

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management****[WO-200-00-1020-00]****Science Advisory Board****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces a public meeting of the Science Advisory Board to examine the use of science for improving the management of the Nation's public lands and resources. Topics of discussion will include the Bureau's fire suppression program, the joint fire science research program, the Great Basin restoration initiative, and post-fire rehabilitation and rangeland restoration.

DATES: BLM will hold the public meeting on Wednesday, February 16, 2000, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. local time.

ADDRESSES: BLM will hold the public meeting in the Payette Clear Water Room at the National Interagency Fire Agency's Training Center, 3833 South Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83705-5354.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lee Barkow, Bureau of Land Management Denver Federal Center, Building 50, P.O. Box 25047, Denver, CO 80225-0047, (303) 236-6454.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published in accordance with section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (Public Law 92-463).

I. The Agenda for the Public Meeting is as Follows

8:00 a.m.

Welcome, Introductions

Review Minutes of Previous Meeting

8:30 a.m.

Report from BLM Assistant Director

9:00 a.m.

Overview of the BLM Fire

Suppression Program Needs and Opportunities for the Integration of Science

10:00 a.m. The Joint Fire Science

Program: Congressional Origin and Mission; Fire Research Solicitation and Award Process; Summary of Current Research and Preliminary Results; Fire Fuels Photo Series Research Project

12:15 a.m. Working Lunch: A State

Director's View of Fire Suppression and Fire Rehabilitation and A Departmental Perspective of Fire Suppression and Fire Rehabilitation

1:30 p.m. Rehabilitation and Restoration in the Great Basin: Great Basin

Restoration Initiative; Wildfire Rehabilitation: Past and Present; Regional Seed Acquisition and Storage

3:30 p.m. Round Table Discussion

Regarding the Science of Rangeland Restoration and Post Fire Rehabilitation

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

II. Public Comment Procedures

Participation in the public meeting is not a prerequisite for submittal of written comments from all interested parties. Your written comments should be specific and explain the reasons for any recommendation. The BLM appreciates any and all comments, but those most useful and likely to influence decisions on BLM's use of science 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, commenters should submit two copies of their written comments, where practicable. 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 the law. All submissions from organizations or business, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be in their entirety, including names and addresses (or e-mail addresses).

Electronic Access and Filing Address: Commenters may transmit comments electronically via the Internet to: lee_barkow@blm.gov. Please include the identifier "Science4" in the subject of your message and your name and address in the body of your message.

III. Accessibility

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 hearing, 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 schedule hearing date. Although 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.

Dated: January 4, 2000.

Lee Barkow,*Director, National Applied Resource Sciences Center.*

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BILLING CODE 4310-84-M**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****[NV-930-1430-ES; N-65761]****Notice of Realty Action: Lease/Purchase, for Recreation and Public Purposes in White Pine County, Nevada****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The following described public land in White Pine County has been identified and examined and will be classified under Section 7 of the Act of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat. 1272), as amended (43 U.S.C. 315f), as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). The described lands are hereby classified as suitable for lease/purchase under the authority of Section 212 of the Act of October 21, 1976; 43 U.S.C. 1761.

DATES: For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments to the Assistant Field Manager, Nonrenewable Resources.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to: Bureau of Land Management, Gene L. Draais, Assistant Field Manager, Nonrenewable Resources, HC 33, Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301-9408.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Linnell, Realty Specialist, at the above address or telephone (775) 289-1808.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following described parcel of land, situated in White Pine County is being offered for lease/purchase under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*).

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 12 N., R. 62 E.,

Section 34, S¹/₂, NW¹/₄ NW¹/₄.

Containing 20 acres more or less.