

**Land Management Bureau**

[OR-110-6310-04; GP9-156]

**Oregon; Public Lands Closure**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Medford District, Ashland Resource Area.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The notice published on page 4788 in the issue of Thursday, February 8, 1996, closing to all public use the Keno Access Road and the Howard Prairie Hook Up Road in Jackson County, Oregon is hereby rescinded.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dave Jones, District Manager, Medford District Office, at (541) 770-2200.

Dated: August 1, 1996.

David A. Jones,  
District Manager.

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**Bureau of Land Management**

[ID-015-06-1610-00]

**Owyhee Resource Area, ID; Resource Management Plan, etc.**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of Draft Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS); and Proposed Area of Environmental Concern (ACEC) Designations.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management and section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) and associated draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Owyhee Resource Area. The draft RMP/EIS addresses alternatives for management on 1.3 million acres of BLM administered public lands in southwest Idaho. Consideration of 19 areas for Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) designation, including one area located partially in Oregon, is addressed in the draft document. This notice, therefore, is also issued pursuant to 43 CFR Part 1610.7-2(b) of the BLM Planning Regulations. The draft document also addresses suitability of wild, scenic and recreational designations on 223 miles of stream segments determined to be eligible for such designations under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Members of the public, other Federal agencies, State and

local governments, and Indian Tribes are invited to review and comment on the draft document. Written comments received during the comment period will be considered in preparation of the Proposed RMP and Final EIS. Public information meetings will be announced at a later date.

**DATES:** The 90-day comment period provided for in 43 CFR Part 1600 (BLM Planning Regulations) will remain open until November 15, 1996. Written comments may be submitted at any time during the comment period to the Boise Field Office.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to: Owyhee Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Boise Field Office, 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, ID 83705. Copies of the draft RMP/EIS are available at this address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jay Carlson, Area Manager; or Fred Minckler, Team Leader at the address above. Telephone (208) 384-3300.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Owyhee draft RMP/EIS describes and analyzes four alternatives for managing 1,319,651 acres of BLM administered public lands in western Owyhee County, Idaho. The Owyhee Resource Area encompasses 1,779,405 acres including State and private lands. The land use planning effort addresses a broad spectrum of land uses and allocations including wild horse management, land tenure adjustments, off-highway motorized vehicle (OHMV) designations, wild, scenic and recreational river designations, and areas of critical environmental concern (ACECs). Nineteen areas ranging in size from 113 acres to 148,360 acres and totaling 291,868 acres are being considered for ACEC designation. Two of the areas are currently designated as ACECs. One of the areas under consideration totaling 2,393 acres contains 775 acres in Oregon. Designation of this area in Oregon as an ACEC requires amending the Northern Malheur Management Framework Plan, the land use plan prepared by the BLM Vale District in Oregon. Documentation for amending that plan is incorporated into the Owyhee RMP/EIS. Resource use limitations vary among alternatives for each area and pertain to OHMV designations, rights-of-way, livestock management, juniper control, fire management and minerals activities.

Dated: August 6, 1996.

David Vail,  
Acting District Manager.

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**INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGENCY****Agency for International Development****Housing Guaranty Program; Notice of Investment Opportunity**

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has authorized the guaranty of a loan to the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco ("Borrower"), as part of USAID's development assistance program. The proceeds of this loan will be used to enhance the land development for shelter projects for the benefit of low-income families in Morocco. At this time, the Borrower has authorized USAID to request proposals from eligible lenders for a loan under this program of \$15 Million U.S. Dollars (US\$15,000,000). The name and address of the Borrower's representatives to be contacted by interested U.S. lenders or investment bankers, and the amount of the loan and project number are indicated below:

Kingdom of Morocco

Project No.: 608-HG-004.

Housing Guaranty Loan No.: 608-HG-006 A01.

Amount: \$15,000,000.

Attention: Mr. Larbi Nouha, Adjoint au Directeur du Tresor et des Finances Exterieures, Ministere des Finances et des Investissements Exterieurs.

Mailing address: Direction du Tresor et des Finances Exterieures, Ministere des Finances et des Investissements Exterieurs Boulevard Mohamed V, Rabat, Morocco.

Telex No.: 36.147.

Telefax No.: 212-7-764-950 (preferred communication).

Telephone No.: 212-7-762-608.

Interested lenders should contact the Borrower as soon as possible and indicate their interest in providing financing for the Housing Guaranty Program. Interested lenders should submit their bids to the Borrower's representative by Tuesday, August 27, 1996, 12:00 noon Eastern Daylight Savings Time. Bids should be open for a period of 48 hours from the bid closing date. Copies of all bids should be simultaneously sent to the following:

Mr. Tahar Berrada, Housing and Urban Development Office, RHO USAID/Rabat, Morocco c/o American Embassy, PSC 74, Box 022, APO AE 09718 (Street address: USAID/Rabat, 137 Avenue Allal Ben Abdallah, B.P. 120, Rabat, Morocco).

Telex No.: 31005M.

Telefax No.: 212-7-707-930 (preferred communication).