

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[OR-030-00-1220-00; GPO-0271]

Notice of Meeting of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Advisory Board

AGENCY: National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, Vale District, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is given that a meeting of the Advisory Board for the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center will be held on Thursday, August 3, 2000 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Library Room at the Best Western Sunridge Inn, One Sunridge Lane, Baker City, Oregon. At an appropriate time, the Board will recess for approximately one hour for lunch. Public comments will be received from 11:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., August 3, 2000. Topics to be discussed are the Strategic Plan Update and reports from Coordinators of Subcommittees.

DATES: The meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. and run to 4:00 p.m. August 3, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David B. Hunsaker, Bureau of Land Management, National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, P.O. Box 987, Baker City, OR 97814 (Telephone 541-523-1845).

Juan Palma,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[ID-070-1020-XQ]

Resource Advisory Council Meeting Locations and Times

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C., the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) council meeting of the Upper Snake River District Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will be held as indicated below. The primary agenda item for this meeting will be a field trip to the Pleasant View Allotment that will give RAC members a better understanding of the application of Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for

Grazing Management. Other agenda items may be added between publication of this notice and the meeting. All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written or oral comments to the council. Each formal council meeting will have a time allocated for hearing public comments. The public comment period for the council meetings is listed below. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment, and the time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meetings, or need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations should contact David Howell at the Upper Snake River District Office, 1405 Hollipark Dr., Idaho Falls, ID 83401, or telephone (208) 524-7559.

DATES AND TIMES: The next meeting will be held Friday, August 4, 2000. The meeting will start at the BLM's Pocatello Field Office, 1111 8th Avenue in Pocatello, Idaho, beginning at 9 a.m. The field trip to the Pleasant View Allotment will begin shortly after the meeting convenes public comments, if any, are presented. The meeting is scheduled to end at about 4 p.m.

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 the of the public lands.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Howell, Upper Snake River District, 1405 Hollipark Dr., Idaho Falls, ID 83401, (208) 524-7559.

Dated: June 22, 2000.

James E. May,

Upper Snake River District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[AZ-010-00-14; AZA-30895, AZA-30896, AZA-30897]

Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification; Arizona; Correction

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management published a document in the **Federal Register** of May 27, 1999,

concerning a R&PP Classification in Mohave County, Arizona. The document contained an incorrect section number in the legal description.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laurie Ford, Realty Specialist, (435) 688-3271.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of May 27, 1999, in FR Doc. 64-102, on page 28832, the second section of the legal description should read section 10 instead of section 9 as follows:

Sec. 10, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ (2.5 acres for a fire station).

Dated: June 26, 2000.

Roger G. Taylor,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[NM050-1150PG]

Intent To Prepare Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA), Socorro Field Office (SFO), Socorro, New Mexico

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

SUMMARY: The BLM, SFO is proposing to amend the Resource Management Plan (RMP) to change oil and gas leasing stipulations on 229,500 acres within Socorro County. The areas proposed for stipulation changes include critical habitats for the state endangered desert bighorn sheep, designated Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), and designated Special Management Areas (SMA).

DATES: Comments should be received on or before October 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Socorro Field Manager, 198 Neel Avenue, Socorro, New Mexico, 87801.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David L. Heft, Wildlife Biologist, or Jon Hertz, Assistant Field Manager, at (505) 835-0412.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Socorro RMP was completed in August 1989. The Ladron Mountain ACEC was identified at that time as a site for future reintroduction of the state endangered desert bighorn sheep. Desert bighorn sheep were reintroduced into the ACEC in 1992. The current population is approximately 35 individuals. The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish completed a habitat evaluation of potential reintroduction sites for desert

bighorn in New Mexico in 1991 with an update in 1994. This evaluation also identified the Devil's Backbone area in the southern portion of the Magdalena Mountains in Socorro County as historic and suitable habitat for the reintroduction of desert bighorn sheep. This area is approximately 38 miles south of the reintroduction site in the Ladron Mountain ACEC. Bighorn sheep movements have been confirmed to within 8 miles of the Devil's Backbone area from the Ladron herd. The connecting corridor between the two primary habitat sites is composed of the Polvadera Mountains, Socorro Mountain, and Chupadera Mountains.

Requests for public comment on probable impacts to bighorn sheep and their habitat from oil and gas leasing activities were sent to approximately 260 public entities composed primarily of industry constituents. Responses were received from the state wildlife agency and interested members of the public identifying potential negative impacts to bighorn sheep and their habitat from these activities. The New Mexico Bureau of Mines commented that the potential for oil and gas resources in the proposed action area was very low. A comment pertaining to the cultural importance and concern for conservation of bighorn sheep was received from the Navajo Nation. No comments were received from the oil and gas industries.

Any comments of substance received during the 90-day comment period will be incorporated into the environmental analysis. The resultant analysis of oil and gas leasing and associated activities such as geophysical exploration has determined that these activities can have detrimental impacts to the habitat for desert bighorn sheep. The protection of these areas has become even more critical with the recent listing as federally endangered of small isolated populations of bighorn sheep on public lands in California. The New Mexico statewide population of free ranging desert bighorn sheep is estimated to only number 220 animals at this time.

The vulnerability of small fragmented populations of desert bighorn sheep was recently demonstrated by the listing as federally endangered of the peninsular population in southern California in March 1998 by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. This population at the time of listing was estimated to number 280 individuals. In order to preclude the potential future listing of the New Mexico population as much as possible, the SFO is pro-actively managing identified habitat areas within its jurisdiction to provide maximum protection and enhancement of those

habitats. The Ladron Mountain/Devil's Backbone complex has the potential to support a long term viable population of more than 100 individuals if habitat suitability is maintained. Protection and enhancement of this habitat can also assist in the potential state delisting of this species.

Dated: June 30, 2000.

Kate Padilla,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-ET; N-66363]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice temporarily segregates 160,529.76 acres of Federal lands and 15,813.12 acres of federally reserved minerals, while various studies and analyses are made to support a final decision to withdraw the land for protection of resources for a 20-year period. This notice closes the Federal lands to surface entry, except for conveyance under section 206 of Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 or the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of 1926, and mining, but not to mineral leasing for up to 1 year. This notice closes the federally owned minerals to mining, but not to mineral leasing for up to 1 year. In addition, any non-Federal lands acquired through exchange, donation or purchase within the boundaries of the described plan area would be closed to surface entry and mining during the 1-year period. This segregation does not affect valid existing rights.

The Carson City Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management proposes to amend the Lahontan Resource Management Plan to address future management of these same lands. The resource management plan amendment process will serve as the basis for decisions on resource protection and development and the need for a withdrawal. The Bureau of Land Management and Washoe County are cooperating in the preparation of this resource management plan amendment.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before October 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Nevada State Director, BLM, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520 or the Manager, Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, Nevada 89701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis J. Samuelson, BLM Nevada State Office, 775-785-6532 or Jo Ann Hufnagle, BLM Carson City Office, 775-885-6000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 6, 2000, a petition was approved allowing the Bureau of Land Management to file an application to withdraw the following described Federal lands and non-Federal lands from surface and mineral entry:

Federal Lands

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 20 N., R. 18 E.,

Sec. 2, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ (that portion north of the south boundary of R/W Nev-042776 for U.S. Highway 395).

T. 21 N., R. 18 E.,

Sec. 4, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 6, lots 11 to 14, inclusive;

Sec. 7, lots 9 to 12, inclusive;

Sec. 8;

Sec. 10;

Sec. 12, N $\frac{1}{2}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 14;

Sec. 18, lots 9 to 12, inclusive;

Sec. 22;

Sec. 26, lots 1 and 2, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,

NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 27, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 34, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, (those portions north of the south boundary of R/W Nev-042776 for U.S. Highway 395).

T. 22 N., R. 18 E.

Sec. 1, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 2, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 3, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 4, lots 5 to 20, inclusive;

Sec. 5, lots 5 to 8, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 6, lots 3 to 6, inclusive;

Sec. 8, lots 1 to 12, inclusive, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 9 to 11, inclusive;

Sec. 12, W $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 13, W $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 14, lots 1 to 8, inclusive, and W $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 15 to 17, inclusive;

Sec. 18, lots 1 to 4, inclusive;

Sec. 20, lots 1 to 8, inclusive, and S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 21;

Sec. 22, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 23;

Sec. 24, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 25, W $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 26 to 29, inclusive;

Sec. 30, lots 1 to 4, inclusive;