

national needs and concerns. This notice initiates the public scoping process to identify specific issues and develop planning criteria. The scoping process will include an evaluation of the needs and interests of the public.

**DATES:** The scoping comment period will commence with the publication of this notice. Formal scoping will end 60 days after publication of this notice. Comments regarding issues and planning criteria should be received on or before the end of the scoping period at the address listed below.

Public meetings will be held throughout the plan scoping and preparation period. In order to ensure local community participation and input, public meetings will most likely be held in Burley, Shoshone, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello. Specific dates and locations for public participation will be published in local papers and broadcast on local community calendars at a later date. The public will be given opportunities to participate through workshops and open house meetings throughout the planning process to work collaboratively with BLM in identifying the full range of issues to be addressed in the plan amendment and EIS and developing alternatives to be analyzed in the EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding the Fire, Fuels and Related Vegetation Management Direction Plan Amendment should be sent to: Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Pocatello Field Office, 1111 N. 8th Avenue, Pocatello Idaho 83201. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EIS. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Terry Smith, Project Manager, Pocatello Field Office, 1111 N. 8th Avenue, Pocatello Idaho 83201, (208) 478-6340.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed plan amendments would: (1)

Establish resource area-wide objectives for fire, fuels, and related vegetation management direction, (2) delineate fire management areas, (3) identify broad vegetation treatments, and (4) identify general restrictions on fire management practices. Anticipated issues for the plan amendments include: protection of human life, protection of property, protection of natural/cultural resources, integration of fire and resource management, air quality, and wildlife habitat. The planning process for this Fire Management Direction Plan Amendment will utilize a collaborative approach. This will allow the public, Tribes, State and Federal agencies, local elected officials, and BLM subject matter specialists to participate in scoping and the development and analysis of alternatives. Public scoping to identify specific issues to be addressed in the plan will be an early opportunity for the public to provide input. Subsequent opportunities for public involvement will occur at specific stages in the planning process.

Agency representatives and interested persons are invited to visit with Upper Snake River District officials at any time during the EIS process. In addition, two specific time periods are identified for the receipt of formal comments. The two comment periods are, (1) during the scoping process (60 days following publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**) and, (2) during the formal review period of the Draft EIS.

Dated: January 7, 2002.

**James E. May,**

*Upper Snake River District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CA-350-1220-AA]

#### Notice of Resource Advisory Council Meeting

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Northeast California Resource Advisory Council, Susanville, California.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committees Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (Pub. L. 94-579), the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Northeast California Resource Advisory Council will hold a business meeting and field tour, Friday and Saturday, April 19 and 20, 2002.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting begins Friday, April 19, at 10 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Eagle Lake Field Office, 2950 Riverside Dr., Susanville, CA. Agenda items include juniper management, sage grouse conservation planning, BLM's vegetative management environmental impact statement, and a status report on planning for the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area. Members of the public can also comment on these or other public lands management issues during the public comment period set for 1 p.m. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, a time limit may be established.

On Saturday, April 20, the council will convene at 8 a.m. in the Eagle Lake Conference Room, then depart for a field tour of public land areas managed by the Eagle Lake Field Office, including the Fort Sage Off Highway Vehicle Area in southern Lassen County. Members of the public are welcome on the tour, but they must provide their own lunch and transportation in a high clearance vehicle.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Contact BLM Assistant Eagle Lake Field Manager Don Holmstrom, or Public Affairs Officer Joseph J. Fontana at (530) 257-5381.

**Joseph J. Fontana,**

*Public Affairs Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-923-1310-FI; N-62709]

#### Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

Pursuant to the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188(d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3(a) and (b)(1), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease N-62709 for lands in Nye County, Nevada, was timely filed and was accompanied by all the required rentals accruing from July 1, 2001, the date of termination.

The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$5.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> percent, respectively.

The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$158 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice. The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Section 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C.