SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR 1501.7, 43 CFR 1610.5-5), notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will consider a proposed amendment to the Bishop Resource Area Management Plan.

The proposed plan amendment would evaluate the potential wilderness suitability of eight Section 202 Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) in the Bishop Resource Area. An environmental assessment would be prepared to identify the environmental consequences of this action and determine whether an Environmental Impact Statement is needed.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bishop Resource Area proposes to determine if eight Section 202 WSAs potentially qualify for wilderness designation based on the mandatory criteria of the Wilderness Act of 1964 (PL 88-577). The WSAs were designated in 1979. They qualified for WSA designation only when considered in combination with similar wilderness values of adjacent United States Forest Service wilderness study areas. The Forest Service referred to their study areas as “RARE II Further Planning Areas”.

Without the adjoining Forest Service lands, the Bureau’s Section 202 WSAs would not have met minimum size requirements and outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive recreation opportunities.

The proposed plan amendment would evaluate and identify issues related to wilderness value identification, including designation recommendations for the Section 202 WSAs.

DATES: Citizens are invited to submit or provide any information that may help the Bureau prepare this amendment and environmental assessment. Written comments must be submitted no later than August 12, 1996, to the following address: Ms. Genivieve D. Rasmussen, 785 N. Main Street, Ste. E, Bishop, CA 93514. Citizens submitting comments will automatically be included on a mailing list to receive a copy of the Proposed Plan and Environmental Assessment when available.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Genivieve D. Rasmussen, Area Manager, Bishop Resource Area. [FR Doc. 96-17704 Filed 7-11-96; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4310-40-P

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Filing of Plats of Survey; Oregon/ Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of the following described lands are scheduled to be officially filed in the Oregon State Office, Portland, Oregon, thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication.
Williamette Meridian

Oregon

T. 40 S., R. 12 E., accepted June 25, 1996
T. 40 S., R. 13 E., accepted June 25, 1996
T. 34 S., R. 5 W., accepted May 9, 1996
T. 21 S., R. 11 W., accepted May 23, 1996
T. 22 S., R. 12 W., accepted May 23, 1996
T. 39 S., R. 13 W., accepted May 24, 1996
T. 38 S., R. 14 W., accepted May 22, 1996
Washington

T. 6 N., R. 13 E., accepted June 25, 1996
T. 22 N., R. 11 W., accepted June 21, 1996

If protests against a survey, as shown on any of the above plat(s), are received prior to the date of official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest(s). A plat will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

The plat(s) will be placed in the open files of the Bureau of Land Management, 1515 S.W. 5th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97201, and will be available to the public as a matter of information only. Copies of the plat(s) may be obtained from the open office upon required payment. A person or party who wishes to protest a survey must file with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Portland, Oregon, a notice that they wish to protest prior to the proposed official filing date given above. A statement of reasons for a protest may be filed with the notice of protest to the State Director, or the statement of reasons must be filed with the State Director within thirty (30) days after the proposed official filing date.

The above-listed plats represent the segregation of the lands described for an addition to the Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, Nye County, Nevada. This notice closes the lands for up to 2 years from settlement, sale, location, and entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws.

DATES: Comments and requests for meeting should be received on or before October 10, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Nevada State Director, BLM, 850 Harvard Way, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis J. Samuelson, BLM Nevada State Office, 702-785-6507.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 24, 1996, a petition was approved allowing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to file an application to withdraw the following described public lands from publication.

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 17 S., R. 50 E.,
Sec. 9, lots 7 and 8;
Sec. 10, lot 12;
Sec. 15, lots 1 to 4, inclusive;
Sec. 17, E1/2 NE1/4;
Sec. 19, lot 14;
Sec. 21, lots 5 and 6;
Sec. 22, lots 1 to 5, inclusive, W1/2 SE1/4, and SE1/4 SE1/4;
Sec. 23, lots 3 and 4;
Sec. 26, 5½;
Sec. 27;
Sec. 28, E1/2 NE1/4;
Sec. 29, NE1/4 NW1/4;
Sec. 32, NE1/4 NE1/4, 5½ NE1/4, and N½ SE1/4;
Sec. 34, NE1/4;
Sec. 35, E1/2 NE1/4, W1/2 NE1/4, N½ NW1/4, SW1/2 NW1/4, W1/2 SW1/4, E1/2 SE1/4, and NW1/4 SE1/4;
Sec. 36, W1/2 and SE1/4 SE1/4.

T. 17 S., R. 51 E.,
Sec. 31, lot 4, SE1/4 SW1/4, and SW1/4 SE1/4;
Sec. 32, 5½ NW1/4.

T. 18 S., R. 50 E.,
Sec. 1, lots 1 to 4, inclusive;
Sec. 2, lots 1 and 2, 5½ NE1/4, and SE1/4;
Sec. 3, SW1/2 SW1/4;
Sec. 9, W1/2 NW1/4;
Sec. 10, E1/2;
Sec. 11, N½ NW1/4 and W1/2 SW1/4;
Sec. 12, W1/2 NE1/4 and NW1/4;
Sec. 13, SW1/2 NE1/4, SE1/2 SW1/4, NW1/2 SE1/4, E1/2 W1/2 SW1/4 SE1/4, and E1/2 SW1/4 SE1/4;
Sec. 14, NE1/4, NW1/4 SE1/4, and SE1/4 SE1/4;
Sec. 15, E1/2 and E1/2 SW1/4;
Sec. 23;
Sec. 24, E1/2 NE1/4, NW1/4 NE1/4, W1/2 SW1/4, and N½ NW1/4;
Sec. 25, 5½ N1/2 and NW1/4 NW1/4;
Sec. 26, NE1/4.

T. 18 S., R. 51 E.,
Sec. 5, lot 1;
Sec. 6, lots 2 to 6, inclusive, SW1/2 NE1/4, SE1/2 NW1/4, NE1/2 SW1/4, and SE1/4;