

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

at 9:00 a.m. in the Western Heritage Center located at 2822 Montana Avenue in Billings, Montana. The meeting is called primarily to discuss access to public lands. Updates to several other on-going BLM projects will be given. The meeting is expected to last until 4:00 p.m.

The meeting is open to the public and the public comment period is set for 1:00 p.m. The public may make oral statements before the Council or file written statements for the Council to consider. Depending on the number of persons wishing to make an oral statement, a per person time limit may be established. Summary minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marilyn Krause, Public Affairs Specialist, Miles City District, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana 59301, telephone (406) 233-2831.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management. The 15 member Council includes individuals who have expertise, education, training or practical experience in the planning and management of public lands and their resources and who have a knowledge of the geographical jurisdiction of the Council.

Dated: January 6, 1998

Timothy M. Murphy,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-960-1990-00]

Resource Advisory Council Meeting, Butte, MT

AGENCY: Butte District Office, Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of Butte District Resource Advisory Council Meeting, Butte, Montana.

SUMMARY: The Council will convene at 8:30 a.m., Friday, February 20, 1998. The meeting will be held in conjunction with an interactive video teleconference concerning RAC operations and which will be led by Secretary Babbitt and Director Shea. All Resource Advisory Councils will be included in the teleconference.

The teleconference and meeting will be held at the Butte District Office, 106 N. Parkmont, Butte, Montana. The teleconference will begin at 9:00 a.m. and last until 12:00 noon MST. The RAC meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

The only issue that will be discussed at the meeting is the Whitetail/Pipestone Off Road Vehicle alternatives.

The meeting is open to the public and written comments may be given to the Council. Oral comments may be presented to the Council at 3 p.m. The time allotted for oral comment may be limited, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard.

Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meeting, or need special assistance, such as sign language or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the Butte District, 106 North Parkmont (P.O. Box 3388), Butte, Montana 59702-3388, telephone 406-494-5059.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Owings at the above address or telephone number.

Dated: January 9, 1998.

James R. Owings,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-018-1430-00; CACA 38224]

Notice of Realty Action, Direct Sale of Public Land, El Dorado County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The following described public land (surface and mineral) is being considered for direct sale pursuant to Sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1713 and 1719):

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 8 N., R. 9 E.,
Sec. 24, lot 12;
Sec. 25, lot 13.

The area described contains .65 acres in El Dorado County.

The above described parcel of land would be sold to Mr. Gene Harm, an adjacent landowner, by direct sale, at fair market value. The disposal of this land will resolve an inadvertent trespass.

The parcel would be transferred subject to a reservation to the United

States for a right-of-way for ditches and canals. The conveyance would also be made subject to section 24 of the Federal Power Act of June 20, 1920, as amended (16 U.S.C. 791a). All necessary clearances including clearances for archeology and for rare plants and animals would be completed prior to any conveyance of title by the United States.

The land described is hereby segregated from settlement under the public land laws including location and entry under the mining laws, pending disposition of this action, or 270 days from the date of publication of this notice, whichever occurs first.

ADDRESS: Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Folsom Field Office, 63 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630.

DATES: On or before March 6, 1998, interested persons may submit comments to the Field Manager, Folsom Field Office at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Beck, Realty Specialist, at the above address or by phone at (916) 985-4474.

Dated: January 8, 1998.

D.K. Swickard,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-067-1110-00]

Prohibition Against Target Shooting; El Centro Resource Area, CDD, CA

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Prohibition against target shooting to conserve raptor habitat inside of the Table Mountain Area of Environmental Concern.

SUMMARY: This notice affects public lands under administration of El Centro Resource Area, CDD. The area includes public lands in the San Bernardino Meridian.

San Bernardino Meridian, San Diego County, California

T. 17S., R. 8E., sec. 26, W¹/₂, sec. 27, E¹/₂

The above listed lands located within the Table Mountain Area of Environmental Concern (ACEC) are hereby closed to shooting, except for legitimate hunting. These shooting regulations do not prohibit legitimate hunting activities and therefore do not