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Bruce Babbitt,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Resource Management Plan Amendment

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Glenwood Springs Field Office, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regulations in CFR 1610.2 and 1610.5-5., BLM intends to write an Environmental Assessment which proposes to amend the Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Glenwood Springs Field Office (GSFO) approved in January of 1984.

The amendment will consider management changes to the Red Hill area, approximately 3,093 acres, north of the town of Carbondale. It includes all BLM managed public lands bounded on the west by Highway 82, on the north by the Cattle Creek Road, on the east by County Road 112 and on the south by State Highway 82. The concerns of residents, the residential development on nearby private lands, new recreation information and the increase use has prompted BLM to consider amending the Resource Management Plan. A change in management strategy is needed to reduce conflicts between users, address adjoining private landowner concerns and enhance the experiences of visitors taking part in hiking, mountain biking and horseback-riding. The plan amendment will address the administrative recognition of the Red Hill area as a Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA), closure of the area to unauthorized motorized vehicles, and the designation of routes open for mountain bike riding. The amendment will also consider no surface occupancy (NSO) stipulations to maintain the current physical, social and managerial setting.

DATES: The BLM is accepting written comments concerning this Notice until February 3, 1999. Comments or requests to be placed on a mailing list should be mailed to the address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Area Manager, Glenwood Springs

Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 50629 Highway 6 & 24, P.O. Box 1009, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Hopkins, (970) 947-2840.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Red Hill area is important to visitors and the community of Carbondale. Use and user conflicts in the Red Hill area have increased significantly with the population growth in the Roaring Fork Valley.

A group of concerned users and neighbors formed the Red Hill Planning Committee to look at the area's future. The final report of the Red Hill Project produced a series of proposed recommendations for management of Red Hill. Public meetings were held to discuss the recommendations. It was concluded that the current open travel designation and dispersed recreation management emphasis was inadequate for preventing resource damage and reducing user conflicts.

Visitors to the Red Hill area can generally expect to enjoy a mostly natural setting and see fewer people, largely due to challenging or difficult access. It was also advocated that the Bureau not authorize new roads and development that would negatively change the undeveloped setting that favors non-motorized activities and the desired recreational experiences of the users.

Michael S. Mottice,

Glenwood Springs Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Meeting Notice for the Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Lakeview District, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council will meet at the Payette-Clearwater room of the training center at the National Interagency Fire Center, 3833 South Development Way, Boise, Idaho, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm (MST) on January 26, 1999, and from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon (MST) on January 27, 1999. Topics to be discussed by the Council include the Southeast Oregon Resource Management Plan, the Wild Horse and Burro Program, and such other matters

as may reasonably come before the Council. The entire meeting is open to the public. Public comment is scheduled for 11:30 am to 12:00 noon (MST) on January 26, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sonya Hickman, Bureau of Land Management, Lakeview District Office, P.O. Box 151, Lakeview, OR 97630, (Telephone: 541/947-2177).

Dated: December 16, 1998.

Scott Florence,

Acting Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Notice of Proposed Revisions to a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation (we, our, or us) intends to submit the following proposed revised information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*): Certification Summary Form, Reporting Summary Form for Acreage Limitation, 43 CFR Part 426, OMB Control Number: 1006-0006. This information collection is required under the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (RRA), Acreage Limitation Rules and Regulations, 43 CFR Part 426, and a proposed rulemaking entitled: Information Requirements for Certain Farm Operations In Excess of 960 Acres and the Eligibility of Certain Formerly Excess Land, 43 CFR Part 428. We request your comments on the revised RRA forms and specific aspects of the information collection.

DATES: Your written comments must be received on or before March 5, 1999.

ADDRESSES: You may send written comments to the Bureau of Reclamation, Attention: D-5200, PO Box 25007, Denver, CO 80225-0007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may request copies of the proposed revised forms by writing to the above address or by contacting Marilyn Rehfeld at: (303) 445-2899.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Changes to the RRA Forms and the Instructions to Those Forms

We made a few changes to the current Form 7-21SUMM-C and Form 7-

21SUMM-R and rewrote the instructions to those forms in "plain language" to meet the requirements of the President's June 1, 1998, memorandum. Other changes to the forms and the instructions to the forms are editorial in nature and are designed to increase the respondents' understanding of the forms, instructions to the forms, and what information is required to be submitted with the forms to the districts. The proposed revisions to the RRA forms will be effective in the 2000 water year.

Draft of a New RRA Form

We published a proposed rulemaking, 43 CFR Part 428, in the **Federal Register** on November 18, 1998 (63 FR 64154, Nov. 18, 1998), and requested comments on the proposed rule and the information collection to be submitted to us by January 19, 1999. The proposed rulemaking requires farm operators who provide services to more than 960 nonexempt acres westwide, held by a

single trust or legal entity or any combination of trusts and legal entities to submit RRA forms to the district(s) where such land is located. We requested comments from the public on whether to revise an existing RRA form or create a new form for farm operators to prepare.

We anticipate that if the rule is finalized, the districts will be required to provide specific information about declaring farm operators to us annually. We have developed a new Tabulation G to be used with Form 7-21SUMM-C and Form 7-21SUMM-R, and instructions on how to complete the tabulation sheets to accommodate this requirement. We do not believe the estimated burden hours will increase by requiring districts to complete these tabulation sheets since only a few districts should have farm operators in this category. Nevertheless, the tabulation sheets will not be used until after the proposed rule is published as a final rule in the **Federal Register**.

Title: Certification Summary Form, Reporting Summary Form for Acreage Limitation, 43 CFR Part 426.

Abstract: These forms are to be used by district offices to summarize individual landholder (direct or indirect landowner or lessee) certification and reporting forms as required by the RRA, 43 CFR Part 426, and proposed regulation 43 CFR Part 428. This information allows us to establish water user compliance with Federal reclamation law.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondents: Contracting entities that are subject to the acreage limitation provisions of Federal reclamation law.

Estimated Total Number of Respondents: 276.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.25.

Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses: 345.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 13,800 hours.

Estimate of Burden for Each Form:

Form No.	Burden estimate per form (in hours)	Number of respondents	Annual number of responses	Annual burden on respondents (in hours)
7-21SUMM-C and associated tabulation sheets	40	222	278	11,120
7-21SUMM-R and associated tabulation sheets	40	54	67	2,680

Comments

Comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of our functions, including whether the information will have practical use;

(b) The accuracy of our burden estimate for the proposed collection of information;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

We will summarize all comments received to this notice and any comments regarding this information collection received during the comment period for the notice of proposed rulemaking. We will publish that summary in the **Federal Register** when the information collection request is submitted to OMB for review and approval.

Dated: December 18, 1998.

Alonzo D. Knapp,

Acting Director, Program Analysis Office.

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