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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brad Brown, Acting Big Dry Area Manager, Miles City District Office, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, MT 59301, 406-232-4333.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Record of Decision approves the decisions made in the Calypso Trail Supplement to the Big Dry Resource Management Plan. The Supplement was issued in June of 1996. Three letters protesting the plan were received by the Director. The protests did not result in any changes to the plan.

Dated: May 28, 1997.

**Janet L. Edmonds,**

*Acting District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[UT-040-1020]

#### Notice of Availability; Utah

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management, Richfield District, has completed an Environmental Analysis (EA) Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) of the Proposed Plan Amendments to the Henry Mountain, Parker Mountain, and Mountain Valley Management Framework Plans. The Proposed Amendments involve the addition of five new land tenure adjustment criteria.

**DATES:** The protest period for these Proposed Plan Amendments will commence with the date of publication of this notice and last for 30 days. Protests must be received on or before July 7, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Protests must be addressed to the Director (WO-210), Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Brenda Williams, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240 within 30 days after the date of publication of this Notice of Availability.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rod Lee, Resource Advisor, Richfield District, at 150 East 900 North, Richfield, Utah 84701, (801) 896-1524. Copies of the proposed Plan Amendments are available for review at the Richfield District Office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This action is announced pursuant to Section 202(a) of the Federal Land Management Act (1976) and 43 CFR part 1610. These Proposed Amendments are subject to protests by any party who has

participated in the planning process. Protests must be specific and contain the following information:

- The name, mailing address, phone number, and interest of the person filing the protest.
- A statement of the issue(s) being protested.
- A statement of the part(s) of the proposed amendment being protested and citing pages, paragraphs, maps etc., of the Proposed Plan Amendment.
- A copy of all documents addressing the issue(s) submitted by the protestor during the planning process or a reference to the date when the protestor discussed the issue(s) for the record.
- A concise statement as to why the protestor believes the BLM State Director is incorrect.

Dated: May 30, 1997.

**G. William Lamb,**

*State Director, Utah.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[UT-080-100-1150-00]

#### Notice of Intent To Amend the Book Cliffs Resource Management Plan and Prepare an Associated Environmental Assessment (EA); Utah

**SUMMARY:** This notice is to advise the public that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to amend the Book Cliffs Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the re-introduction of black-footed ferrets into the Book Cliffs Resource Area (BCRA). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is proposing to reintroduce black-footed ferrets as a non-essential experimental population, into the Book Cliffs Resource Area. The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR), in conjunction with affected stakeholders, has prepared a reintroduction and management plan to determine what measures would be necessary for the reintroduction and what impacts and mitigation may result. As a part of the amendment process, the BLM will determine if the management plan will result in a change in the scope of the resource uses or a change in the terms, conditions, or decisions of the Book Cliffs RMP. The BLM is seeking public input on this RMP amendment.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** The public scoping period is initiated with publication of this notice of intent and ends June 27,

1997. Scoping meetings will be held on Monday, June 9, 1997, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., in the auditorium of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Building, 1594 West North Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Tuesday, June 10, 1997, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., in Room 2 of the Western Park Conference Center, 300 East 200 South, Vernal, Utah. The purpose of the meetings are to (1) identify issues and concerns regarding potential reintroduction of black-footed ferrets into Uintah and Duchesne Counties and (2) to provide the general public an opportunity to participate in the amendment process. Representatives from the UDWR, BLM, and the Service will be available to answer questions about the project and amendment. Written comments on the scope of the amendment must be postmarked by June 27, 1997.

The EA for the amendment is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 1997, and made available for public review and comment. Notice of availability of the EA will be published in local newspapers and parties who have requested to be on the mailing list for this amendment will be notified by mail.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bill Stroh, Wildlife Biologist, Bureau of Land Management, 170 South 500 East, Vernal, Utah, 84078, or telephone (801) 781-4481. Existing planning documents and information are available for review at the above address.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BCRA comprises 1,455,880 acres in the northeastern corner of Utah. It is roughly triangular in shape, bounded by the Utah-Colorado state line on the east, the Book Cliffs Divide to the south, and the Green River to the north and west.

Administratively, the BCRA includes public lands and mineral resources that are within portions of Uintah and Grand Counties, Utah. Of the total area, 73% or 1,062,669 acres, are public lands administered by the BLM.

Of the remaining acreage, 15% is administered by the State of Utah, 8.5% is private, and 3.5% is public lands which are either within naval oil shale or federal power site reserves.

The primary area proposed for black-footed ferret reintroduction is located within Coyote Basin in east central Uintah County. The general issues which will be addressed by the planning amendment include: access to public lands, economic and social conditions, recreation uses, sensitive species, rangeland uses, mineral exploration and development, and public rights-of-way as they relate to