

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

[WO-260-09-1060-00-24 1A]

**Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Announcement of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces that the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board will conduct a meeting on matters pertaining to management and protection of wild, free-roaming horses and burros on the Nation's public lands. **DATES:** The advisory board will meet Monday, November 1, 1999, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. local time, and on Tuesday, November 2, 1999, from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon local time.

Submit written comments pertaining to the advisory board meeting no later than close of business November 9, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The Advisory Board will meet at the Reno Hilton, 2500 East Second Street, Reno, Nevada, 89595.

Send written comments pertaining to the advisory board meeting to Bureau of Land Management, National Wild Horse and Burro Program, WO-260, Attention Ramona Delorme, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, Nevada 89502-7147. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access and filing address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janet Nordin, Wild Horse and Burro Public Outreach Specialist, (775) 861-6583. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may reach Ms. Nordin at any time by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Public Meeting**

Under the authority of 43 CFR part 1784, the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board advises the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the BLM, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Chief, Forest Service, on matters pertaining to management and protection of wild, free-roaming horses and burros on the Nation's public lands. The tentative agenda for the meeting is:

*Monday November 1, 1999*

**Old Business:**

- Approval of August, 1999 minutes;
- Draft Advisory Board Report to Congress;
- Strategic plan amendment update;
- Scenarios for attaining AMLs

- (appropriate management levels);
- Prioritize HMAs/Establish/Attain AMLs;
- Public comment.

*Tuesday, November 2, 1999*

**Old Business:**

- Status of Palomino Valley Center;
- Broad Policy Statements/Recommendations;
- Gelding;
- Report on Herd Areas;
- Update on Marietta Burro Range;

**New Business:**

- Forest Service report;
- Agenda for February, 2000 Meeting;
- Adjournment.

The meeting sites are accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability who will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting, such as interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format, must notify the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although the BLM will attempt to meet a request received after that date, the requested auxiliary aid or service may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange it.

The Federal advisory committee management regulations (41 CFR 101-6.1015(b)), require BLM to publish in the **Federal Register** notice of a meeting 15 days prior to the meeting date.

**II. Public Comment Procedures**

Members of the public may make oral statements to the advisory board on November 1, 1999, at the appropriate point in the agenda. This is anticipated to occur at 3:45 p.m. local time. Persons wishing to make statements should register with the BLM by noon on November 1, 1999, at the meeting location. Depending on the number of speakers, the advisory board may limit the length of presentations. At previous meetings, presentations have been limited to three minutes in length. Speakers should address specific wild horse and burro-related topics listed on the agenda. Speakers must submit a written copy of their statement to the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section or bring a written copy to the meeting.

Participation in the advisory board meeting is not a prerequisite for submittal of written comments. The BLM invites written comments from all interested parties. Your written comments should be specific and explain the reason for any recommendation. The BLM appreciates any and all comments, but those most useful and likely to influence decisions

on management and protection of wild horses and burros are those that are either supported by quantitative information or studies or those that include citations to and analysis of applicable laws and regulations. Except for comments provided in electronic format, speakers should submit two copies of their written comments where feasible. The BLM will not necessarily consider comments received after the time indicated under the **DATES** section or at locations other than that listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

In the event there is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for a copy of your comments, we intend to make them available in their entirety, including your name and address (or your e-mail address if you file electronically). However, if you do not want us to release your name and address (or e-mail address) in response to a FOIA request, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will honor your wish to the extent allowed by law. BLM will release all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, in their entirety, including names and addresses (or e-mail addresses).

**Electronic Access and Filing Address**

Speakers may transmit comments electronically via the Internet to: *Janet\_Nordin@blm.gov*. Please include the identifier "WH&B" in the subject of your message and your name and address in the body of your message.

Dated: October 1, 1999.

**Tom Walker,**

*Deputy Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

[OR-958-1430-01; GP9-0216; OR-53486]

**Public Land Order No. 7413; Withdrawal of Public Lands for the Protection of Four Recreation Sites; Oregon**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Public land order.

**SUMMARY:** This order withdraws 143.32 acres of public lands from surface entry and mining for 20 years for the Bureau of Land Management to protect four recreation sites with developed

facilities. An additional 63.90 acres of non-Federal lands, if acquired by the United States, would also be withdrawn by this order. The lands have been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 7, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Charles R. Roy, BLM Oregon/  
Washington State Office, P.O. Box 2965,  
Portland, Oregon 97208-2965, 503-952-  
6189.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public lands are hereby withdrawn from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1994)), but not from the mineral leasing laws, to protect four Bureau of Land Management recreation sites with developed facilities:

**Willamette Meridian**

*Iron Mountain Gold Panning Area*

T. 31 N., R. 7 W.,

Sec. 4, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , excluding that portion granted to the railroad under the Act of July 25, 1866 (14 Stat. 239).

*Revested Oregon and California Railroad Grant Lands Island Creek Recreation Site*

T. 31 N., R. 7 W.,

Sec. 1, lot 5, excluding that portion granted to the railroad under the Act of July 25, 1866 (14 Stat. 239).

*Pickett Bridge Recreation Site*

T. 32 N., R. 2 W.,

Sec. 23, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

*Olalla-Thompson Creek Day Use Area*

T. 30 S., R. 7 W.,

Sec. 5, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and  
N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The areas described aggregate 143.32 acres in Douglas County.

2. The following described non-Federal lands, if acquired by the United States, will be subject to the terms and conditions of this withdrawal as described in paragraph 1:

**Willamette Meridian**

*Island Creek Recreation Site*

T. 30 N., R. 7 W.,

Sec. 36, S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 31 S., R. 7 W.,

Sec. 1, that portion of lot 5 granted to the railroad under the Act of July 25, 1866 (14 Stat. 239), and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 31 S., R. 7 W.,

Sec. 4, that portion of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  granted as a right-of-way to the railroad under the Act of July 25, 1866 (14 Stat. 239).

The areas described aggregate 63.90 acres in Douglas County.

3. The withdrawal made by this order does not alter the applicability of those public land laws governing the use of the lands under lease, license, or permit, or governing the disposal of their mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

4. This withdrawal will expire 20 years from the effective date of this order unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (1994), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

Dated: September 21, 1999.

**John Berry,**

*Assistant Secretary of the Interior.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Park Service**

**Notice of Availability of the Finding of No Significant Impact and General Management Plan, Prince William Forest Park, Triangle, Virginia**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service has prepared and made available for public review the General Management Plan/Environmental Assessment (GMP/EA) that document's the alternatives considered for managing Prince William Forest Park. Prince William Forest Park will undertake actions to improve visitor experiences and enhance general public use of park facilities while retaining and expanding existing facilities and current patterns of use.

The Resources Management Plan has been developed to ensure long-term protection of significant resources and land protection options would be initiated to protect the Quantico Creek watershed.

The GMP/EA considered various alternatives to determine the best management strategy to ensure long-term preservation of its significant resources and to provide for the future needs of the visiting public. This plan is needed to address issues related to resource protection, visitor use and education, public awareness of the park's identity as part of the National Park system and park operations.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) works toward a settlement of

this land issue that will both fulfill the 1948 legislation at no cost to the Government and solve long-standing boundary and jurisdictional confusion. The MOU states that the National Park Service and U.S. Marine Corps will work together for legislation to divide the Special Use Permit (SUP) lands that were to go to Quantico in their entirety. The 1,700 acres that the park was intended to receive before transferring the lands would be carved out of the Chopawamsic lands themselves, from the land now under the SUP. The remaining acreage would be transferred to military jurisdiction, both requirements fulfilling the 1948 legislation. The two parties will establish a "green corridor" along the federally owned portion of state Route 619 to enhance its integrity as a scenic, two-lane, low speed roadway. Revisions will be made to the current Watershed Management Plan of Upper Quantico Creek and serve as the model for format and substance of the plan to be established for the Chopawamsic Creek Watershed Management Plan.

The visitor use strategy under the Resources Management Plan would reduce or eliminate impacts on the natural environment through more effective visitor dispersal and increased visitor awareness. Rehabilitation and maintenance of park dams will preserve the park's primary wetland habitat. Management options and temporary modifications at Cabin Camp 3 will be explored.

After reviewing the comments on the GMP/EA for Prince William Forest Park, the National Park Service has adopted the preferred alternative, Alternative A, adoption of the Resources Management Plan. The implementation of the preferred alternative, as described, would not constitute major Federal action that would have significant impact on the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. Accordingly, the preparation of an environmental impact statement will not be required.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Requests for copies of the GMP/EA, or for any additional information, should be directed to: Robert Hickman, Superintendent, Prince William Forest Park, 18100 Park Headquarters, Triangle, Virginia 22172; or by calling (703) 221-4706.

Dated: September 30, 1999.

**Terry R. Carlstrom,**

*Regional Director, National Capital Region.*

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