

3. Increase recreation opportunity through access management and route designation.

4. Improve the vegetative communities in the canyon bottoms and on critical big game winter range.

5. Develop desired standards for other vegetative communities within the Initiative area.

6. Allow increased wildlife diversity.

7. Maintain a primitive development philosophy, particularly as it relates to recreation.

The CRMP/EA/RMPA will be prepared under 43 CFR part 1610 to meet the requirements of section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, and section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act. This revision is necessary to update and expand the decisions in the existing land use plan. Decisions generated during this planning process will supersede affected land use planning decisions presented in the 1985 Book Cliffs RMP that affect lands within the Initiative area.

Public participation is being actively sought at this time to ensure the EA addresses all issues, problems, and concerns from those interested in the management of the public lands within the Book Cliffs Initiative Area, including the acquired lands. The development of the CRMP/EA/RMPA is a public process and the public is invited and encouraged to assist in the identification of issues and the scope of the EA and planning amendment. Public meetings will be held to discuss planning issues. The date, time and location of these scoping meetings are: July 30, 1996, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the John Wesley Powell Museum at Green River, Utah; July 31, 1996, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Utah State University Extension Building, Room 207-B at Vernal, Utah; and August 1, 1996, 7:00 p.m. at the Department of Natural Resources Conference Room at 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. These meetings also will be announced in local newspapers and through other local media.

Formal public participation will be requested for review of the preliminary CRMP/EA/RMPA and final CRMP/EA/RMPA in 1997. Notice of availability of these documents will be published at the appropriate times.

The CRMP/EA/RMPA will be prepared by an interdisciplinary team which includes specialists in rangeland vegetation, riparian values, cultural resources, recreation, wildlife/fisheries habitats, realty, and special status animal and plant species. Other disciplines may be represented as necessary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Andrews, Assistant Field Office Manager for Renewable Resources, Vernal Office, 170 South, 500 East, Vernal, Utah 84078. Business hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, telephone (801) 789-1362 or 781-4470, fax (801) 781-4410.

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Pony Express Resource Area, UT; Resource Management Plan

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to amend a resource management plan.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA), to consider a proposed amendment to the Pony Express Resource Management Plan (RMP). The proposed amendment would consider alternatives for management of acquired lands in Tooele County.

DATES: The comment period for identification of issues for the proposed plan amendment will commence with the date of publication of this notice. Comments must be submitted on or before July 29, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Nelson, Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management, Salt Lake District, 2370 South 2300 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84119, telephone (801) 977-4355. Existing planning documents and information are available at the above address or telephone number. Comments on the proposed plan amendment should be sent to the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Salt Lake District, BLM, is proposing to amend the Pony Express RMP, to identify and analyze management prescriptions for lands in the Oquirrh Mountain Range that have been recently acquired by the BLM. An EA will be prepared to analyze the impacts of this proposal and alternatives. Public participation is being sought at this initial stage in the planning process to ensure the RMP amendment addresses all issues, problems and concerns from those interested in the management of lands within the Salt Lake District. Necessary amendments to the approved

plan will keep the document current and viable.

Roger Zortman,

Acting State Director.

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Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to request approval for the collections of information for 30 CFR part 800.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by August 23, 1996, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Dennis Rice, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave, NW, Room 120-SIB, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related forms, contact Dennis Rice, at (202) 208-2829.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8 (d)). This notice identifies information collections that OSM will be submitting to OMB for extension. This collection is contained in 30 CFR part 800, Bond and Insurance Requirements for Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations Under Regulatory Programs.

OSM has revised burden estimates, where appropriate, to reflect current reporting levels or adjustments based on reestimates of burden or respondents. OSM will request a 3-year term of approval for each information collection activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the