

be interested in or affected by the BLM decision on the Tracy to Silver Lake Power Line Project are urged to participate in the EIS process. It is important that those interested in the proposed activities participate in the scoping and commenting processes of the EIS. To be most helpful, comments should be as specific as possible.

Dated: May 14, 2002.

John Singlaub,
Manager, Carson City Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-110-1060-DU]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment and Plan Amendment

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for an Amendment to the White River Resource Management Plan (RMP) Regarding Management of Wild Horses in the West Douglas Herd Area.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), White River Field Office proposes to prepare an EA and consider an amendment to the White River RMP regarding management of wild horses in the West Douglas Herd Area. The purpose of this planning process is to identify the most appropriate strategy for management of wild horses in the West Douglas Herd Area of the White River Resource Area, while protecting resource values, providing for multiple uses, and improving the health of public lands. The planning process will allow BLM, with integrated public involvement, to develop and conduct detailed analysis of a full range of alternatives specifically focused on wild horses and other resources within this herd area. BLM has determined that such detail and focus may not have been sufficiently addressed and documented in the current RMP, which has a resource-area-wide scope. BLM will hold public meetings in Rangely and Grand Junction, CO, to share information and identify specific concerns and issues pertaining to this plan amendment.

DATES: The official public scoping period for this planning effort commences with the publication of this notice. The public is invited to submit scoping comments to the address listed

below until August 26, 2002. BLM will publish exact dates, times, and locations for public meetings through media announcements, internet postings, and mailings at least 15 days in advance of the meetings.

ADDRESSES: Send scoping comments to the White River Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 73544 Hwy 64, Meeker, CO 81641, or e-mail scott_pavey@co.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The West Douglas Herd Area is located in Rio Blanco County, within the southwestern portion of the White River Resource Area in Northwestern Colorado. It contains 123,390 acres of public, and 4,754 acres of private land. The herd area also encompasses Texas and Oil Spring Mountains; portions of Douglas, Missouri, and Texas Creek Watersheds; a portion of the Oil Springs Mountain Wilderness Study Area; and a portion of the Canyon Pintado National Historic District.

BLM invites the public to identify issues that they feel should be addressed during the planning process. Thus far, BLM has identified the following preliminary issues:

Issue 1: Wild Horse Management. Have all reasonable management options been considered and analyzed? Do management alternatives meet statutory requirements?

Issue 2: Wilderness. Can wild horse management activities and wilderness values within Oil Spring Mountain Wilderness Study Area co-exist?

Issue 3: Oil and Gas Development. Will there be additional stipulations for oil and gas development? Will oil and gas development cause wild horses to disperse into areas outside of the herd area?

Issue 4: Forage Allocation. What proportions of available forage should be allocated to livestock, wild horses, and wildlife?

Public participation will be an essential component of this planning process. Anyone wishing to be placed on the BLM mailing list for this action should contact the person listed below or mail a letter containing contact information to the White River Field Office (address listed earlier in this notice). BLM will review all comments and take them into consideration when developing the Environmental Assessment and the plan amendment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Pavey, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, White River Field Office (970) 878-3831, E-mail: scott_pavey@co.blm.gov.

Dated: March 25, 2001.

James A. Cagney,
Associate Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting of the California Desert District Advisory Council

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Public Laws 92-463 and 94-579, that the California Desert District Advisory Council to the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, will meet in formal session on Friday, June 28, 2002, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, June 29, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Barstow Community College, located at 2700 Barstow Road, Barstow, California.

Agenda items for the Council meeting will include the following topics:

- Review of District Advisory Council charter, Council role and function
- Election of Officers
- Public Comment for items not on the agenda (Friday morning)
- Overview and update on the West Mojave Plan
- Status report on current District Planning efforts: Northern and Eastern Colorado Plan, Northern and Eastern Mojave Plan, Draft BLM Coachella Valley Plan Amendment—Environmental Impact Statement, Draft Western Colorado Plan, Draft Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area Resource Management Plan
- Plan Implementation strategies and priorities
- Council involvement in future Districtwide projects
- Public comment (Saturday afternoon)
- Select future Council meeting date(s), location(s), and agenda topics

All Desert District Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Time for public comment is scheduled at the beginning of the meeting for topics not on the agenda, and will be made available by the Council Chairman during the presentation of various agenda items. Time for public comment is also scheduled at the end of the meeting.

Written comments may be filed in advance of the meeting for the

California Desert District Advisory Council, c/o Bureau of Land Management, Public Affairs Office, 6221 Box Springs Boulevard, Riverside, California 92507-0714. Written comments also are accepted at the time of the meeting and, if copies are provided to the recorder, will be incorporated into the minutes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Doran Sanchez, BLM California Desert District Public Affairs Specialist, (909) 697-5220.

Dated: June 6, 2002.

Linda Hansen,
Acting District Manager.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Correction to Notice of Meetings for Medford District Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Correction to notice of meetings for Medford District Resource Advisory Committee.

This notice was previously published in the **Federal Register:** Vol. 67, No. 97/ page 35572, Monday May 20, 2002.

SUMMARY: The **Federal Register** Notice has an incorrect date for a Medford District Resource Advisory Committee field trip. The correct date is July 25, 2002.

The Medford District Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Medford to tour project sites and to discuss proposed 2003 projects on July 11, 2002, July 25, August 8, 2002, and August 22, 2002. The field trips on July 11, 2002 and July 25, 2002 will begin at 7 am. The meetings on August 8, 2002 and August 22, 2002 will begin at 10 am. A public comment period will be held from 2 pm to 2:30 pm. The field trips and meetings are expected to adjourn at 4 pm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Karen Gillespie, Medford District Office (541-618-2424).

Dated: June 6, 2002.

Aaron Horton,
Acting District Manager.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management [OR-056-01-1120-JG; H5AC GP2-0058]

Notice of Seasonal Motor Vehicle Closure on Selected Public Lands East of Prineville Reservoir, Crook County, OR

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District, Deschutes Resource Area, Oregon, Interior.

ACTION: A proposed seasonal closure to motorized vehicle use on certain public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Deschutes Resource Area, Prineville District, Oregon.

SUMMARY: The BLM is proposing the seasonal closure of certain public lands east of Prineville Reservoir in Crook County from December 1 to May 1 to the use of motorized vehicles.

The purpose of this seasonal closure is to provide safe habitat and forage for wildlife. The area has been identified as crucial mule deer winter range by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), who estimates the wintering population at approximately 300-500 deer. The resident deer population is estimated at approximately 300 head. Present habitat conditions for wintering mule deer are considered fair to good. Elk also inhabit the area in fairly large numbers. Additionally, poaching of big game has been a problem within the area in part due to the road density and limited restrictions on vehicle travel.

Road improvements along with the posting of signs along the designated travel route and the public's observance of traveling only on the designated travel route will reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, improve stream channel and riparian vegetative conditions, improve wildlife habitat, and reduce disturbance to wildlife within the Sand Creek, Sanford Creek, and Deer Creek subwatersheds in accordance with the Upper Prineville Reservoir Activity Plan Environmental Assessment (EA No. OR-056-2-010) and the Brothers/La Pine Resource Management Plan (1989). The soils in the area are known to be steep, shallow, and well-drained yielding medium runoff with a moderate erosion hazard. Current use of motorized vehicles within the area causes increased erosion and soil loss on unstable roads and vehicle trails within the subwatersheds. Compaction of soil by these vehicles inhibits growth of vegetation and also increases runoff. Sand Creek, Sanford Creek, and Deer Creek flow to the northwest through the subject site

thereby transporting a large quantity of this eroded soil to Prineville Reservoir ultimately reducing the effectiveness of Prineville Reservoir.

DATES: This closure will take effect upon the published date of this notice or December 1, 2001, whichever is later. The closure is effective annually from December 1 to May 1.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Robert Towne, Deschutes Resource Area Field Manager, 3050 NE 3rd Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754, telephone (541) 416-6700. The maps and Environmental Assessment pertaining to this closure can be viewed on the Internet at: www.or.blm.gov/Prineville/planning/EAs/ea_00_095.pdf.

Discussion of the Rules: A gate has been installed at the junction of Doubtful Dirt Road and the unnamed road that provides access to the seasonally closed lands. This junction is located approximately at the center of Section 10, Township 17 South, Range 17 East. A public information kiosk displaying a detailed map of the affected area has also been installed at this junction. Handout maps of the same are also available at the kiosk. In addition, signs have been placed along the designated travel route within the affected area to aid in route navigation during the open season. The designated travel route has had some construction improvements for the same purpose.

The public lands affected by this closure are all lands administered by the BLM in Sections 25, 26, 34, 35, and 36 of Township 16 South, Range 17 East; Section 30 of Township 16 South, Range 18 East; Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 of Township 17 South, Range 17 East; Sections 6, 7, and 18 of Township 17 South, Range 18 East Willamette Meridian, Oregon. Doubtful Dirt Road will remain open continuously. This area is known as Deer Creek, Sanford Creek, and Sand Creek Watersheds. Closure signs will be posted at all road entry points. Maps of the closure area may be obtained from the Prineville District Office or the public information kiosk at the east end of Doubtful Dirt Road.

Prohibited Act: Under 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management will enforce the following rule within the Deer Creek, Sanford Creek, and Sand Creek closure area:

- i. Operation of motorized vehicles is prohibited December 1 to May 1.
- ii. Cutting and/or removal of firewood is not allowed.

Exemptions: Persons who are exempt from this rule include any Federal, State, or local officer or employee in the scope of their duties, members of any