

Public participation has been an integral part of the planning process with the CSESA Draft Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement and continues with this scoping process for the supplemental draft management plan (40 CFR 1501.7 and 43 CFR 1610.2), which defines:

1. Defining the scope of the analysis and nature of the decision to be made.
2. Identifying the issues and determining the significant issues for consideration and analysis within the environmental impact statement.
3. Defining the proper skills required for the interdisciplinary team.
4. Exploring possible alternatives.
5. Identifying potential environmental effects.
6. Determining potential cooperating agencies.
7. Identifying groups or individuals interested or affected by the decision.

Public participation will be solicited by mail to known interested and/or affected members of the public and key contacts. In addition, news releases will be used to give the public general notice. Comments from interested persons and organizations will be used in preparation of the supplemental draft environmental impact statement.

Local and regional groups differ over future management of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. The presidential proclamation provided specific directions on minerals, commercial timber harvest, and off-road vehicle use in order to protect the objects for which the monument was designated. In addition, the proclamation directed the Secretary of the Interior to study the impacts of livestock grazing on the objects of biological interest in the monument in order to determine the compatibility of livestock grazing in protecting those objects. The formal designation also expanded the planning boundary and has the potential to have some off-site effects which were not addressed in the CSEEA Draft Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement.

The completed management plan will provide direction for management of public lands within the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. Several management alternatives were identified and analyzed in the CSEEA Draft Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement and, as a result of the monument designation, additional alternatives may be proposed. These alternatives will be developed based on internal staff discussions, public comments, and meeting with government agencies.

The BLM is seeking information, comments and assistance from federal,

state, and local agencies and other individuals or organization interested in or affected by management plan.

The analysis will be completed by an interdisciplinary team. Disciplines to be represented on the team include, but are not limited to, archaeology, anthropology, botany, fire management, fisheries, forestry, geology, hydrology, realty, recreation, rangeland management, wilderness, and soils. COMMENTS: Comments should be sent to Richard J. Dreihobl, Ashland Field Manager/Interim Monument Manager, Medford District Bureau of Land Management, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon 97504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Sensenig (541) 618-2319 or Bill Yocum (541) 618-2384. Fax can be sent to Tom Sensenig or Bill Yocum at (541) 618-2400 and e-mails to <110mb@or.blm.gov>. Information concerning the analysis will be available at the BLM office in Medford at the address shown above.

Pursuant to 7 CFR Part 1, subpart B, Section 1.27, all written submissions in response to this notice, the published scoping newsletter, draft, supplemental, and final environmental impact statements will be made available for public inspection including the submitter's name and address, unless the submitter specifically requests confidentiality. Anonymous comments will not be accepted. All written submissions from business entities and organizations, submitted on official letterheads, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: July 25, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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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 (public law 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 in Bishop.

DATES: Friday and Saturday, August 11-12, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Patio Room, Tri-County Fairgrounds, Sierra Street and Fair Drive, Bishop, California.

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. On Friday, the Council will hear reports on the General Accounting Office investigation of the BLM. Land exchange program and local grazing issues in the Bishop area. Saturday's session will be taken up with a discussion of off-highway vehicle issues, with a presentation of a national OHV strategy by the BLM. There will be a public comment period at 10:45 a.m. Saturday on OHV issues only. There will be other opportunities on both Friday and Saturday for public comments on any public land issue. Written comments will also be accepted, either 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: July 14, 2000.

Ron Fellows,
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Conveyance of Mineral Interests in California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of segregation.

SUMMARY: The private land described in this notice, aggregating 640.00 acres, is segregated and made unavailable for filings under the general mining laws and the mineral leasing laws to determine its suitability for conveyance of the reserved mineral interest pursuant to section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976.

The mineral interests will be conveyed in whole or in part upon favorable mineral examination.