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Duane Winters,

Acting Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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New Mexico; Notice of Intent To Prepare a Plan Amendment to the Taos Resource Management Plan With an Associated National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Documentation

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to amend the Taos Field Office's Resource Management Plan (RMP) and preparation of an associated NEPA document.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 43 CFR 1600, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Taos Field Office is considering an amendment to the Taos Resource Management Plan (RMP) to provide for the possible disposal of approximately 640 acres, more or less, of public land in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, and to provide improvements associated with access.

This amendment will be addressed through an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The level of NEPA documentation will be determined following public scoping.

As a part of the public participation process, the public is invited to submit comments on this proposal for consideration in the RMP Amendment/NEPA documentation. 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 and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: Lora Yonemoto, Taos BLM Field Office, 226 Cruz Alta Rd., Taos, NM 87571. If you are not currently on our mailing list and wish to receive meeting notices and copies of planning documents, please send your name and address to the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lora Yonemoto at the address above, or call 505-758-8851.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following described public land in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, will be examined for possible disposal under sections 209 and 212 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1713 and 1719 and the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of 1926, as amended by the Recreation and Public Purpose Amendment Act of 1988.

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The land described above contains 640 acres, more or less.

An amendment to the RMP and associated environmental documentation (EA or EIS) will be completed for this action. If the land is found suitable for disposal, the United States would offer it to the North Central Solid Waste Authority (NCSWA) at \$10.00 per acre, and a right-of-way grant for the associated access. This action would provide the member organizations within the NCSWA with a site for solid waste disposal. The public is invited to provide scoping comments on the issues that should be addressed in the plan amendment and EA or EIS. The following resources will be considered in the preparation of the plan amendment: lands, wildlife, range, minerals, cultural resources, watershed/soils, threatened/endangered species, visual, and hazardous materials. Staff specialists representing these resources will make up the planning team. Several public meetings are planned. Public meetings will be announced in the Rio Grande Sun newspaper and at the Taos BLM web page (www.nm.blm.gov/www/tafo/tafo_home.html). At least 15 days prior notice will be given before a meeting is held. Written comments will be accepted for at least 15 days after the last scoping meeting is held. Comments on the scope of the proposed plan amendment and environmental document should be sent to Lora Yonemoto at the address above no later than 45 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Current land use planning information is available at the Taos Field Office. Office hours are 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Dated: May 16, 2002.

Carsten F. Goff,

New Mexico Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-172-02-5440-EQ-C028]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Amendment to the San Juan/San Miguel Resource Management Plan (RMP) for a Proposed Ski Area Near Silverton, CO

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent. This notice will initiate a public scoping period.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will prepare, by a third-party contractor, an EIS on a proposed ski area in southwestern Colorado CoreMountain Enterprises, LLC, proposes to use approximately 1,300 acres of BLM managed public land, combined with about 400 acres of their private lands, for a downhill ski area located about 5 miles north of Silverton, Colorado. The proposed action may be modified, as a result of comments received during scoping or during the preparation of the draft EIS.

The proposed action will require a plan amendment if it results in a change in the scope of resource uses or decisions in the San Juan/San Miguel RMP.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted until October 3, 2002. If the agency determines that public scoping meetings are needed, all parties on the project's mailing list will be notified through written correspondence. Additionally, public notices for these scoping meetings will be placed in local newspapers two weeks prior to the meetings.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Bureau of Land Management, San Juan Public Lands Center, Columbine Field Office, 15 Burnett Court, Durango, Colorado 81301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Speegle, Team Leader, Columbine Field Office, at (970) 375-3310.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 9, 2001, Core Mountain Enterprises, LLC (Silverton Outdoor Learning and Recreation Center) submitted a proposal for a ski area and recreation/learning facility, titled the "Silverton Outdoor Learning and Recreation Center"

(SOLRC) on public lands north of Silverton, Colorado. The scope of the proposal includes lift-accessed skiing, snow boarding, and winter related educational courses; and hiking, mountain biking and lift-accessed scenic chairlift rides during the summer months. Seasonal foot bridges would be installed across Cement Creek for skier access. In addition, a toilet facility and two summer use trails (one would be a mountaineering trail, the other a hiking/biking trail) would be constructed. The proposed project area encompasses about 400 acres of private land, owned by Core Mountain Enterprises, LLC, and about 1,300 acres of Federal lands managed by the BLM, located within sections 20–21, 27–34 of protracted Township 42 N., R. 7 W., and, also within sections 3–9 of protracted Township 41 N., R. 7 W., New Mexico Principal Meridian.

During the fall of 2001, while this proposal was being evaluated through the Environmental Assessment (EA) process, potentially significant impacts were identified that necessitated preparation of an EIS. Potential issues to be addressed in the EIS include, but are not limited to, avalanche safety, Canada lynx habitat, impacts on the local winter economy, impacts to neighboring private lands, and the need for temporary public access closures due to safety reasons related to avalanche control. As part of the earlier EA process, public meetings were held in Durango and Silverton to discuss the proposal and obtain public input. Written comments received during the previous public meetings held in Durango and Silverton, Colorado, in August of 2001, are being carried forward as part of the scoping for this EIS. It is not necessary to comment again if comments are the same as during the original EA scoping process. This notice initiates an additional formal 30-day public scoping period during which public comments related to the issues to be addressed, viable alternatives that should be considered, and potential impacts that may occur are requested. The San Juan County Commissioners and the Silverton City Council have been consulted concerning this proposal and are supportive. Consultation will continue as new issues or alternatives develop through the EIS process.

Detailed and supplementary information is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, San Juan Field Office, 15

Burnett Court, Durango, Colorado 81301.

Thurman H. Wilson,
Acting Center Manager, San Juan Public Lands Center.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management [AZ-910-0777-26-241A]

Notice of Public Meeting, Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Arizona Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held October 3, 2002 at the BLM National Training Center, 9828 North 31st Avenue in Phoenix, Arizona, beginning at 8 a.m. The public comment period will begin at approximately 11:30 a.m., and the meeting will adjourn at approximately 1 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Arizona. At this meeting, topics to be discussed include: review of the August 1, 2002 meeting minutes; BLM State Director's Update on Statewide Issues; Presentations on Land Tenure Strategy and Land & Water Conservation Fund Acquisitions, and Noxious Weeds, Planning Updates; Update Proposed Field Office Rangeland Resource Teams; RAC Questions on Written Reports from BLM Field Office Managers; Reports by the Standards and Guidelines, Recreation and Public Relations, Wild Horse and Burro, and Planning Working Groups; Reports from RAC members; and Discussion of future meetings.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to

attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, tour transportation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Stevens, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ, Telephone (602) 417-9215.

Dated: August 27, 2002.

Carl Rountree,
Arizona Associate State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management [WY-100-1010-01]

Notice of Seasonal Closure for All Motorized Vehicles on Public Land in the Silver Creek Ridge Area, Sublette County, WY

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of seasonal vehicular closure.

SUMMARY: In response to a request from the Wyoming Game & Fish Department (WYG&F), a closure to all motorized vehicles, including over-the-snow vehicles will be in effect starting November 15th through January 31st of each year for the Silver Creek Ridge. A sign at the second irrigation ditch crossing 1.6 miles east of State Route 353 establishes the point beyond which the seasonal closure is in effect. The purpose of this closure is to allow elk to migrate free of motorized disturbance through this area. This will assist the WYG&F in decreasing elk depredation on stored agricultural crops and meet WYG&F management objectives.

EFFECTIVE DATES: This closure will be effective each year between November 15th through January 31st inclusive. This closure will remain in effect unless modified or rescinded by the Authorized Officer, (BLM Pinedale Field Manager).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Wadsworth, Realty Specialist or Priscilla Mecham, Field Manager, Pinedale Field Office, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941. Telephone (307) 367-5300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The objective for closure of the Silver Creek Ridge area is to improve the elk management objectives in the area and reduce depredation of stored agricultural crops on adjoining ranches. The WYG&F have been working with