

Umpqua River; thence along said center of the South Umpqua River North 67°55'10" West 470.14 feet to a point; thence continuing along said center of the South Umpqua River north 76°26'00" West 108.67 feet to a point; thence leaving said center of the South Umpqua River and running South 4°50'21" West 621.98 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod; thence North 89°28'50" West 513.13 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod located on the easterly right-of-way of County Road Number 35; thence along said easterly right-of-way South 0°42'17" West 160.66 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 17.46 acres, more or less.

Title to the land described above is conveyed subject to any valid existing easements for public roads and highways, for public utilities and for railroads and pipelines and any other rights-of-way or reservations of record.

Dated: December 19, 1997.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-260-1030-2-24 1A]

Request for Emergency Clearance of an Information Collection Relating to Wild Horses and Burros

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces that we have requested emergency approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) by January 30, 1998, to collect information relating to certain wild horses and burros. The BLM needs this information to issue title to adopters of wild horses and burros since 1992 who have not yet received title to the animals. We do not anticipate that collecting this information will extend beyond the 180-day maximum permitted by statute.

DATES: Comments on the request for emergency clearance should be sent as soon as possible. Comments on the proposed collection must be received by January 30, 1998, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Mail comments on the request for emergency clearance directly to the Office of Management and

Budget, Interior Department Desk Officer (1004-NEW), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20503. Please send a copy of your comments to the Bureau of Land Management Information Clearance Officer (WO-630), 1849 C St., N.W., Mail Stop 401 LS, Washington, D.C. 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carole Smith, (202) 452-0367, from whom a copy of the proposed emergency collection is available.

NATURE OF COMMENTS: We specifically request your comments on the proposed collection in relation to the following:

- (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for BLM's proper functioning, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- (2) The accuracy of BLM's estimate of the burden of collecting the information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) The quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) How to minimize the burden of collecting the information on those who are to respond, including using the appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Wild, Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act of December 15, 1971, as amended, places these animals under BLM's management and protection. BLM must manage these animals so as to achieve and maintain a thriving, natural ecological balance on the public lands. Maintaining the balance requires removing excess animals from the range and offering healthy animals for adoption. These animals go to individuals who are qualified to provide humane care and proper treatment. If these individuals demonstrate proper treatment and care for 1 year, BLM may grant title to not more than four animals per year to these individuals.

The regulations at 43 CFR 4750.5 require BLM to issue titles after 1 year to adopters who have held the animals for a year and have complied with all applicable requirements. Since 1992, about 2,500 individuals have adopted about 4,000 horses but do not have title to them. Untitled animals are Federal property and subject to BLM's jurisdiction and oversight. This information collection would assist these adopters in getting title to the animals.

The collection would be conducted as follows: BLM would send registered letters to the approximately 2,500 adopters at their addresses of record

during the first week of February 1998. Respondents would be asked to verify preprinted information about each horse or burro as accurate or to correct it and would give information about what happened to the horse or burro and where it is currently located. Those individuals who still have their horses would be asked to title them by submitting an application for title. The application requests information about the animal(s) and the adopter's name and address and also requires a certified statement from a veterinarian or other animal professional that the animal or animals were properly cared for and in good health. We expect a 30% to 35% response rate to this mailing. Individuals who did not respond but for whom letters were not returned by the Postal Service would receive a second letter, sent by regular mail.

The time for reading the letter and preprinted information, verifying and supplying data and getting a certification as to the health of the animal or animals is estimated at 1 hour, 15 minutes per response. This time includes 45 minutes for the adopter to fill in the required information and 30 minutes for the veterinarian or other applicable individual to search his or her records and certify that the animals were humanely treated and cared for.

The BLM needs this information in advance of the time frames required by a regular information collection in order to meet its data needs and to comply with a settlement in *Fund for the Animals and Animal Protection League, Inc. v. Shea*. The terms of the settlement agreement in this lawsuit require BLM to get OMB approval for two forms relating to maintenance and care and titling of wild horses and burros. The titling effort associated with this collection will assist in meeting the terms and intent of the settlement agreement.

Dated: January 9, 1998.

Carole Smith,

Bureau of Land Management Information Collection Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-930-08-1310-00]

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Utah.

ACTION: Notice of Adoption/Notice of Availability of Record of Decision.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise the public that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) plans to adopt the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) addressing oil and gas leasing for lands within Duchesne and Wasatch Counties, Utah, upon the Ashley and Uinta National Forests and of the availability of the BLM's Record of Decision (ROD).

DATES: The public has 30 days from the date of this notice to appeal this decision in accordance with the instructions provided in this Notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) addressing oil and gas leasing for lands within Duchesne and Wasatch Counties upon the Ashley and Uinta National Forests has been prepared by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and BLM. National and local agreements between the two agencies identified the USFS as the lead agency for preparing the analysis with BLM participating as a cooperating agency as described in 40 CFR 1501.6.

The FEIS addresses the potential impacts of leasing on lands within the Ashley and Uinta National Forests and identifies which areas are available for leasing and any stipulations that will be attached to leases. The two Forest Service Plans have been amended to be consistent with the decisions reached in the ROD. The Mineral Leasing Act on 1920, as amended, provides the Secretary of the Interior the authority to issue oil and gas leases on lands where the oil and gas rights are held by the Federal Government. This authority has been delegated to the BLM. The Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Reform Act of 1987 requires BLM to obtain the consent of the Secretary of Agriculture before issuing oil and gas leases on National Forest System lands. Authority to consent has been delegated to Forest Supervisors.

In accordance with 40 CFR 1506.3(c), BLM is adopting the FEIS for the purpose of issuing oil and gas leases within Duchesne and Wasatch Counties of the Ashley and Uinta National Forests. BLM actively participated in the preparation of the Draft and Final EIS's and independently reviewed each document. Department of the Interior, as well as public comments and concerns, have been satisfactorily addressed in the FEIS. The FEIS complies with NEPA and meets the requirements of the regulations for implementing the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 CFR part 1600). BLM's preferred alternative is Alternative 3 as

described in the FEIS (the USFS preferred alternative).

Copies of the FEIS are available from the Ashley National Forest, 355 North Vernal Avenue, Vernal, Utah, 84078, and Uinta National Forest, 100 West 88 North, Provo, Utah, 84601. Public reading copies are available at the following BLM locations: Utah State Office, 324 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, and Vernal District Office, 170 South 500 East, Vernal, Utah, 84078.

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations in 43 CFR part 4. The Appellant has the burden of showing the decision appealed from is in error. If you wish to file a petition for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for stay must accompany your notice of appeal. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Fouts, Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84145-0155, phone number 801-539-4044 or Jerry Kenczka, Bureau of Land Management, Vernal District Office, 170 South 500 East, Vernal, Utah, 84078, phone number 435-781-4494.

Dated: January 8, 1998.

G. William Lamb,
State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-910-08-1020-00]

New Mexico Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of council meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix 1, The Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), announces a meeting of the New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC). The meeting will be held on February 20, 1998 at the Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Office, 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The agenda for the RAC meeting will include a video conference in the morning with the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the Bureau of Land Management on Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing and RAC success stories. (Other RACs in other States will also be included in the video conference). Additional agenda item in the afternoon include a briefing on (1) Implementation of the Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing, (2) the Southwest Strategy and (3) the Automated Lands Minerals Records System (ALMRS).

The meeting will begin on February 20, 1998 at 8:30 a.m. The meeting is open to the public. The time for the public to address the RAC is on the Friday, February 20, 1998, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The RAC may reduce or extend the end time of 4:00 p.m. depending on the number of people wishing to address the RAC. The length of time available for each person to address the RAC will be established at the start of the public comment period and will depend on how many people there are that wish to address the RAC. At the completion of the public comments the RAC may continue discussion on its Agenda items. The meeting on February 20, 1998, will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The end time of 4:00 p.m. for the meeting may be changed depending on the work remaining for the RAC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bob Armstrong, New Mexico State Office, Planning and Policy Team, Bureau of Land Management, 1474 Rodeo Road, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115, telephone (505) 438-7436.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Resource Advisory Council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with the management of public lands. The Council's responsibilities include providing advice on long-range planning, establishing resource management priorities and assisting the BLM to identify State and regional standards for rangeland health and guidelines for grazing management.

Dated: January 9, 1998

Richard A. Whitley,

Deputy State Director.

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