

established and authorized in 1995 by the Secretary of the Interior to provide advice and recommendations to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Forest Service on management of public lands.

The Council, which was established in August, 1995, is made up of 15 members. This notice requests nominations to fill the vacant academician and commercial timber positions for the balance of their terms which expire in August of 1998.

The Council, which covers eastern Washington, has worked closely with the BLM on the development of standards for rangeland health and guidelines for grazing management, and in providing comments on the draft environmental impact statements for the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project.

This council is authorized under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), which directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of lands administered by BLM. Section 309 of FLPMA directs the Secretary to select 10 to 15 member citizen-based advisory councils that are established and authorized consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). As required by the FACA, Resource Advisory Council membership must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of public lands. These include three categories:

Category One: Holders of federal grazing permits, representatives of energy and mining development, timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-road vehicle use and developed recreation.

Category Two: Representatives of environmental and resource conservation organizations, dispersed recreation, archeological and historic interests, and wild horse and burro groups.

Category Three: Representatives of State and local government, Native American Tribes, academicians involved in natural sciences, employees of State agencies responsible for the management of natural resources, land, or water, and the public at large.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees must be residents of the State of Washington. The Eastern Washington Council covers eastern Washington (with the exception of the area south of the Snake River drainages).

Nominees for the academician position will be evaluated based on their experience as an academician in a natural resource related field and their

knowledge of the geographic area covered by the Council. Nominees for the commercial timber position will be evaluated based on their experience working in the commercial timber industry and their knowledge of the geographic area covered by the Council. Nominees must also have demonstrated a commitment to collaborative resource decision making. All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from represented interests or organizations, a completed background information nomination form, as well as any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications. The BLM Oregon/Washington State Director, the Forest Service Regional Forester, and the Washington Governor's Office will forward the nominations to the Secretary of the Interior, who will make the appointment to the Council.

This nomination period will also be announced through press releases issued by the BLM Oregon/Washington State Office. Nominations for Resource Advisory Councils should be sent to: Elaine Zielinski, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon/Washington State Director, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, OR, 97208-2965.

DATES: All nominations must be received by the BLM Oregon/Washington State Office on or before September 25, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Lincoln Wojtanik, OR 912, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon/Washington State Office, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon, 97208-2965; or call 503-952-6437.

Dated August 19, 1997.

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District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Oregon: Wild Horse Gathering Schedule Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), DOI.

ACTION: Burns District Office: Statewide wild horse gathering schedule public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Pub. L. 92-195, this notice sets forth the public meeting date to discuss the use of helicopters in gathering wild horses and the proposed gathering schedule in Oregon for FY97.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 15, 1997—2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the BLM Burns District Office in Hines, Oregon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael T. Green, District Manager, Burns District, Bureau of Land Management, HC 74-12533 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738, Telephone (503) 573-4400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The use of helicopters to gather wild horses throughout southeastern Oregon in FY97 will be discussed along with other aspects of the program and adoption process. Information concerning the gathering of several Oregon wild horse herds will be presented at the meeting. The total number of horses expected to be gathered will be between 300 and 600 depending on the availability of funds and the capability of the Burns District to process and adopt out the horses gathered.

This meeting is open to the public. Persons interested in making an oral statement at this meeting are asked to notify the District Manager, Burns District Office, HC 74-12533 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738 by September 8, 1997. Written statements must be received by this date.

Summary minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection and duplication within 30 days following the meeting.

Dated: August 8, 1997.

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Realty Action; Noncompetitive Lease of Public Land; Lane County, Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action—noncompetitive lease of public land in Lane County, Oregon.

SUMMARY: The following described parcel of public land is being considered for lease under Section 302 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1732), at no less than the appraised fair market value:

Willamette Meridian, Oregon

T. 18 S., R. 12 W.