

restoration, followed by Alternative 2 and then 3. Alternative 5 takes a passive approach to management, in which timber harvesting would be limited to salvage operations after fires, wind throw, or insect and disease outbreaks. Alternative 4, no action, would continue the management practices of the last forest management plan, which was adopted in 1987.

Alternative 2, the 1996 Draft Forest Plan with updates and revisions made in response to modeling refinements and new information, is both the proposed action and the preferred alternative. It is preferred because it best balances social, cultural, economic and environmental concerns and best meets the stated purpose and need.

Changes between the DEIS and the FEIS include, but are not limited to the following:

- Under Alternatives 2 and 3, habitat effectiveness for elk will be improved in the nonlethal and mixed fire regimes by reducing the number of miles of open road per square mile from five to four.
- Under Alternative 2, 100 percent rather than 80 percent of the road sections that are severely degrading aquatics will be abandoned.
- The Water and Fish section of the Affected Environment chapter has been expanded to include updated information on fluvial geomorphology, water quality, wetlands, and monitoring.
- A socio-economic section has been added to the Affected Environment chapter.
- The safe use of herbicides and the restoration and maintenance of the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of streams have been added as objectives of the Forest Management Plan.

This notice is furnished in accordance with Section 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Dated: October 29, 1999.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-960-99-1220-PH]

Resource Advisory Council Meeting, Butte, Montana

AGENCY: Butte Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Montana Resource Advisory Council will convene at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 8, 1999, at the Butte Field Office, 106 North Parkmont, Butte, Montana. Issues will include an overview of Landscape Analysis planning, a discussion on the Montana/Dakotas Off-Highway Vehicle Environmental Impact Statement and an update on the Whitetail-Pipestone Environmental Impact Statement.

The meeting is open to the public and written comments can be given to the Council. Oral comments may be presented to the Council at 11:30 a.m. The time allotted for oral comment may be limited, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard. Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meeting, or who need special assistance, such as sign language or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the Butte Field Office, 106 North Parkmont (P.O. Box 3388), Butte, Montana 59702-3388, telephone 406-494-5059.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: BLM Butte Field Manager Merle Good at the above address or telephone number.

Dated: October 27, 1999.

Merle Good,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-320-1820-XQ]

Notice of Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Northwest California Resource Advisory Council, Ukiah, California.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committees Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (Public Law 94-579), the U.S. Bureau of Land

Management's Northwest California Resource Advisory Council will meet Thursday and Friday, December 9 and 10, 1999, for a business meeting and field tour. The meeting and tour are open to the public, but anyone attending must provide their own transportation and lunch.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting begins at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 9, at the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Lake Berryessa headquarters office, 5320 Knoxville Rd., Napa, California. Members will depart shortly after 10 a.m. for a driving tour of the Lake Berryessa area, and the BLM's Knoxville Off Highway Vehicle Area. On Friday, December 10, the council will convene at the Marriott Hotel, 3425 Solano Ave., Napa, for a business meeting. Agenda items include Lake Berryessa management, the status of recovery from the Lowden Fire, status of Headwaters Forest Management, status of the BLM California Strategic Plan, and reports from the BLM's Arcata, Redding and Ukiah field managers.

Time will be set aside for public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, a time limit may be established.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Contact Rich Burns, BLM Ukiah Field Manager, at (707) 468-4000.

Joseph J. Fontana,
Public Affairs Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Filing of Plats of Survey; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform the public and interested state and local government officials of the latest filing of Plats of Survey in California.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Unless otherwise noted, filing was effective at 10 a.m. on the next federal work day following the plat acceptance date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lance J. Bishop, Chief, Branch of Geographic Services, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-1834, Sacramento, CA 95825, (916) 978-4310.