

the life of the RMP. Some decisions will require action only when an activity is initiated.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Record of Decision are available at the BLM, Lower Snake River District Office, 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, ID 83705.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daryl Albiston, Field Manager; or Fred Minckler, Team Leader at telephone (208) 384-3300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Owyhee Resource Area includes 1,320,032 acres of BLM administered public lands in western Owyhee County, Idaho. The Owyhee RMP is a general land use plan that establishes guidance for managing a broad spectrum of land uses and allocations and contains resource objectives, land use allocations, management actions and direction needed to achieve program and multiple use goals. The Owyhee RMP replaces the BLM's land management guidance for the Owyhee Resource Area contained in the Owyhee Management Plan (MFP) which was approved in 1981. The record of decision documents selection of Alternative E (the Proposed Owyhee RMP) as presented in the Proposed Owyhee Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement issued July 1999, with associated Appendices, Tables and Maps, as the approved Owyhee RMP.

The following are the major components of the approved RMP:

Manage land uses and activities to ensure properly functioning watershed conditions.

Manage vegetation to achieve healthy rangelands

Meet State of Idaho water quality standards.

Provide habitat for special status plants and animals and habitat for a high diversity of wildlife.

Provide habitat for a wild horse herd appropriate management level of 192 wild horses.

Provide for a sustained level of livestock use. Initially allocate 135,116 livestock AUMs.

Manage livestock grazing activities so goals for rangeland health are achieved.

Use fire as a management tool to improve rangeland health.

Manage Douglas-fir communities to emphasize forest health.

Recommend and manage nine river segments (163 miles) as suitable for designation as Wild and Scenic Rivers. Sixty (60) miles of eligible river segments were determined to be non-suitable and are released from further Wild and Scenic River consideration.

Designate 13 areas totaling 167,372 acres as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs).

Continue management of 298,630 acres as Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs). 195,980 acres were previously recommended to Congress as suitable for Wilderness designation.

Designate off-highway motorized vehicle (OHMV) use as "Open" on 192 acres, "Limited" on 1,217,805 acres and "Closed" on 101,994 acres.

Identify 325,000 acres potentially available for disposal, subject to further review.

Dated: January 3, 2000.

Howard Hedrick,

Associate District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-933-1430-ET; IDI-33168]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management proposes to withdraw 19.09 acres of public land in Cassia County for the protection of the Burley Administrative Site. This notice closes the land up to 2 years from settlement, sale, location or entry, under all of the general land laws, including the mining laws, but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights.

DATES: Comments and requests for a meeting should be sent on or before February 23, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Idaho State Director, BLM, Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, ID 83709.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackie Simmons, BLM, Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, ID 83709, 208-373-3867.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 1, 1999, a petition was approved allowing the Bureau of Land Management to file an application to withdraw the following described public land:

Boise Meridian

A parcel of land lying in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, Township 10 South, Range 23 East, Boise Meridian, the said parcel being

more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point 1500.4 feet north and 33.0 feet west of the quarter section corner common to Section 32, Township 10 South, Range 23 East and Section 5, Township 11 South, Range 23 East, Boise Meridian; said point being on the west right-of-way line of State Highway No. 27; thence N. 0°22'03" E. along the highway right-of-way a distance of 515.12 feet; thence N. 89°27'57" W. a distance 1184.19 feet to the centerline of the U.S.R.S. "H" Canal; thence S. 35°17'24" W. along the canal centerline a distance of 80.64 feet; thence S. 21°20'41" W. along the canal centerline a distance of 89.13 feet; thence S. 11°08'55" W. along the canal centerline a distance of 221.23 feet to the west quarter section boundary of said section 23; thence S. 0°18'27" E. along the quarter section boundary 501.81 feet; thence S. 89°26'03" E. a distance of 496.15 feet; thence N. 0°36'56" E. a distance of 355.45 feet; thence S. 89°21'29" E. a distance of 800 feet to the point of beginning.

The area described aggregates 19.09 acres, more or less, in Cassia County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect the Burley Administrative Site.

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 Idaho State Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

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 Idaho State Director within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that public meeting will be held, a notice of the 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 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 this date. The temporary uses which may be permitted during this segregative period are all uses other than settlement, sale, location, or entry, under the general land laws, including the mining laws.

Jimmie Buxton,

Branch Chief for Lands and Minerals.

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