

four alternatives to managing public lands in Washington County, Utah. The Dixie Resource Area Office received over 800 comment letters on the Draft RMP/EIS from local, state and federal governments, interest groups, and the public at large. Major concerns brought forth from proposed decisions of the Draft RMP/EIS included wild and scenic river issues, off-highway vehicle management designations, visual resource protection zones, rights-of-way restrictions, threatened and endangered species protection, the Virgin River and its associated resources, as well as, potential reservoir development, among others. Since the release of the Draft RMP/EIS, public meetings, workshops, mailings, and briefings have been conducted to solicit comments, new information, and ideas for the Proposed Plan.

The Proposed Plan responds to public comments received on the Draft RMP/EIS. The Proposed Plan also corrects errors in the Draft RMP/EIS identified through the public comment process and internal BLM review. The Proposed Plan and associated analysis presents a refined and modified version of the Preferred Alternative and the accompanying impact analysis contained in the Draft RMP/EIS. The Proposed Plan can be used in conjunction with the Draft RMP/EIS to facilitate review of the initial four alternatives. The description of the affected environment and detailed descriptions of the alternatives contained in the Draft RMP/EIS, as well as some of the appendices, are referenced but not reproduced in the Proposed Plan.

Copies of the Proposed Plan are available from the Dixie Resource Area Office, 345 E. Riverside Drive, St. George, Utah, 84790, 435-688-3216. Public reading copies will be available for review at all government-document depository libraries, and at the following BLM locations: Office of Public Affairs, Main Interior Building, 18th and C Streets N.W., Washington, DC 20240; Information Access Center (4th Floor), Utah BLM State Office, 324 S. State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84111; Cedar City District Office, 176 East DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City, Utah 84720; and Dixie Resource Area Office, 345 East Riverside Drive, St. George, Utah 84790. Background information and reference materials used in developing the Proposed Plan are available for review in St. George at the Dixie Resource Area Office.

Written protests on the Proposed Plan will be accepted for 30 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency published the Notice of Filing of

this document in the **Federal Register**. It is anticipated that the filing date will be on September 18, 1998, thus ending the public review/protest period on October 17, 1998, and the Governor's 60-day consistency review on November 16, 1998. Any part of this Proposed Plan may be protested only by parties who participated in the planning process. Protests must pertain to issues that were identified in the Draft RMP/EIS or through the public comment process. Protests must be addressed to the BLM Director at the address listed under **ADDRESSES**. The protest must be specific and contain the following information:

- The name, mailing address, telephone number and interest of the person filing the protest;
- A statement of the issue(s) being protested;
- A statement of the part(s) of the proposed amendment being protested, and a citing of pages, paragraphs, maps, etc., of the Proposed Plan, where practical.;
- A copy of all documents addressing the issue(s) that were submitted by the protestor during the planning process; and
- A concise statement explaining why the BLM State Director's proposed decision is believed to be in error.

At the end of the 30-day protest period, the Proposed Plan, excluding any portion under protest will become final.

Approval will be withheld on any portion of the plan under protest until final action has been completed on such protest.

Dated: September 9, 1998.

G. William Lamb,

State Director, Utah.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ES-960-1420-00] ES-50148, Group 32, Illinois

Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey; Illinois

The plats of the dependent resurvey of a portion of the east and north boundaries, portions of the subdivisional lines and the survey of the subdivision of section 4, and the Lock and Dam No. 26 acquisition boundary, Township 6 North, Range 13 West, Third Principal Meridian, Illinois, and the dependent resurvey of portions of the subdivisional lines and the survey of the Lock and Dam No. 26 Acquisition

Boundary, Township 7 North, Range 13 West, Third Principal Meridian, Illinois, will be officially filed in Eastern States, Springfield, Virginia at 7:30 a.m., on October 19, 1998.

The survey was requested by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

All inquiries or protests concerning the technical aspects of either survey must be sent to the Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Eastern States, Bureau of Land Management, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153, prior to 7:30 a.m., October 19, 1998.

Copies of the plats will be made available upon request and prepayment of the reproduction fee of \$2.75 per copy.

Dated: September 8, 1998.

Stephen G. Kopach,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-957-00-1420-00: G8-0309]

Filing of Plats of Survey: Oregon/ Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of the following described lands are scheduled to be officially filed in the Oregon State Office, Portland, Oregon, thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication.

Willamette Meridian

Oregon

T. 21 S., R. 3 W., accepted July 31, 1998
 T. 26 S., R. 3 W., accepted September 2, 1998
 T. 25 S., R. 4 W., accepted September 1, 1998
 T. 37 S., R. 4 W., accepted July 28, 1998
 T. 33 S., R. 5 W., accepted September 1, 1998
 T. 29 S., R. 8 W., accepted September 2, 1998
 T. 22 S., R. 9 W., accepted July 31, 1998
 T. 31 S., R. 14 W., accepted July 14, 1998
 T. 29 S., R. 15 W., accepted July 24, 1998
 T. 33 S., R. 15 W., accepted July 24, 1998

If the protests against a survey, as shown on any of the above plat(s), are received prior to the date of official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest(s). A plat will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

The plat(s) will be placed in the open files on the Oregon State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1515 S.W., 5th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97201, and