

Alternatives 2 and 3 address wetlands issues that occur primarily on lands in private ownership. Environmental effects to these lands will be addressed in the section 404, Clean Water Act permit issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and as part of the cumulative impact analysis in the EIS.

The EIS will describe the physical attributes of the area to be affected by this proposal, with special attention to the environmental factors that could be adversely affected.

The EIS will analyze the environmental effects of each alternative. The direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of each alternative will be analyzed and documented. In addition, potential mitigation measures for each alternative will be identified and the effectiveness of these mitigation measures will be disclosed.

The BLM and FS are seeking information and written comments from Federal, State and local agencies as well as individuals and organizations who may be interested in, or affected by, the proposed action. To assist the BLM and FS in identifying and considering issues and concerns related to the proposed action, comments for scoping, and later for the draft EIS, should be as specific as possible. Referring to specific pages or chapters of the draft EIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement is most helpful.

The estimated date for the completion of the draft EIS is January 1999. The comment period for the draft EIS will be 45 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**.

The final EIS is expected to be released in July, 1999.

The BLM Pocatello Resource Area Manager, who is the responsible official for the EIS, will then make a decision regarding this proposal for Federal lands on-lease, considering: FS recommendations; scoping comments; responses; anticipated environmental consequences discussed in the final EIS; and applicable laws, regulations, and policies. The Caribou National Forest Supervisor, who is the responsible official for Caribou National Forest administered lands not on-lease, will make a decision, based on the above, concerning the issuance of a FS Special Use Permit. An application for a section 404, Clean Water Act permit has been filed with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; a decision will be rendered by the corps to issue that permit and how to mitigate the impacts to affected wetlands.

The reasons for the decisions will be documented in a Record of Decision(s).

Dated: April 17, 1998.

Terry L. Smith,

Acting Area Manager, Pocatello Resource Area.

Dated: April 17, 1998.

Harold W. Klein,

Acting Forest Supervisor, Caribou National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Lewistown District Resource Advisory Council will meet May 19 and 20, 1998, at the Chinook Motor Inn, in Chinook, Montana.

The May 19 portion of the meeting will begin at 7:45 a.m. The topic of the day will be the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River. There will be a series of discussions involving members of the public and BLM resource specialists. These discussions will include increased recreational use along the Upper Missouri; impacts on resources; user facilities; improved facilities; and using the limits of acceptable change method for resolving resource issues. There will be a public comment period at 11:30 a.m. This session will adjourn at 3 p.m.

The May 20 session will begin at 7:45 a.m. The council will resume their deliberations concerning off-road vehicle use on public lands. The council will also address implementation of the rangeland standards and guidelines. This session will adjourn at 3:30 p.m.

DATES: May 19 and 20, 1998.

LOCATION: Chinook Motor Inn, Chinook, Montana.

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: April 14, 1998.

Gary Slagel,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

[MT-960-1150-00]

District Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Dakotas District Office, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the Dakotas District Resource Advisory Council will be held June 23 and 24, 1998, at the Golden Hills Resort and Conference Center, Lead, South Dakota. The session will convene at 8:00 a.m. on June 23rd and resume at 8:00 a.m. on the 24th. Agenda items include updates on the South Dakota Land Exchange, Noxious Weed Control Projects, review of the Belle Eldridge mine cleanup, and a field assessment of proposals by the city of Sturgis for Fort Meade.

The meeting is open to the public and a public comment period is set for 3:00 p.m. on June 23rd. 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.

The 12-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in the Dakotas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dated: April 15, 1998.

Douglas J. Burger,

District Manager.

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Notice of Resource Advisory Council Meeting

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