

for the coal resources in the described lands. Comments should address specific factors related to the fair market value, including, but not limited to: the quantity and quality of the coal resources, the price that the mined coal would bring in the marketplace, the cost of producing the coal, the probable timing and rate of production, the interest rate at which anticipated income streams may be discounted, depreciation and other accounting factors, the expected rate of industry return, the value of the surface estate and the mining method or methods which would achieve maximum economic recovery of the coal. Documentation of similar market transactions, including location, terms and conditions, may be submitted at this time. These comments will be considered in the final determination of fair market value as determined in accordance with 43 CFR 3422.1. Should any information submitted as comments be considered to be proprietary, the information should be labeled as such and stated in the first page of the submission.

DATE AND TIME: The public hearing will be held on *March 24, 2000, at 5:00 p.m. EST.*

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held in the conference room at the Days Inn, (606) 248-6860, 11252 N. 12th Street, Middlesboro, Kentucky 40965.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Lewis, *John Lewis@jfo/es/blm.gov*. Bureau of Land Management, Jackson Field Office, 411 Briar Wood Drive, Suite 404, Jackson, Mississippi, 39206, (601) 977-5437 or Tim Best, *Tim Best@eso/es.blm.gov*. Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153, (703) 440-1527.

Dated: February 23, 2000.

Walter Rewinski,

Deputy State Director, Division of Resources Planning, Use and Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-020-00-1610-DH]

Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Finding of No Significant Impacts (FONSI) and the Proposed Lower Gila Resource Planning Area Amendment (Proposed Plan) and Final Environmental Assessment to the Lower Gila North Management Framework Plan and the Lower Gila South Resource Management Plan, La Paz, Yuma, Yavapai, Maricopa, Pinal and Pima Counties, Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The BLM, in response to the need to resolve pertinent issues and to enhance management of critical resources, has prepared a FONSI and proposed plan in compliance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, and section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. An analysis of potential environmental impacts found that impacts would not be significant leading to a FONSI. Because of the FONSI, an environmental impact statement is not required to support the proposed plan.

DATES: Protests on the proposed plan must be postmarked no later than March 29, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Protests on the proposed plan must be sent to the Director (210), BLM Planning, Assessment & Community Support Group, 1849 C Street NW, MS: 1050-LS/BLM, Washington, D.C. 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hector Abrego, Team Leader, BLM, Phoenix Field Office, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, AZ 85027 or telephone (623) 580-5500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of the proposed action: Establishes five well-blocked public land management areas for long-term management of resources and public land uses. Land tenure adjustment: Identifies approximately 34,100 acres available for disposal, establishes guidelines for acquisition of high resource value lands, allows for exchanges within management areas for repositioning lands with high resource values and establishes the framework to dispose of federal minerals under nonfederal surface estate and to acquire nonfederal minerals estate under federal surface estate. Desert tortoise habitat management: Standardizes habitat

management by incorporating the goals and objectives in "Desert Tortoise Habitat Management on Public Lands: a Rangewide Plan" (BLM 1988) and "Strategy for Desert Tortoise Habitat Management on Public Lands in Arizona" (BLM 1990). Desert bighorn sheep augmentation and reestablishment: Expands areas where sheep augmentation and reestablishment may occur on a case-by-case basis. Wild horse and burro management: Establishes the Harquahala, Little Harquahala and Painted Rock herd areas as herd management areas. These areas, along with the existing Alamo Herd Management Area, will be managed to support populations of wild burros in a thriving natural ecological balance. Recreation management: Provides for resource-based recreational opportunities which range from recreational site facilities to remote primitive areas, establishes off-highway and special recreation vehicle designations and management, designates special recreation management areas, establishes camping stay limits and establishes guidance to address special uses and scarce opportunities. Oil and gas development: Establishes an orderly oil and gas exploration and development process and identifies 375,000 acres of wilderness as closed to oil and gas leasing.

Alternatives analyzed: A no action—current guidance alternative was analyzed in the plan amendment. Under this alternative, management of the six issues would remain status quo. No management areas would be established. Land tenure adjustment: Approximately 62,260 acres would remain available for disposal and approximately 10,735 acres of state lands are identified for acquisition. Desert tortoise habitat management: Management would be guided through "Desert Tortoise Habitat Management on Public Lands: A Rangewide Plan" (BLM 1988) and "Strategy for Desert Tortoise Habitat Management on Public Lands in Arizona" (BLM 1990). Desert bighorn sheep augmentation and reestablishment: Reestablishment could occur only in the Black Mountains and augmentations would be authorized on a case-by-case basis. Wild horse and burro management: Continue managing burros and related issues on a case-by-case basis within the Harquahala, Little Harquahala and Painted Rocks herd areas. Burros in the Alamo Herd Management Area would be managed using valid existing decisions. Recreation management: The 14-day

camping stay will remain in effect and off-highway vehicles in Lower Gila North will remain undesignated (except for wildernesses, which are closed), off-highway vehicles in Lower Gila South will remain designated as limited to existing and/or designated roads, trails and vehicle routes and off-highway vehicles in the Barry M. Goldwater Range will remain limited to designated routes. Oil and gas development: Public requests for oil and gas exploration or development leases would be handled on a case-by-case basis and require a plan amendment for each request.

The proposed plan has a 30-day protest period as required by BLM planning regulations (43 CFR 1610.5-2). Any person who participated in this process and has an interest that may be adversely affected by the proposed decision may submit a protest. Following the protest resolution and the Governor's consistency review, the proposed plan will be approved and implemented. A decision record which documents the BLM's decision will become available.

Public reading copies may be reviewed at the following BLM locations:

1. Phoenix Field Office, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, Arizona;
2. Arizona State Office, Public Room, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona.

Dated: January 20, 2000.

Michael A. Taylor,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-020-1430-EU; N-62843]

Intent to Prepare an Amendment to the Paradise-Denio Resource Area Management Framework Plan, as Amended

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a plan amendment.

SUMMARY: This notice of intent is to advise the public that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Winnemucca Field Office intends to consider a proposal which would require amending an existing planning document. The BLM is proposing to amend the Paradise-Denio Resource Area Management Framework Plan, which includes public lands in Humboldt County, Nevada. The purpose

of the amendment would be to identify certain lands as suitable for direct sale pursuant to Sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976. The lands identified for direct sale are described as:

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 43 N., R. 27 E.,
Sec. 2: S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 3: Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8;
Sec. 4: Lots 5 and 6.

T. 44 N., R. 27 E.,
Sec. 28: Lots 5, 6, and 7;
Sec. 33: NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 34: NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Totaling approximately 953.36 acres.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: For a period of 30 days, from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested persons may submit written comments regarding the proposed plan amendment to: Terry Reed, Field Manager, Winnemucca Field Office, 5100 E. Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, NV 89445.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents will be available for public review at the BLM Winnemucca Field Office, and will be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). They may be published as part of the Environmental Assessment and other related documents. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review and disclosure under the FOIA, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Figarelle, Realty Specialist, at the above Winnemucca Field Office address or telephone (775) 623-1500.

Dated: February 17, 2000.

Terry A. Reed,

Field Manager, Winnemucca, Nevada.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-010-1220-00]

Meeting of the Central California Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Meeting of the Central California Resource Advisory Council.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (sec. 309), the Bureau of Land Management Resource Advisory Council for Central California will meet at the Cameron Park Inn.

DATES: Friday and Saturday, March 10-11, 2000.

ADDRESSES: 3361 Coach Lane, Cameron Park, CA. Take the Cameron Park Drive exit from Highway 50 and the hotel is right there.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 12 member Central California Resource Advisory Council is appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to advise the Bureau of Land Management on public land issues. The Council will hear reports on the possibility of Monument designation of some BLM lands, a report from its recreation committee on recreation issues on BLM lands, a report on grazing issues, discuss land exchanges, and go on a field trip to the South Fork of the American River. The public is invited to attend this meeting which begins at 8 a.m. both days. Those wishing to participate in the field trip must provide their own transportation. Time will be set aside both Friday and Saturday for public comment. Anyone may discuss any public land issue with the council at that time. Written comments will be accepted at the meeting, or at the address below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry Mercer, Public Affairs Officer, Bureau of Land Management, 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308, telephone 661-391-6010.

Dated: February 17, 2000.

Carol Bustos,

Acting Field Office Manager.

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