

ADDRESSES: Protests must be addressed to the Director (WO-210), Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Brenda Williams, Resource Planning Team, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice for the proposed planning amendment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alice Stephenson, Bureau of Land Management, Salt Lake Field Office, 2370 South 2300 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, telephone (801) 977-4317. Copies of the Proposed Plan Amendment are available for review at the Salt Lake Field Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any person who participated in the planning process and has an interest which is or may be adversely affected by the Proposed Plan Amendment may protest to the Director of the Bureau of Land Management. The protest must be in writing and filed within 30 days of the date of publication of this Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. 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;
- 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.

In the absence of timely objections, this proposal shall become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Linda S. Colville,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-050-1020-XU;GPO-0011]

Notice of Meeting of John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District Office.

ACTION: Meeting of John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council: Pendleton, Oregon; December 9 and 10, 1999.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council will

be held on December 9 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on December 10 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Red Lion (formerly Doubletree) Inn, 304 SE Nye Avenue, Pendleton, Oregon. The meeting is open to the public. Public comments will be received at 10:00 a.m. on December 10. Topics to be discussed by the Council will include: social and economic training; John Day River Plan update and Hells Canyon NRA Comprehensive Plan review; reports from the Forest Health Subgroup; ICBEMP update; and a 15 minute round table for general issues.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James L. Hancock, Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District Office, 3050 NE Third Street, P.O. Box 550, Prineville, Oregon 97754, or call 541-416-6700.

Dated: October 19, 1999.

James L. Hancock,

District Manager and Designated Federal Official; John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-240-1050-00-24-1A]

Collection, Storage, Preservation and Scientific Study of Fossils From Federal and Indian Lands

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a review period on the Draft Report of the Assessment of Fossil Management on Federal and Indian Lands is open for 30 days.

DATES: Submit comments by November 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to Sara Pena, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C St., NW, LS-204, Washington, DC, 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Pena, Bureau of Land Management at (202) 452-5040.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Senate (Senate Report 105-227) requested that the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with appropriate scientific, educational, and commercial entities, prepare a report assessing the need for a unified federal policy on the collection, storage, and preservation of fossils. The draft report, "Assessment of Fossil Management on

Federal and Indian Lands," provides some information on current federal policies on paleontology. A copy of the Draft Report is available on the Interior Department web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/geology> or by contacting Sara Pena, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C St., NW, LS-204, Washington, DC, 20240, telephone: (202) 452-5040.

Dated: October 22, 1999.

John Douglas,

Acting Group Manager, Cultural Heritage, Wilderness, Special Areas and Paleontology, Bureau of Land Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-1430-06; WYW 132601]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to withdraw 4943.13 acres of public land in Fremont County, to protect and preserve significant recreation, scenic, riparian, historic, and wildlife resources along segments of the Sweetwater River. This notice closes the land for up to 2 years from surface entry and mining. The lands are not available for mineral leasing in accordance with the Bureau of Land Management's Green River Resource Management Plan.

DATE: Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by January 26, 2000.

ADDRESS: Comments and requests should be sent to the BLM Wyoming State Director, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003-1828.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Booth, BLM Wyoming State Office, 307-775-6124, or Stan McKee, BLM Rock Springs Field Office Manager, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901, 307-352-0256.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 5, 1999, a petition/application was approved allowing the Bureau of Land Management to file an application to withdraw the following described public land from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 28 N., R. 102 W.,

- Sec. 3, lots 2-4, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 4, lots 1-4, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 5, lot 1, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 9, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 10, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 11, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.
- T. 29 N., R. 102 W.,
- Sec. 5, lots 3 and 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 6, lot 1, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 8, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 9, W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 17, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 27, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 34, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 35, W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$.
- T. 30 N., R. 102 W.,
- Sec. 19, lots 1-4, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 30, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 31, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
- Sec. 32, SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 4943.13 acres in Fremont County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect and preserve significant recreation, scenic, riparian, historic, and wildlife resources along segments of the Sweetwater River pending further study and possibly longer-term actions.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the undersigned officer of the BLM.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the Wyoming State Director within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. Licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, or discretionary land use authorizations of a temporary nature which would not impact the plant habitat may be allowed with the approval of an authorized officer of the BLM during the segregative period.

Dated: October 21, 1999.

Alan R. Pierson,
State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of currently approved information collection (1010-0059).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*), we are notifying you that we have submitted the information collection request (ICR) discussed below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. We are also inviting your comments on this ICR.

DATES: Submit written comments by November 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (1010-0059), 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503. Mail or handcarry a copy of your comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; attention: Rules Processing Team; Mail Stop 4024; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alexis London, Rules Processing Team, telephone (703) 787-1600. You may also contact Alexis London to obtain a copy of the collection of information at no cost.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR 250, Subpart H, Oil and Gas Production Safety Systems.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0059.

Abstract: The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*) gives the Secretary of the Interior the responsibility to preserve, protect, and develop oil and gas resources in the OCS consistent with the need to make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; balance orderly energy resource development with protection of human, marine, and coastal environments; ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources of the OCS; and preserve and maintain free enterprise competition. To carry out these responsibilities, we established regulations at 30 CFR 250, subpart H, Oil and Gas Production Safety Systems. In addition, we also issue Notices to Lessees and Operators (NTL) to clarify and provide additional guidance on some aspects of the regulations.

We collect information under subpart H of the regulations to evaluate equipment and/or procedures that lessees propose to use during production operations. Information is also used to verify the no-flow condition of wells to continue the waiver of requirements to install valves capable of preventing backflow. The MMS inspectors review the records maintained to verify compliance with testing and minimum safety requirements. In the Pacific OCS Region, respondents submit Emergency Action Plans (EAP) to their local air quality agencies in response to California air quality laws to protect public health during exceptional air pollution episodes. We review these plans prior to the event of an air pollution episode to ensure that abatement measures do not jeopardize safe platform operations.

If we did not collect the information, we could not carry out the mandate of the OCS Lands Act to ensure safe operations in the OCS. Specifically, MMS could not review safety system designs prior to installation to ensure that minimum safety standards will be met; review records of erosion control to ensure that erosion control programs are effective; review plans for simultaneous operations to ensure safety of operations when more than one activity is being conducted simultaneously on a production facility; review records of safety devices to ensure proper maintenance during the useful life of that equipment; and verify proper performance of safety and pollution prevention equipment (SPPE).

We will protect proprietary information submitted with the plans according to the Freedom of Information Act and 30 CFR 250.118, "Data and information to be made available to the