

using the surface methods planned for the mine and would allow for lateral support and protection of the Reno county road right-of-way. The Federal coal in this modification would be recovered in conjunction with the existing lease. Recovery of these reserves will add to Federal and State royalty and tax revenues and will contribute to the economy in this area.

BLM believes that there is no current competitive interest in the lands proposed for lease modification; although as noted above, this area could be recovered as part of a later competitive coal lease tract, but that may or may not occur. This lease modification would not reduce the competitive value of a later competitive coal lease tract. Under the lease modification process, the modified lands would be added to the existing lease without competitive bidding. Before offering the lease modification the BLM will prepare an appraisal of the FMV of the lease. The U.S. would receive FMV of the lease for the added lands.

The proposed lease modification is within the mine permit area of the North Rochelle Mine. No new facilities or employees would be needed to mine the coal. Haul distances would not be increased. If production at the North Rochelle Mine continues at the current rate, the 13 million tons of coal included in the proposed lease modification would represent about six to eight months of production. The lands were studied under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) as part of the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the North Rochelle Coal Lease Application (BLM 1997), as well as several earlier NEPA analyses. If this tract is modified into the current lease, the new lands must be incorporated into the existing mining plans for the North Rochelle Mine. The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is a cooperating agency in the preparation of the environmental document because it is the Federal agency that is responsible for any required actions necessary to incorporate these lands into the current mining plan.

BLM conducted scoping during late May and June 2001, soliciting specific concerns that should be considered in processing this modified lease application, with scoping comments accepted through June 30, 2001. A NEPA analysis addressing issues identified or information received during this scoping period for the proposed lease modification was completed and distributed to the public

on July 31, 2001. There was a 30-day comment period on the NEPA analysis, with comments accepted until August 31, 2001. A public hearing was held on August 14, 2001, at the Clarion Western Plaza Hotel in Gillette, WY, to solicit public comment on the NEPA analysis, the proposed modification, and the fair market value and maximum economic recovery of coal in the proposed tract. The EA addresses all the issues and information received as a result of the scoping and the review of the NEPA analysis as well as a notice of appeal on this modification filed by Independent Production Company on November 2001. In addition to preparing the EA, BLM will also develop possible stipulations regarding mining operations, determine the FMV of the tract, and evaluate MER of the coal in the proposed tract while processing this lease modification.

Comments on the EA, the FMV, the MER, and the proposed noncompetitive offer of the coal included in the proposed lease modification, as well as comments already received, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address below during regular business hours (7:45 a.m.–4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. 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.

Dated: March 28, 2002.

**Phillip C. Perlewitz,**

*Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[OR-912-6320-AA; GP2-0163]

#### Resource Advisory Committees; Call for Nominations to Alternate Positions

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of a call for nominations for alternate positions to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource

Advisory Committees (Committees) provided for in Section 205 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, Public Law 106-393 (the Act).

**SUMMARY:** This purpose of this notice is to solicit nominations for vacant alternate positions to the BLM's Coos Bay, Eugene, Salem and Roseburg Resource Advisory Committees. In accordance with the Committee Charters, the role of an alternate is to fill vacancies that occur when a primary member leaves the Committee. Public nominations will be considered for 30 days after the publication date of this notice.

The BLM Resource Advisory Committee vacancies are as follows:

#### Coos Bay Resource Advisory Committee

Category One—2 alternates

Category Three—1 alternate

#### Eugene Resource Advisory Committee

Category One—1 alternate

#### Salem Resource Advisory Committee

Category One—2 alternates

Category Two—2 alternates

Category Three—2 alternates

#### Roseburg Resource Advisory Committee

Category Three—1 alternate

**DATE:** Nomination applications for alternate positions to the BLM Resource Advisory Committees can be obtained from the Coos Bay, Eugene, Salem and Roseburg District Office, or on the web at [www.or.blm.gov/planning/advisory](http://www.or.blm.gov/planning/advisory). All applications must be received by the appropriate BLM District office listed below no later than 30 days after publication of this notice. All nominations must include letters of reference from represented interests or organizations and a completed application that includes background information, as well as any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

#### BLM Resource Advisory Committee Contacts

##### Coos Bay Resource Advisory

Committee, Sue Richardson, District Manager, 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, Oregon 97459, (541) 756-0100

##### Eugene Resource Advisory Committee,

Wayne Elliot, Resource Management Advisor, 2890 Chad Drive, Eugene, Oregon 97408-7336, (541) 683-6600

##### Roseburg District Resource Advisory

Committee, Cary Osterhaus, District Manager, 777 NW Garden Valley Blvd., Roseburg, Oregon 97470, (541) 440-4913

Salem District Resource Advisory Committee, Jose Linares, Associate District Manager, 1717 Fabry Road SE, Salem, Oregon 97306, (503) 375-5646

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Maya Fuller, Oregon/Washington Bureau of Land Management, Oregon State Office, PO Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208, (503) 808-6437.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 establishes a five-year payment schedule to local counties in lieu of funds formerly derived from the harvest of timber on federal lands. Pursuant to the Act, BLM established five Committees for western Oregon BLM districts that contain O&C grant lands and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands. Committees consist of 15 local citizens, plus 6 alternates, representing a wide array of interests.

The Act creates a new mechanism for local community collaboration with federal land management activities in the selection of projects to be conducted on federal lands or that will benefit resources on federal lands using funds under Title II of the Act. Committee members review proposed projects and transmit their recommendations on those projects to the agency.

Committee membership must be balanced in terms of the categories of interest represented. Members serve without monetary compensation, but will be reimbursed for travel and per diem when on Committee business, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5703. Prospective members and alternates are advised that serving on a Resource Advisory Committee calls for a substantial commitment of time and energy.

Any individual or organization may nominate one or more persons to serve on the Committees. Individuals may also nominate themselves or others. Nominees must reside within one of the counties that are (in whole or part) within the BLM District boundaries of the Committee(s) on which membership is sought. A person may apply for and serve on more than one Committee. Nominees will be evaluated based on their education, training, and experience relating to land use issues and knowledge of the geographical area of the Committee. Nominees must also demonstrate a commitment to collaborative resource decision-making.

You may make nominations for the following categories of interest:

*Category One*—representatives of organized labor; developed outdoor recreation; off-highway vehicle use; energy and/or mining development;

timber industry; or holders of federal grazing permits.

*Category Two*—representatives of nationally, regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations; dispersed recreation, archaeological and historic interests; or wild horse and burro groups.

*Category Three*—State, county or local elected officials; representatives of Native American Tribes; school officials or teachers, or the public-at-large.

The BLM Resource Advisory Committees are based on western Oregon BLM District boundaries. Specifically, the BLM Committees are as follows:

*Salem District Resource Advisory Committee* advises officials on projects associated with federal lands within the Salem District boundary which includes Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington, and Yamhill Counties.

*Eugene District Resource Advisory Committee* advises federal officials on projects associated with federal lands within the Eugene District boundary. The area covers Benton, Douglas, Lane, and Linn Counties.

*Roseburg District Resource Advisory Committee* advises federal officials on projects associated with federal lands within the Roseburg District boundary which includes Douglas, Lane, and Jackson Counties.

*Medford District Resource Advisory Committee* advises federal officials on projects associated with federal lands within the Medford District and Klamath Falls Resource Area in the Lakeview District. The area covers Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, and Josephine Counties, and small portions of west Klamath County.

*Coos Bay District Resource Advisory Committee* advises federal officials on projects associated with federal lands within the Coos Bay District which includes Coos, Curry, Douglas, and Lane Counties.

Dated: March 26, 2002.

**Ron Wenker,**

*Medford District Manager.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Intent To Prepare an Amendment to the Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to conduct public scoping meetings and solicit scoping comments in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement and an amendment to the Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Carson City Field Office, the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, the Yerington Paiute Tribe, Douglas County, Lyon County, Carson City, other State and Federal agencies, and interested citizens and organizations will jointly prepare an amendment to the Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan. The planning area is composed of approximately 400,000 acres of BLM-managed public land, Public Domain Individual Indian Allotments, and intermingled private lands in the Pine Nut Mountains, east of Carson City, Nevada. The Environmental Impact Statement, will analyze the impacts of the proposed plan amendment and alternatives.

Issues identified during preliminary internal BLM scoping include:

(1) Urban Interface Management, (2) Off Highway Vehicle Use and Management, (3) Recreation/Visual and Scenic Resources, (4) Lands and Land Tenure Issues, (5) Wildlife and Threatened and Endangered Species Management, (6) Livestock Management, (7) Wild Horse Population Management, (8) Fire Management, (9) Cultural Resource Management, (10) Native American Issues, (11) Minerals, (12) Air Quality, (13) Water Resources, (14) Soils and Noxious Weeds, (15) Special Areas, (16) Hazardous Wastes/Materials. State and Federal Agency resource specialists, Native Americans, and individuals with expertise in the disciplines and issues listed above will participate in preparation of this plan amendment.

**DATES:** Public participation opportunities will be provided by the collaborative nature of this planning process in addition to those prescribed by BLM planning and NEPA regulations. BLM has engaged a diverse