

Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), announces a meeting of the New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC). The meeting will be held on April 26–28, 2000, at the James H. Baxter Civic Center, 313 E. 4th Street, Lordsburg, NM 88055.

There is an optional all day field trip on Wednesday, April 26, 2000, to the Gray Ranch area to look at vegetation and on-the-ground events. The optional tour will start at the Holiday Inn Express in Lordsburg, NM, at 8 a.m. and end back in Lordsburg, NM, at about 5 p.m. Transportation will be provided for RAC members. Any visiting public are welcome but must provide their own four-wheel-drive transportation, foods, and refreshments.

The meeting on Thursday, April 27, 2000, starts at 8 a.m. and will end about 5 p.m. The three established RAC Subcommittees may have late afternoon or evening meetings on this day. The exact time and location of the Subcommittee meetings will be established by the Chairperson of each Subcommittee earlier in the day during the RAC meeting. The meeting on Friday, April 28, 2000, starts at 8 a.m. and will end about 3:30 p.m. The ending time of 3:30 p.m. for the meeting may be changed depending on the work remaining for the RAC. The draft agenda for the RAC meeting includes an agreement on the meeting agenda; any RAC comments on the draft minutes of the last RAC meeting on February 24, 25, and 26, 2000, in Roswell, NM; and a check-in from the RAC members.

(The following are planned presentations that also include discussions:) A Standards and Guidelines update presentation; an update on the Robledo Mountains WSA; a presentation on RS 2477 (roads); BLM Field Office Managers State of the Field Office presentations with emphasis on invasive plants; several presentations on invasive plants from representatives of the State of New Mexico, BLM, RAC members, NM State Highway Department and a County; RAC Subcommittee reports from the Urban/Lands Subcommittee, the Oil and Gas Subcommittee, and the Roads and Trails Subcommittee; a public comment period to the RAC, RAC discussions and any RAC recommendations, develop draft agenda items and select a location for the next RAC meeting, and a RAC assessment on the current meeting.

The time for the public to address the RAC is on Friday, April 28, 2000, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The RAC may reduce or extend the end time of 12 noon depending on the number of people wishing to address the RAC. Anyone wishing to address the RAC

should be present at the 10 starting time.

The length of time available for each person to address the RAC will be established at the start of the public comment period and will depend on how many people there are that wish to address the RAC. At the completion of the public comments the RAC may continue discussion on its agenda items.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Armstrong, New Mexico State Office, Planning and Policy Team, Bureau of Land Management, 1474 Rodeo Road, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115; telephone (505) 438-7436.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Resource Advisory Council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with the management of public lands. The Council's responsibilities include providing advice on long-range planning, establishing resource management priorities and assisting the BLM to identify State and regional standards for rangeland health and guidelines for grazing management.

Dated: March 17, 2000.

Richard A. Whitley,
Acting State Director.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-020-1020-DE]

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Montana, Billings and Miles City Field Offices, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council will have a meeting April 27, 2000 at the Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Conference Room west of Miles City starting at 8:00 a.m. Primary agenda topics include discussion on travel management, the BLM outfitter/guide program and updates on coalbed methane development, and the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Herd Management Plan.

The meeting is open to the public and the public comment period is set for 11:00 a.m. on April 27. The public may make oral statements before the Council or file written statements for the Council to consider. Depending on the number of persons wishing to make an oral statement, a per person time limit may

be established. Summary minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marilyn Krause, Public Affairs Specialist, Miles City Field Office, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana 59301, telephone (406) 233-2831.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management. The 15 member Council includes individuals who have expertise, education, training or practical experience in the planning and management of public lands and their resources and who have a knowledge of the geographical jurisdiction of the Council.

Dated: March 10, 2000.

Timothy M. Murphy,

Miles City Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Closure to Motorized Vehicles

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Temporary Closure Order for Motorized Vehicle Travel.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that effective March 3, 2000 certain public lands in Chaffee County, Colorado are closed to all types of motorized vehicle travel. The purpose of this closure is to prevent the development of unauthorized user-created trails, to prevent resource damage to soils and vegetation, and to prevent wildlife harassment. This closure is made under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1.

EFFECTIVE DATES: This closure is effective March 3, 2000 and shall remain in effect until revised, revoked or amended.

ADDRESSES: Royal Gorge Field Office, 3170 East Main Street, Canon City, CO 81212; Telephone (719) 269-8500.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Levi D. Deike, Associate Field Office Manager or James R. Cunio, Forester.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public lands affected by this temporary closure are identified as follows:

Chaffee County, Colorado, Sixth Principal