

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theresa Herrera, RAC Coordinator, New Mexico State Office, Office of External Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115, (505) 438-7517.

Dated: April 30, 2003.

William S. Condit,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-310-0777-XG]

Notice of Public Meeting: Northwest California Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Northwest California Resource Advisory Council will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday and Friday, July 17 and 18, 2003, at the Best Western Tree House Inn, 111 Morgan Way, Mt. Shasta, California. On July 17, the meeting convenes at 10 a.m. for a field trip to public lands managed by the BLM Redding Field Office. Members of the public are welcome. They must provide their own transportation and lunch. On July 18, the meeting begins at 8 a.m. in the Conference Center of the Best Western Tree House Inn. Time for public comments has been set aside for 1 p.m. on July 18.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rich Burns, BLM Ukiah field manager, 2550 North State Street, Ukiah, CA, (707) 468-4000; or BLM Public Affairs Officer Joseph J. Fontana, telephone (530) 252-5332.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 12-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Northwest California. At this meeting, agenda topics will include an update on BLM's development of grazing policies, a report from the RAC Chairs meeting held in Washington, DC and RAC development of guidelines for wind energy projects on northwest California public lands. Managers of the

BLM Redding, Arcata and Ukiah field offices will present status reports.

All meetings are open to the public. Members of the public may present written comments to the council. Each formal council meeting will have time allocated for public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, and the time available, the time for individual comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation and other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided above.

Dated: April 30, 2003.

Joseph J. Fontana,

Public Affairs Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-080-1030-PH]

Notice of Public Meeting, Upper Columbia-Salmon Clearwater Resource Advisory Council Meeting; Idaho

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) Upper Columbia-Salmon Clearwater (UCSC) District Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: June 18 and 19, 2003. The meeting will begin at 8 a.m. on the first day and end at approximately 5 p.m. on the second day. The public comment period will be from 1-2 p.m. on June 19th. The meeting will begin and end at the BLM Challis Field Office, 801 Blue Mountain Road, Challis, Idaho 83226. On the afternoon of June 18 and the morning of June 19, the RAC will be touring several areas around Challis and then return to the office by 1 p.m. on June 19th to conclude the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Snook, RAC Coordinator, BLM UCSC District, 1808 N. Third Street, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814 or telephone (208) 769-5004.

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 Idaho. The following topics will be discussed at the June 18-19, 2003 meeting:

- Review and approve minutes from March 12-13 meeting.
- Hear reports from and discuss RAC Chair meetings and Tri-RAC OHV subgroup meeting.
- Briefing on Sustainability Conference, BLM Land Acquisition and Disposal Program, RAC Nominations, and Land Use Planning.
- Field tour and discussions about Rangeland Standards and Guidelines, noxious weeds, Challis wild horse herd, proposed ATV trail, and other natural resource issues.

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 above.

Dated: May 1, 2003.

Lewis M. Brown,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare a Fire and Fuels Management Plan and Amend Resource Management Plans in New Mexico and Texas

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a Fire and Fuels Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Assessment (EA) for Nine Land Use Plans in New Mexico and Texas.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice that the BLM, New Mexico State Office, intends to prepare a Fire and Fuels Management Plan Amendment with an associated EA for BLM lands in New Mexico and Texas. This Plan Amendment will amend nine Resource Management Plans (Carlsbad 1988, Farmington 2003, Mimbres 1993, Rio Puerco 1986, Roswell 1997, Socorro

1989, Taos 1988, Texas 1996, White Sands 1986) in eight Field Offices: Albuquerque, Amarillo, Carlsbad, Farmington, Las Cruces, Roswell, Socorro, and Taos. The purpose of the amendment is to incorporate current Fire Management Policy into Resource Management Plans, to restore fire as an integral part of fire-adapted ecosystems in order to meet resource management objectives, to improve the protection of human life and property through the reduction of hazardous fuels, and to establish consistent methods of managing fire and fuels on BLM-administered public lands in New Mexico and Texas.

This planning activity encompasses approximately 12.8 million acres public lands within the states of New Mexico and Texas. The planning area includes all surface lands managed by BLM in New Mexico and Texas, including El Malpais National Conservation area and Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument, but not lands for which BLM only administers the sub-surface, or mineral, estate. A collaborative process will be used to involve other Federal agencies, Native American tribes, conservation groups, recreationists, the public, and other stakeholders throughout the planning process to ensure that local, regional, and national issues and concerns are addressed.

This Plan Amendment will analyze fires and fuels management actions and their impacts on the human environment for public lands administered by the eight New Mexico and Texas BLM Field Offices in one document in order to ensure consistency and collaboration among the offices and the interested public.

DATES: The BLM is now soliciting written comments on issues and concerns that should be considered during the development and analysis of the Proposed Fire and Fuels Management Plan Amendment. While written comments will be accepted throughout the planning process, to be most useful, comments should be received on or before the end of the comment period at the addresses listed below. The comment period will last 60 days from the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. To ensure local community participation and input, public workshops will be held during this comment period in Albuquerque, Amarillo, Carlsbad, Farmington, Las Cruces, Roswell, Socorro, and Taos. Specific dates and locations for public participation will be published in local papers, broadcast on local community calendars, and posted on the BLM New

Mexico/Oklahoma/Kansas/Texas Web site (<http://www.nm.blm.gov>) at a later date but not less than 15 days prior to the meeting.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to comment, request additional information, or request to be put on the mailing list, you may do so by any of several methods. You may mail, hand deliver, or call your comments or requests to: Signa Larralde, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, New Mexico State Office, 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, (505) 438-7637. You may also comment via a comment form that will be posted on the BLM New Mexico/Oklahoma/Kansas/Texas Web site (<http://www.nm.blm.gov>).

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM New Mexico State Office 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 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. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. 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.

The current RMPs and all other documents relevant to this planning process are available for public review at the New Mexico State Office, 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, Monday through Friday (excluding legal holidays), from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Signa Larralde, Project Manager, (505) 438-7637, or John Selkirk, Fire Planner, (505) 438-7431, New Mexico State Office, 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed Plan Amendment will: (1) Establish Field Office-wide objectives for fire and fuels management; (2) delineate fire management areas; (3) identify broad vegetation treatments; (4) identify general restrictions on fire management practices; and (5) determine the criteria by which the broad treatment areas can be changed. BLM has identified general issues for this planning effort, including:

protection of human life; protection of property; protection of natural/cultural resources; integration of fire and resource management; and protection of air quality. These issues, along with others that may be identified through public participation, will be considered during the planning process. BLM has identified the following preliminary planning criteria to guide the planning process: compliance with all legal mandates of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Administrative Procedures Act, and the BLM planning regulations in 43 CFR part 1600, as well as consistency with Fire Plans of other agencies and State and local jurisdictions. Additional planning criteria may be identified during the comment period.

Existing information will be used to develop the Plan Amendment and EA. An interdisciplinary approach will be used to develop the Plan Amendment in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Disciplines involved in the planning process will include but are not limited to fire and fuels management, rangeland management, outdoor recreation management, archaeology, wildlife management, wilderness management, hydrology, soils science, sociology, and economics. Selectable alternatives must contribute to the achievement of New Mexico BLM public and land standards, the purpose of the Proposed Plan Amendment, and protection of communities at risk from catastrophic wildfire.

The planning process will utilize a collaborative approach. This will allow the public, Tribes, State and Federal agencies, local elected officials, and BLM specialists to participate in identifying issues and developing and analyzing alternatives. In addition to the initial public comment period and workshops, the public will also be invited, through a **Federal Register** notice, local newspapers, and mailings, to review the proposed Plan Amendment and provide comments. The Governors of New Mexico and Texas, County Commissioners for counties in New Mexico and Potter County, Texas, and potentially affected members of the public will be notified of all meetings and comment periods.

Agency representatives and interested persons are invited to visit with BLM officials at any time during the planning process.

Dated: January 31, 2003.

Linda S.C. Rundell,

New Mexico State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-958-1430-ET; HAG-03-0073; OR-57068]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs proposes to withdraw approximately 19.2 acres of public lands for a period of 20 years, to protect and preserve archeological, historical, and cultural resources of great significance to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians. This notice closes the lands for up to 2 years from surface entry and mining.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by August 5, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Oregon/Washington State Director, BLM, PO Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208-2965.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Linda Petterson, Coos Bay Field Office, 541-751-4207, or, Charles R. Roy, BLM Oregon/Washington State Office, 503-808-6189.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau of Indian Affairs has filed an application to withdraw the following described public lands from settlement, sale, location and entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

Willamette Meridian

T. 26 S., R. 14 W.,

Gregory Point
sec. 4, lot 5.

T. 26 S., R. 14 W.,

Chief's Island sec. 4, unsurveyed island lying north of lot 5.

The areas described aggregates approximately 19.2 acres in Coos County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect and preserve archeological, historical, and cultural resources of great significance to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons

who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the State Director at the above stated address.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested parties who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the State Director at the above stated address within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The temporary land uses which may be permitted during this segregative period will be limited to ongoing United States Coast Guard activities, and those uses currently authorized by the United States Coast Guard, and the current activities of tribal members.

Dated: April 17, 2003.

Robert D. DeViney, Jr.,

Chief, Branch of Realty and Records Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Going-to-the-Sun Road (GTSR) Rehabilitation Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement, Glacier National Park, Montana

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Going-to-the-Sun Road Rehabilitation Plan, Glacier National Park.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(c), the National Park Service announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement

for the Going-to-the-Sun Road Rehabilitation Plan, Glacier National Park, Montana.

DATES: The National Park Service will execute a Record of Decision (ROD) no sooner than 30 days following publication by the Environmental Protection Agency of the notice of availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

ADDRESSES: Information will be available for public review in the office of the Superintendent and at the following locations:

Office of the Superintendent, Glacier National Park, West Glacier, MT 59936, (406) 888-7901.

Glacier National Park, Hudson Bay District Office, St. Mary, MT 59417, (406) 732-7707.

Project Management Office, Glacier National Park, West Glacier, MT 59936, (406) 888-7972.

Planning and Environmental Quality, Intermountain Support Office—Denver, National Park Service, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, CO 80225-0287, (303) 969-2851 or 2377.

Office of Public Affairs, National Park Service, Department of Interior, 18th and C Streets NW, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 208-6843.

Bozeman Public Library, 220 East Lamme, Bozeman, MT 59715.

Browning Public Library, P.O. Box 550, Browning, MT 59417.

Butte County Library, 226 W. Broadway, Butte, MT 59701.

Cardston Public Library, 25 3rd Avenue West, Cardston, Alberta Canada TOK OKO.

Choteau Public Library, 17 North Main Avenue, Choteau, MT 59422.

Columbia Falls Branch Library, 120 6th Street West, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

Cut Bank Library, 21 1st Avenue SE, Cut Bank, MT 59427.

Flathead County Library, 247 1st Avenue East, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Great Falls Public Library, 301 2nd Avenue North, Great Falls, MT 59401.

Lethbridge Public Library, 810-5 Avenue South, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada T1J 4C4.

Lewis and Clark Library, 120 South Last Chance Gulch, Helena, MT 59624.

Missoula Public Library, 301 East Main, Missoula, MT 59802.

Parmly Billings Library, 501 North Broadway, Billings, MT 59101.

Pincher Creek Municipal Library, 895 Main Street, Pincher Creek, Alberta, Canada TOK 1W0.

Waterton Lakes National Park, Park Administration Building, 215 Mountain View Road, Alberta, Canada TOK 2M0.