, N 1/2 S 1/2; Sec. 5 N 1/2; & Sec. 6 NE 1/4 NE 1/4,

and excludes privately owned lands in the form of patented mining claims described in the Crook County, Wyoming plat, with legal descriptions as follows:

- Certain mining claims or premises, known as the Washtenaw, Frankfort, Mountain Side, Tallaho, Florence, Lafayette No. 2, Lafayette No. 3 and Hartford lode mining claims, designated by the Surveyor General as Survey No. 282, embracing a portion of Sections twenty-eight and thirty-three in Township fifty-one north of Range sixty west of the sixth Principal Meridian, Crook County, Wyoming;
 - Certain patented mining claims located in Township 51 North, Range 60 West, Section 21 and more particularly described as the Silverwave, Patent # 18458, M.S. 39; American Eagle, Patent # 21584, M.S. 44; and Dakota Lode, Patent # 18458, M.S. 39; Crook County, Wyoming;
 - Certain patented lode mining claims located in Township 51 North, Range 60 West, Sections 21 and 28, designated as Mineral Survey No. 345, Patent # 45587, more particularly described as Humbolt; Lessing; Attila; Attila No. 1; Attila No. 2; Uhland; Arcade; Arcade # 1; Arcade # 2; and Arcade No. 3, Crook County, Wyoming;
 - Certain lode and placer mining claims situated in the Hurricane Mining District, in Sections 28, 29, and 32 of T51N R60W, 6th Principal Meridian, Crook County, Wyoming, more particularly described as the Brown, Ironside, # 41342, M.S. 161; McCleery, # 41342, M.S. 161; Thompson, Patent # 41342, M.S. 161; Continental, Patent # 30000, M.S. 75; Little Hughie, Patent # 30000, M.S. 75; London, Patent # 30000, M.S. 75; Eastern, Patent # 143575, M.S. 397; Hub, Patent # 143575, M.S. 397; Eclipse, Patent # 41342, M.S. 161; Fox Lode, M.S. 398; Frankfort, Patent # 41342, M.S. 161; Goldcoo, Patent # 41342, M.S. 161; Goldbank, Patent # 41342, M.S. 161; Goldfinch, Patent # 41342, M.S. 161; Interocean, Patent # 39932, M.S. 45; Interocean #2, Patent # 41317, M.S. 163; Interocean #3, Patent # 41317, M.S. 163; Sand Creek & Welcome Gulch, Patent # 22662, M.S. 46; Thompson, Patent # 41342, M.S. 161; and Vanderbilt Tract, Patent # 30000, M.S. 161, Crook County, Wyoming;
 - Certain lode and placer mining claims situated in the Hurricane Mining District, in Sections 20, 21, and 28 of T51N R60W, 6th Principal Meridian, Crook County, Wyoming, more particularly described as the Blacktail, Patent # 29920, M.S. 74; Creston, Patent # 21673, M.S. 42; Hungry, Patent # 21674, M.S. 41; January, Patent # 29920, M.S. 74; Napoleon, Patent # 30000, M.S. 40; and Parnell, Patent # 21517, M.S. 43, Crook County, Wyoming;
 - A certain patented mining claim located in Section 21 of Township 51 North Range 60 West, 6th P.M., known as the New Orleans, M.S. 589, Crook County, Wyoming;
 - A certain patented mining claim known as the Ypsilanti Fraction, U.S. Mineral Survey No. 282, situated in T51N R60W of the 6th P.M., Crook County, Wyoming;
 - A certain patented mining claim known as the Florence Mining Claim, M.S. 282, Lots 1 and 2, located in T51 N R 60W Sections 28 and 33, Crook County, Wyoming;
 - A certain placer mining claim known as the Ada May No. 3, Survey No. 145, embracing a portion of sections 17 and 18, Township 51 North, Range 60 West, Crook County, Wyoming.
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