

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) will be a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS because the surface of some of the lands included in the tract is owned by the Federal government and administered by the USFS as part of the Thunder Basin National Grasslands. The OSM will also be a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS, because it is the Federal agency that administers surface coal mining operations under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977.

The major issues, identified to date, revolve around air quality, hydrology, reclamation, and socio-economics as they relate to facilities and rail construction, and the start-up of a full-scale mining operation. If other issues or concerns are known, please address them in writing to the above individuals, or verbally at the public scoping meeting scheduled on December 5 in Gillette, Wyoming. Written comments will be accepted by the BLM at the address shown above from the date of publication of this Notice in the Federal Register, through December 31, 1995.

Pamela J. Lewis,

Chief, Leasable Minerals Section.

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Notice of Intent To Simultaneously Modify all Idaho Management Framework Plans (MFPs) and Resource Management Plans (RMPs) and To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) To Adopt Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Management in Idaho and To Include Ecosystem-Based Management Strategies From the Upper Columbia River Basin (UCRB) EIS

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to modify land use plans and to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to adopt standards for rangeland health and guidelines for grazing management in Idaho and to adopt ecosystem-based management strategies from the Upper Columbia River Basin (UCRB) EIS.

The Challis proposed RMP/Draft EIS currently in progress will be published in the winter of 1995 and the Bennett Hills, and Owyhee Proposed RMPs currently in progress are scheduled for draft EIS publication in the spring of 1996. Notice is given that Standards for

Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Management will be included in these respective plans.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Idaho intends to modify all existing MFPs and RMPs in the State and to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for adoption of Standards Rangeland Health (terrestrial and riparian) and Guidelines for Grazing Management as provided in the BLM's new grazing regulations (43 CFR Part 4100). In addition, all Land Use Plans would be amended to include ecosystem-based management strategy from the Upper Columbia River Basin (UCRB) EIS and the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Assessment. This strategy will include standards, specific objectives, and management guidelines focusing on restoring the health of forest, range, aquatic, and riparian ecosystems. Public comment is sought on the issues and alternatives to be considered, and on proposed standards and guidelines.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received in writing within 30 days following the date of the last scoping meeting to receive full consideration in the development of alternatives. Dates of those meetings will be published in local and regional newspapers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

J. David Brunner, Bureau of Land Management, 3380 Americana Terrace, Boise, Idaho 83706; Phone 208-384-3056.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM's new grazing administration regulations (43 CFR part 4100 59FR) which became effective August 21, 1995, require the development of Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Administration. In Idaho, BLM intends to develop these standards and guidelines through a public process and incorporate them into MFPs/RMPs. Incorporating standards and guidelines into existing plans will require some form of plan modification, ranging from simple plan maintenance to plan amendment.

Management Framework Plans (MFPs) to be modified are as follows: Kuna, Bruneau, Owyhee, Twin Falls, Malad, Big Lost, Little Lost Birch Creek, Big Desert, Ellis-Pahsimeroi, Challis, Mackay, Sun Valley, Bennett Hills, Timmerman, Magic, Emerald Empire and Chief Joseph (Bennett Hills, Challis and Owyhee are scheduled to be replaced by RMPs which are currently under development). Resource Management Plans (RMPs) to be modified are as follows: Cascade,

Jarbridge, Cassia, Medicine Lodge, Pocatello, Lemhi and Monument.

At this point, it uncertain what level of plan modification will be needed; plan maintenance or plan amendment.

This notice invites Public comment on the proposal to develop standards and guidelines and issues to be addressed and alternatives to be considered in the EIS or other NEPA analysis.

Issues preliminarily identified include: the effect that adoption of the standards will have on uses of public land, the effect that adoption of the proposed guidelines will have on grazing management and livestock operations, and riparian and aquatic ecosystems and the need for flexibility in standards and guidelines. Additional issues have been identified in the UCRB EIS. It is expected that the ecosystem management strategy being analyzed in the UCRB EIS will provide a broad framework within which Healthy Reangelands Standards and Guides will be developed.

The NEPA analysis will be conducted using an interdisciplinary team that includes persons trained in archaeology, economics, plant ecology, forestry, hydrology, soil science, range management, recreation and fish and wildlife management.

Three preliminary alternatives have been identified: the continuation of current management (no action alternative) as provided for in existing land use plans, application of the fall back standards and guidelines contained in the regulations, and the adoption of standards and guidelines developed locally and in consultation with Idaho BLM's three Resource Advisory Councils.

Dated: November 13, 1995.

J. David Brunner,

Deputy State Director for Resource Services.

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Intent to Prepare Forest Plan Amendments to the Deep Creek Management Framework Plan and the Pocatello Resource Management Plan, Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare Forest Plan Amendments to the Deep Creek Management Framework Plan and The Pocatello Resource Management Plan.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 43 CFR 1610.3-1 (d), notice is hereby given that the Idaho East Zone Forestry Program of the Bureau of Land Management intends to conduct an Environmental Assessment Record (EAR) to provide a systematic and analytical evaluation of the potential environmental impacts of proposed forest management practices in the Malad and Pocatello Resource Areas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ray Brainard, East Zone Forester, Bureau of Land Management, 1111 N. 8th St., Pocatello, Idaho 83201, (208) 236-6860.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Environmental Assessment Record (EAR) will provide proposals and alternatives regarding silvicultural practices in the Malad and Pocatello Resource Areas, i.e., reforestation/species selection, controlled fire, commercial and non-commercial thinning, calculation of allowable sale quantities, etc. The EAR will not preclude or eliminate detailed, site specific environmental assessments. All forest practice initiatives will continue to require a site specific EA in addition to compliance with the proposed EAR. Issues anticipated from the proposal include; increasing road densities, C-2 candidate species, wildlife habitat, etc. The following resources will be considered in preparing the EAR: wildlife, soils, hydrologic, cultural, and recreation. The times and schedules for public meetings and written comments will be announced in local news media and to individuals and groups through the postal service. Relevant documents will be available for public review at the BLM, Malad Resource Area Office, Malad City, Idaho and the Pocatello Resource Area Office, Pocatello, Idaho.

Dated: November 7, 1995.

W. Bernard Jansen,
Operations Manager.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Meeting

SUMMARY: The Lower Snake River District Resource Advisory Council will meet to review concepts of rangeland ecology and discuss processes for preparing statewide standards for rangeland health and guidelines for managing livestock grazing on public lands. A public comment period will be held at 1 p.m. on December 15.

DATES: December 14 and 15, 1995; beginning at 8:15 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the regional headquarters office of the Bureau of Reclamation, 1150 North Curtis Road, Boise, Idaho 83706.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barry Rose, Lower Snake River District Office, 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83705, (208) 384-3393.

Dated: November 6, 1995.

Jerry L. Kidd,
District Manager.

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Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council—Notice of Meeting Locations and Times

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Resource Advisory Council meeting locations and times.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C., the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), council meeting of the Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council will be held as indicated below. The agenda includes a field trip, approval of minutes of the previous meeting, continuation of council orientation, and determination of the subject matter for future meetings.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the council. Each formal council meeting will have a time allocated for hearing public comments. The public comment period for the council meeting is listed below. Depending of the number of persons wishing to comment, and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meetings, or need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Michael Dwyer at the Las Vegas District Office, 4765 Vegas Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89108, telephone, (702) 647-5000.

DATES, TIMES: Dates are December 7 and 8, 1995. A field trip will be held for the Resource Advisory Council members on December 7. The council members will depart from the Las Vegas District Office at 7:30 a.m. and return at approximately 5 p.m. The itinerary for the field trip will be made available prior to departure. Members of the public who

wish to accompany the council members must provide their own transportation and meals. On Friday, December 8, 1995, the council will meet at the Desert Research Institute located at 755 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, NV, at 8:30 a.m. The public comment period will begin at 3:30 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The purpose of the councils is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with the management of the public lands.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lorraine Buck, Public Affairs Specialist, Las Vegas District, telephone: (702) 647-5000.

Dated: November 6, 1995.

Michael F. Dwyer,
District Manager.

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Noxious, Weeds and Invasive Plant Problems; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice, meeting on noxious weeds and invasive plants.

SUMMARY: This notice is published in accordance with Section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (1988) and 41 CFR 101-6, 1015(a). The Department of the Interior hereby gives notice of a public meeting to be held from 8:15 a.m. on November 30 through 12:30 p.m. on December 1, 1995. The meeting will take place at the Sheraton Yankee Trader Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. The meeting is to discuss noxious weeds and invasive plant problems of the Eastern and Tropical United States.

Dated: November 13, 1995.

Bruce Babbit,
Secretary of the Interior.

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Notice of Realty Action: Lease/Conveyance for Recreation and Public Purposes

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Recreation and public purpose lease/conveyance.

SUMMARY: The following described public land in Henderson, Nevada, Clark County, Nevada has been examined and found suitable for lease/