

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to consider amending the Green River Resource Management Plan (RMP) by designating the Pilot Butte/Wild Horse National Back Country Byway, and request for public participation.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is considering a National Back Country Byway designation for portions of Sweetwater County (Wyoming) Roads 4-14 and 4-53, crossing BLM-administered public lands. The BLM invites the public to participate in the planning effort and to identify management needs and issues associated with the proposed National Back Country Byway designation. If the planning effort results in a decision to designate a National Back Country Byway, the Green River RMP will be amended accordingly.

DATES: The BLM invites the public to identify issues and concerns to be addressed in the EA to be prepared for the potential RMP amendment. Submissions should be in writing or by e-mail (see **ADDRESSES** below) and must be postmarked no later than 30 days following the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Future public involvement activities, opportunities, and review/comment periods will be announced at least 15 days in advance through other notices, media releases, or mailings.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted in writing to: Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Rock Springs Field Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901, or by e-mail to: [rock_springs_wymail@blm.gov]. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Rock Springs Field Office during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, and may be published as part of the EA. 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 and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernie Weynand, Assistant Field

Manager, at the above addresses or e-mail, or at telephone number (307) 352-0246. Persons wishing to be placed on the mailing list and to participate in the planning effort should contact Bernie Weynand, Assistant Field Manager, at the address, telephone number or e-mail address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under a cooperative agreement, the BLM, Sweetwater County, and the Cities of Rock Springs and Green River, Wyoming, have established a wild horse viewing and interpretive loop driving tour on portions of County Roads 4-14 and 4-53 crossing BLM-administered public lands. These actions were addressed in an EA before they were implemented. BLM has determined that this interpretive driving loop meets the criteria for designation as a National Back Country Byway.

While the proposed byway designation is in conformance with the general provisions of the Green River RMP decisions, a National Back Country Byway designation requires a specific land use planning decision. Because this particular designation was not one of the decisions previously made in the Green River RMP (1997), to do so now would require amending the RMP. The EA to be prepared will tier from the Environmental Impact Statement prepared for the Green River RMP as well as the EA prepared for the viewing areas and interpretive signs that have been put in place. The analysis will focus on the comparative socio-economic affects, along with any associated affects to other resources and land uses, of either designating or not designating the proposed byway.

The planning effort will include opportunities for public participation. A public review and comment period will be held on the completed EA before a decision is made on the proposed byway designation.

Any proposal to amend the Green River RMP decisions as a result of the planning effort will also be subject to protest by parties who participate in the planning process and who have an interest which is, or may be, adversely affected by the adoption of any RMP decision amendments, as provided by Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1610.5-2.

Dated: May 6, 2002.

Alan R. Pierson,
State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-260-09-1060-00-24 1A]

Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces that the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board will conduct a meeting on matters pertaining to management and protection of wild, free-roaming horses and burros on the Nation's public lands.

DATES: The advisory board will meet Monday, October 28, 2002 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. local time, and on Tuesday, October 29, 2002 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. local time.

ADDRESSES: The Advisory Board will meet at the Best Western Salt Lake Plaza Hotel, 122 West South Temple, Salt Lake City, UT.

Written comments pertaining to the Advisory Board meeting should be sent to: Bureau of Land Management, National Wild Horse and Burro Program, WO260, Attention: Ramona Delorme, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, Nevada, 89502-7147. Submit written comments pertaining to the Advisory Board meeting no later than close of business October 18, 2002. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access and filing address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Nordin, Wild Horse and Burro Public Outreach Specialist, (775) 861-6583. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may reach Ms. Nordin at any time by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Meeting

Under the authority of 43 CFR part 1784, the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board advises the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the BLM, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Chief, Forest Service, on matters pertaining to management and protection of wild, free-roaming horses and burros on the Nation's public lands. The tentative agenda for the meeting is:

Monday, October 28, 2002 (8 a.m.-5 p.m.)

8:00 Call to Order & Introductions
Co-chairs Comments & Housekeeping:
Robin Lohnes/Gary Zakotnik
Welcoming Remarks: (BLM Director

Kathleen Clark), Sally Wisely—
Utah State Director, John Fend—
WH&B Group Manager
Utah WH&B Program: Utah WH&B
Lead (Gus Warr)

8:30 Old Business:
Approval of August 2002 Minutes:
Robin Lohnes
BLM Action on August 2002
Recommendations: John Fend
2003 Nominations Update: John Fend

Break (10 a.m.–10:15 a.m.)

10:15 Program Update Report
—Strategic Plan: Tom Pogacnik
—FY '03–'04 Funding & Pipeline:
John Fend
—Checks & Balances Implemented:
John Fend/Tom Pogacnik

12:00 Lunch

1:30 Old Business (continued):
Update on Pending Litigation: John
Fend
Status of Sonora Wild Horse: John
Fend
Repatriation Project:

Break (2:30 p.m.–2:45 p.m.)

2:45 Old Business (continued):
Status of WH&B Education Program:
Janet Nordin
BLM Policy on Pairs Adoption: Tom
Pogacnik
Adoption Fee Discussion: Advisory
Board

4:00 Public Comments: Robin Lohnes/
Janet Nordin

4:45 Recap/Summary: Robin Lohnes/
Pam Cleary

5–6:00 Adjourn; Roundtable to Follow:
All

7:00 Dinner with BLM Staff (location
TBA)

*Tuesday, October 29, 2002 (8 a.m.–3
p.m.)*

8:00 New Business:
Langston University Proposal: John
Fend/Dr. Holloway
Chickasaw Indian Reservation
Proposal: John Fend
Ephemeral HMAs Discussion:
Advisory Board

Break (9:30 a.m.)

9:45 Program Update Discussion:
Advisory Board

- Strategic Plan
- FY '03–'04 Funding & Pipeline
- Checks & Balances

11:00 Board Recommendations: Robin
Lohnes/Pam Cleary

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Board Recommendations
(continued): Robin Lohnes/Pam
Cleary
Report to Congress: Robin Lohnes/
Gary Zakotnik
Next Meeting/Date/Site

3:00 Adjourn

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability needing an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting, such as interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format, must notify the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although the BLM will attempt to meet a request received after that date, the requested auxiliary aid or service may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange it.

The Federal advisory committee management regulations [41 CFR 101–6.1015(b)] require BLM to publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of a meeting 15 days prior to the meeting date.

II. Public Comment Procedures

Members of the public may make oral statements to the Advisory Board on October 28, 2002, at the appropriate point in the agenda. This opportunity is anticipated to occur at 4 p.m. local time. Persons wishing to make statements should register with the BLM by noon October 28, 2002, at the meeting location. Depending on the number of speakers, the Advisory Board may limit the length of presentations. At previous meetings, presentations have been limited to three minutes in length. Speakers should address the specific wild horse and burro-related topics listed on the agenda. Speakers must submit a written copy of their statement to the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section or bring a written copy to the meeting.

Participation in the Advisory Board meeting is not a prerequisite for submission of written comments. The BLM invites written comments from all interested parties. Your written comments should be specific and explain the reason for any recommendation. The BLM appreciates any and all comments, but those most useful and likely to influence decisions on management and protection of wild horses and burros are those that are either supported by quantitative information or studies or those that include citations to and analysis of applicable laws and regulations. Except for comments provided in electronic format, speakers should submit two copies of their written comments where feasible. The BLM will not necessarily consider comments received after the time indicated under the **DATES** section or at locations other than that listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

In the event there is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

for a copy of your comments, the BLM will make them available in their entirety, including your name and address. However, if you do not want the BLM to release your name and address in response to a FOIA request, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. BLM will honor your request to the extent allowed by law. BLM will release all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, in their entirety, including names and addresses.

Electronic Access and Filing Address

Speakers may transmit comments electronically via the Internet to: *Janet Nordin@blm.gov*. Please include the identifier “WH&B” in the subject of your message and your name and address in the body of your message.

Dated: September 19, 2002.

Sharon L. Kipping,

Acting Group Manager, Wild Horse and Burro Group.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA–940–01–5410–EQ–B162; CACA 43157]

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 76.64 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. The purpose is to allow consolidation of surface and subsurface of minerals ownership where there are no known mineral values or in those instances where the reservation interferes with or precludes appropriate non-mineral development and such development is a more beneficial use of the land than the mineral development.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Gary, California State Office,