

The following persons are exempted from the closure: Any person who is in possession of a valid Paleontological Collecting Permit issued by BLM for the subject area, or who is acting as an authorized agent of an institution holding such a permit.

DATES: This order is in effect and will remain in effect until amended or canceled.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deane Swickard, Manager, Folsom Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 63 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630; (916) 985-4474.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This order is necessary for protection of uncommon plant macrofossils having significant scientific value, a local resource that has been seriously depleted by unregulated collecting.

Authority for Closure orders is provided under 43 CFR 8364.1. Any person who fails to comply with this closure or restriction order shall be subject to the penalties provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7. Violations of this closure or restriction order are punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months. Any petrified wood collected in violation of this order, shall be subject to seizure, forfeiture and disposal.

Dated: January 8, 1998.

D. K. Swickard,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-060-08-1610-00]

Notice of Intent to Initiate Plan Amendments and Associated Environmental Assessment for the Grand Resource Management Plan (RMP) and the San Juan RMP

SUMMARY: Since the completion of the Grand and San Juan RMPs in southeastern Utah, changes in the scope of land uses, public expectations, and new data has resulted in the need to re-examine certain current decisions in the RMP that may no longer provide for appropriate resource use or protection in the Lockhart Basin area.

ADDRESSES: Moab Field Office, 82 East Dogwood, Moab, Utah 84532.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Since the completion of the Grand RMP in 1985 and the San Juan RMP in 1991, extensive changes have occurred in the Lockhart Basin. Increased public

awareness, sensitivity and expectations regarding resource use and protection has been evolving. The scope of activities and interest in certain types of resource use, such as recreation uses, and oil and gas industry interest including exploration and possible production has exceeded considerations and projections that were made in the associated Environmental Impact Statements of the above mentioned RMPs. Therefore, in accordance with 43 CFR 1610.5-5-Amendments, the field offices would like to request public involvement in the possible amendment of the subject RMPs. Currently, three preliminary issues have been identified that are proposed to be addressed during the plan(s) amendment process.

Issue One is the need to review current oil and gas categories to determine if changes are necessary to protect sensitive resources. Issue Two includes the need to determine if current management decisions can continue to provide necessary protection to important wildlife populations also located in the Lockhart Basin. Issue Three includes the need to review current management decisions regarding the protection of sensitive visual resources in light of the increased potential land uses also in the Lockhart Basin Area.

No additional planning criteria beyond those previously stated in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the above RMPs are planned at this time.

A complete inter-disciplinary team will be utilized for the completion of the proposed amendments and associated environmental assessment.

The Field Offices would like to take this opportunity to invite the public to comment on the above preliminary issues or any others that may need to be addressed for the Lockhart Basin Area. Public comments should be submitted by February 19, 1998 in order that they may be appropriately considered in the plan amendment process. All comments or concerns should be sent to Daryl Trotter, Environmental Protection Specialist at the address listed below.

Additional opportunities to facilitate public input will be offered by holding open public meetings at the following locations:

Moab Field Office; Moab, Utah on February 4, 1998 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and;
Monticello Field Office, Monticello, Utah on February 5, 1998 to 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daryl Trotter, Environmental Protection Specialist for the Moab Field Office, 82

East Dogwood, Moab, Utah 84532 at the following telephone number: (435) 259-61111 or fax (435) 259-2100.

Dated: January 13, 1998.

G. William Lamb,
Utah State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-350-1020-00]

Notice of Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Northeast California Resource Advisory Council, Susanville, California.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committees Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (Public Law 94-579), the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Northeast California Resource Advisory Council will meet Friday, Feb. 20, beginning at 8 a.m. at the Bureau of Land Management's Eagle Lake Field Office, 2950 Riverside Dr., Susanville, CA.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Beginning at 8:30 a.m., members will participate in an interactive teleconference with officials from the Department of the Interior and the BLM. Members will then discuss projects upcoming for the BLM's Eagle Lake, Alturas and Surprise field offices and determine advisory council involvement. Public comments will be taken at 1 p.m.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Contact Jeff Fontana, public affairs officer, at (530) 257-5381.

John Bosworth,
Acting Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-020-1220-00]

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Montana, Miles City District, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Miles City District Resource Advisory Council will have a meeting Wednesday, February 11, 1998