BLM estimates that it will take an average of 14 hours to complete the applications, petitions, offers and statements required. The applicants will have access to records, plats and maps necessary for providing legal land descriptions. The type of information necessary is outlined in the regulations and is already maintained by the respondents for their own recordkeeping purposes and needs only to be compiled in a reasonable format. The estimate also includes the time required for assembling the information, as well as the time of clerical personnel if needed. BLM estimates that approximately 276 filings will be made each year for a total of 3,760 reporting hours.

Annual Responses: 276.
Annual Burden Hours: 3,760.
Annual Cost Burden Due to Filing Fees: $2,675 (estimated 107 filings at $25 each).
Bureau Clearance Office: Carole Smith, (202) 452-0367.

Carole Smith,
Clearance Officer.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
[NV-920-1990-NJ]

Notice of Availability of the Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Selected Actions Taken for Mining Claim Use and Occupancy in Nevada, and the Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and Use and Occupancy Under the Mining Laws regulations (43 CFR 3715), the Bureau of Land Management has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) that evaluates the impacts of typical mining claim and/or mill site occupancies. This EA describes and analyzes the proposed action, consisting of six typical occupancy scenarios, and the no occupancy option. The actions analyzed in this EA involve operations that disturb 5 acres or less. This notice is intended to inform the public of the analysis of impacts presented in the EA and the performance measures developed for the proposed action.

DATES: Copies of the EA and the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be provided to any person or agency, or to other interested parties, upon written request.

ADDRESSES: Send requests for the EA to: Bureau of Land Management, Nevada State Office, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, NV 89520–0006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Gibson, Geologist, Nevada State Office. Telephone: (775) 861–6564.

Robert V. Abbey,
State Director.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
[OR-030-00-1020-XU: GPO-0198]
Notice of Meeting of John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Vale District, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

SUMMARY: On May 23, 2000 a field trip to view grazing and weed issues for the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council will begin at the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest office, 88401 Hwy 82, Enterprise, Oregon at 8:00 a.m. The meeting will continue on May 24, 2000 at the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest office, 88401 Hwy 82, Enterprise, Oregon from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. Public comments will be received at 10:00 a.m. on May 24, 2000. The following topics will be discussed by the council on May 24: Hells Canyon Subgroup recommendation on the Hells Canyon Comprehensive Management Plan, John Day River Subgroup update, Blue Mtn. Demo discussion, and a 15 minute round table for general issues.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Juan Palma, Bureau of Land Management, Vale District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, Oregon 97918, Telephone (541) 473–3144.

Juan Palma,
District Manager.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
[WO-200–00–1020–00]
Science Advisory Board

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

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 proposed BLM strategic science plan, continuity of culture across borders, use of GIS in managing paleontologic resources, and implications for science on national monument designations.

DATES: BLM will hold the public meeting on Wednesday, May 31, 2000, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. local time.

ADDRESSES: BLM will hold the public meeting in Room 6071 at the Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lee Barkow, Bureau of Land Management Denver Federal Center, Building 50, P.O. Box 25047, Denver, CO 80225–0047, (303) 236–0454.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published in accordance with Section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92–463).

I. The Agenda for the Public Meeting Is as Follows

9:00—9:30 Opening Remarks
Committee Membership and Chair
10:00—12:00 Proposed BLM Strategic Science Plan
12:00 Lunch
1:00—2:00 Continuity of Culture Across Borders
2:00—3:00 Use of GIS in Managing Paleontologic Resources
3:00—4:00 Implications for Science on National Monument Designations
4:00—4:30 Public Comments
4:30 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 reason for any recommendation. The BLM appreciates any and all comments, but those most useful and likely to influence decisions on BLM’s use of