

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.

Dated: April 27, 2000.

Carole Smith,

Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE 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.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

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.

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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.

ACTION: Meeting of John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council: Enterprise, Oregon, May 23 & 24, 2000.

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.

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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 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) 236-6454.

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
- 9:30—10:00 Report from BLM Assistant Director
- 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

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 businesses, 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 scheduled 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.

Lee Barkow,

Director, National Applied Resource Sciences Center.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[Montana; MT-060-00-1220-BE-003E]

Restriction of Public Lands

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice. Restriction of public lands.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Lewistown Field Office, Montana is issuing written orders implementing a two year moratorium on the issuance of new annual Special Recreation Permits for commercial guided recreation trips on the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River (UMNWSR). This order applies to all public lands and waters within the boundaries of the UMNWSR from Fort Benton, Montana downstream for 149 miles to the Fred Robinson Bridge. The BLM will not accept new applications or issue new annual Special Recreation Permits to any individual, group, corporation or company for the purpose of providing guided river trips on the UMNWSR.

Exemptions apply to any person who had been issued a valid annual Special Recreation Permit for commercial recreation on the UMNWSR prior to April 1, 2000, and any person providing only land based visitor services (shuttles, rentals, etc.).

DATES: This moratorium is effective immediately and applies until April 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: David L. Mari, Field Manager, Lewistown Field Office, P.O. Box 1160, Lewistown, MT 59457.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Slagel, 406/538-1950.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 10, 1999, the Secretary of the Interior asked the Central Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) to seek public comment and provide him with a report and recommendations concerning future management of public lands in the Missouri River Breaks in north central Montana. The RAC was asked to complete this task by December 31, 1999. During this time period, the RAC met four times and actively solicited public input regarding management options for the Missouri Breaks area. The council received more than 400 written and oral comments.

On December 30, 1999 the RAC's final report was sent to the Secretary of the Interior. This report included numerous motions approved with full RAC consensus. One of these motions proposed a two-year moratorium on

new river special recreation permit authorizations. The RAC clarified and emphasized its intent with this recommendation during an earlier conference call on December 28, 1999. The two-year moratorium allows for the same number of outfitters, in fact the same outfitters, as permitted in 1999, and applies only to those outfitters actually using the river for floating/boating/guiding clients.

During this two-year moratorium, the BLM will collect data to determine the environmental impacts and ensuing social conflicts associated with significantly increased special recreation permit authorizations on the UMNWSR.

Authority: 43 CFR 8364.1 and 8351.2-1.

Dated: April 21, 2000.

David L. Mari,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-030-1610-DH-241A]

Notice of Intent to Prepare an Amendment to the Walker Resource Management Plan

The Carson City Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management and Douglas County, Nevada will jointly coordinate preparation of the following: (1) A County Specific Plan for about 625 acres of Federal and private lands in Douglas County, Nevada and (2) a BLM Resource Management Plan Amendment for about 430 acres of BLM lands included in Douglas County's Specific Plan.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an amendment to the Walker Resource Management Plan, notice of scoping period and public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Carson City, Field Office, and Douglas County will jointly direct preparation of a County Specific Plan and Walker Resource Management Plan Amendment and environmental assessment. The Resource Management Plan Amendment will identify specific tracts of BLM managed public lands in the North Douglas County specific Planning Area for potential disposal through exchange or under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act (R&PP) and criteria for BLM acquisition