

Indians of Shoalwater Bay from the Chinook Indian descendants along the Columbia River. During the early-20th century, some non-Indians identified an Indian village at Bay Center, but concentrations of Chinook descendants at Ilwaco and Dahlia were not identified as Indian entities, or as parts of a single Indian entity in conjunction with the Bay Center Indian community. From the 1930's to the 1950's, anthropologists recognized that some Chinook descendants were still living, but agreed that they had lost their traditional culture and tribal organization. Since 1951, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, local governments, and local newspapers have noted the existence of three different organizations of Chinook descendants, but have not credited them with continuity with each other. Because external sources have not continuously identified the petitioner from 1855 to the present on a substantially continuous basis, the petitioner does not meet criterion (a).

Dated: August 11, 1997.

Ada E. Deer,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-962-1430-00-CCAM]

Notice of Availability for the Cooke City Area Mineral Withdrawal Record of Decision; Montana

AGENCY: Forest Service, Agriculture; Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Record of Decision (ROD) on the final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Cooke City Area Mineral Withdrawal is available. The ROD documents the selection of the Preferred Alternative, the mineral withdrawal of approximately 22,065 acres of Federal land, and provides background information and rationale for the decision. The ROD also documents the decision to amend the Custer and Gallatin Forest Plans to reflect the intent of the mineral withdrawal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Thompson, BLM Co-Lead, or Larry Timchak, FS Co-Lead, CCAM, BLM Montana State Office, PO Box 36800,

Billings, Montana 59107-6800, 406-255-0322.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Final EIS for the Cooke City Area Mineral Withdrawal was released and made available for a 30-day public availability period on July 11, 1997. The final EIS documents the effects of withdrawing from federal mineral location and entry 22,065 acres of federal mineral estate near Cooke City, Montana. The mineral withdrawal would also apply to hardrock minerals acquired by the United States and managed as leasable minerals. The mineral withdrawal would be subject to review after 20 years. Forest plans for the Custer and Gallatin National Forests would be amended to reflect the intent of the mineral withdrawal. Unpatented mining claims with valid existing rights and private lands would not be affected. The decisions are not subject to administrative appeal or protest under Forest Service and BLM regulations.

Dated: August 12, 1997.

James R. Lyons,

Under Secretary Natural Resources and Environment.

Bob Armstrong,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Lands and Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Lewistown District Resource Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Lewistown District Office.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lewistown District Resource Advisory Council will meet September 10 and 11, 1997, at the Cotton Wood Inn, on Highway 2 East, in Glasgow, Montana.

The September 10 portion of the session will begin at 7 a.m. with a tour of the Bitter Creek Wilderness Study Area in the morning and the Missouri/Lonetree Watershed in the afternoon. The council should return to Glasgow around 5 p.m.

The September 11 portion will begin at 8 a.m. at the Cotton Wood Inn in Glasgow. The meeting will begin with a review of old business including the Lonesome Lake project, the Lewistown District's project list, proposed council charter revisions, moisture conditions throughout the district, and comments

concerning grazing standards and guidelines.

The District Manager will also discuss the recent appointment of Mr. Pat Shea as Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

New council members will be introduced and if necessary, the group will address the election of officers and other matters of organization.

The group will hear/consider presentations concerning the Eye of the Needle, flooding earlier on the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River, the status of the Devil's Kitchen plan amendment, current status of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's Two Crow acquisition, proposed range improvements in the district, the need for a revised council mission statement, the status of prairie dogs in the Phillips Resource Area, the Judith-Valley-Phillips oil and gas amendment, and off-road-vehicle regulation implementation.

There will be a public comment period at 11:30 a.m. during the September 11 meeting.

DATES: September 10 and 11, 1997.

LOCATION: Glasgow, MT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: District Manager, Lewistown District Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1160, Airport Road, Lewistown, MT 59457.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public and there will be a public comment period as detailed above.

Dated: August 11, 1997.

David L. Mari,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability for Proposed Plan Amendment to the Pony Express Resource Management Plan in the Salt Lake District, UT

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management completed a Proposed Plan Amendment/EA/FONSI for the Pony Express Resource Management Plan (RMP) August 11, 1997. The proposed plan amendment specifically addresses the management of resources and land uses in the North Oquirrh Mountains on a total of 14,254 acres of public land, of which 8,291 acres have been acquired