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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

#### **Notice of Availability of Record of Decision for the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area (NCA) and Associated Wilderness and Other Contiguous Lands in Nevada, Resource Management Plan (RMP)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Nevada**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of Record of Decision (ROD).

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) policies, and the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-554), the BLM announces the availability of the RMP/ROD for the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area Planning Area, located in northwestern Nevada. The Nevada and California State Directors will sign the RMP/ROD, which becomes effective immediately.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area (NCA) and Associated Wilderness and Other Contiguous Lands in Nevada RMP/ROD are available upon request from the Field Manager, Winnemucca Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 5100 E Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, Nevada 89445-2921, or via the Internet at <http://www.blackrockhighrock.org>. Copies of the RMP/ROD are also available for public inspection at the following repositories: University of Nevada-Reno

Getchell Library, Reno, NV; Humboldt County Library, Winnemucca, NV; BLM-Nevada Carson City Field Office, Carson City, NV; BLM-Nevada State Office, Reno, NV; Public Library, Gerlach, NV; Public Library, Reno, NV; Pershing County Public Library, Lovelock, NV; Lyon County Library, Dayton, NV; Lyon County Library, Fernley, NV; BLM-California Surprise Field Office, Cedarville, CA; Modoc County Library, Cedarville, CA; Modoc County Library, Alturas CA; BLM-California State Office, Sacramento, CA; and BLM-California Eagle Lake Field Office, Susanville, CA. Persons who are not able to inspect the RMP/ROD either on-line or at one of the locations provided may request one of a limited number of printed copies or compact discs (CDs) by contacting the NCA Planning Staff at the Winnemucca Field Office by e-mail at [wfoweb@nv.blm.gov](mailto:wfoweb@nv.blm.gov), by telephone at (775) 623-1500, or by fax at (775) 623-1503. Requests should be directed to the NCA Planning Staff, clearly state that it is a request for a printed copy or CD of the Black Rock-High Rock RMP/ROD, and include the name, mailing address and phone number of the requesting party.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David C. Cooper, NCA Manager, BLM Winnemucca Field Office, 5100 E Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445-2921, (775) 623-1500, [wfoweb@nv.blm.gov](mailto:wfoweb@nv.blm.gov) ("Attn: NCA Manager" in subject line of message).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The RMP/ROD was developed with broad public participation through a 3-year collaborative planning process. This RMP/ROD addresses management on approximately 1.2 million acres of public land in the planning area. The RMP/ROD is designed to achieve or maintain objectives that were identified in the legislation that created the NCA and wilderness areas or developed through the planning process. The RMP/ROD includes a series of management actions to meet the desired resource conditions for upland and riparian vegetation, wildlife habitats, cultural and visual resources, livestock grazing and recreation.

The approved RMP is essentially the same as Alternative D in the Proposed RMP/Final Environmental Impact Statement (PRMP/FEIS), published in September 2003. BLM received eight protests to the PRMP/FEIS. No inconsistencies with State or local plans, policies or programs were identified during the Governor's consistency review of the PRMP/FEIS. As a result, only minor editorial modifications were made in preparing

the RMP/ROD. These modifications corrected technical errors that were noted during review of the PRMP/FEIS and provided further clarification for some of the decisions.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### **Notice of Intent To Prepare a Resource Management Plan and Associated Environmental Impact Statement for the Coeur d'Alene Field Office**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides notice that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to prepare an RMP with an associated EIS for the Coeur d'Alene Field Office. The planning area for the RMP, which includes 96,745 acres of BLM-administered public land, is located in Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Benewah, and Shoshone Counties, Idaho. Preparation of this RMP and EIS will conform with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Federal Regulations, and BLM management policies.

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public scoping process. Comments on the scope of the plan, including issues or concerns that should be considered, should be submitted in writing to the address listed below by November 15, 2004. However, collaboration with the public will continue throughout the planning process. Dates and locations for public meetings will be announced through local news media, newsletters, and the BLM Web site (<http://www.id.blm.gov/planning/cdarmp/index.htm>), at least 15 days prior to the event.

**ADDRESSES:** Please mail written comments to the BLM, Coeur d'Alene Field Office, Attn: RMP, 1808 North Third Street, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814-3407, or fax to (208) 769-5050. All public comments, including names and mailing addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Coeur d'Alene Field 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 EIS. 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, please state this prominently at the beginning of your written correspondence. The BLM will honor such requests 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:** For further information or to have your name added to the Coeur d'Alene RMP Mailing List, contact Scott Pavey at the Coeur d'Alene Field Office (see address above), telephone (208) 769-5059.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Coeur d'Alene RMP planning area is located entirely in the northern part of the Idaho panhandle. The area is bordered to the west by the Washington state line, to the north by the Canadian border, to the east by the Montana state line, and to the south by Latah and Clearwater Counties, Idaho. The Coeur d'Alene Field Office planning area also lies partially within the ceded territory of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. The Coeur d'Alene Reservation lies entirely within the planning area, and there are about 180 acres of BLM-administered land within the reservation boundary. Management of BLM-administered lands within the ceded area and the reservation boundaries will involve trust and treaty resources. Other Federally recognized tribes with aboriginal or historic ties to the planning area include the Kootenai Tribe in Idaho, the Kalispell Tribe in Washington, and the Salish and Kootenai Tribes in Montana.

The BLM-administered public lands within the Coeur d'Alene Field Office planning area are currently managed in accordance with the decisions in the 1981 Emerald Empire Management Framework Plan (MFP) as amended. BLM will continue to manage these lands in accordance with the MFP and amendments until the RMP is completed and a Record of Decision is signed.

Preparation of an RMP for the Coeur d'Alene Field Office is necessary to respond to changing resource conditions; respond to new issues; and prepare a comprehensive framework for managing public lands administered by the field office. The RMP will establish

new land use planning decisions to address issues identified through public scoping and, where appropriate, will incorporate decisions from the existing Emerald Empire MFP.

**Public Participation:** The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national interests. The public scoping process will help identify planning issues and provide for public comment on the proposed planning criteria.

BLM has identified the following preliminary issue themes:

1. Vegetation management (including noxious weeds, riparian areas and wetlands, and fuels and forest management).
2. Fire management.
3. Management of habitat for wildlife and special status species.
4. Management of transportation, public access, and recreational opportunities.
5. Land tenure adjustments.
6. Availability and management of public lands for commercial uses (minerals, forest products and livestock grazing).
7. Management of areas with special values.
8. Tribal treaty rights and trust responsibilities.

These preliminary issue themes are not final and may be refined or added to through future public participation.

BLM has also identified some preliminary planning criteria to guide development of the plan, to avoid unnecessary data collection and analysis, and to ensure the plan is tailored to the issues.

These criteria may be modified or other criteria identified during the public scoping process. The public is invited to comment on the following preliminary planning criteria:

1. The plan will comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and current policies. This includes local, State, tribal, and Federal air quality standards; as well as water quality standards from the Idaho Non-Point Source Management Program Plans.
2. The RMP planning effort will be collaborative and multi-jurisdictional in nature. The BLM will strive to ensure that its management decisions are complementary to other planning jurisdictions and adjoining properties, within the boundaries described by law and Federal Regulations.
3. All previously established Wilderness Study Areas will continue to be managed for wilderness values and character until Congress designates them as wilderness areas, or releases them for multiple use management.

4. The RMP will recognize all valid existing rights.

5. As part of this RMP process, BLM will analyze areas for potential designation as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) in accordance with 43 CFR 1610.7-2, and river corridors for suitability for designation under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **Apostle Islands National Lakeshore General Management Plan, Environmental Impact Statement, Wisconsin**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan, Apostle Islands National Lakeshore.

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**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(C), the National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an environmental impact statement for a general management plan for Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, Wisconsin. The environmental impact statement will be approved by the Regional Director, Midwest Region.

The general management plan will establish the overall direction for the park, setting broad management goals for managing the area over the next 15 to 20 years. The plan will prescribe desired resource conditions and visitor experiences that are to be achieved and maintained throughout the park based on such factors as the park's purpose, significance, special mandates, the body of laws and policies directing park management, resource analysis, and the range of public expectations and concerns. The plan, also, will outline the kinds of resource management activities, visitor activities, and developments that would be appropriate in the park in the future.

A range of reasonable alternatives for managing the park will be developed through this planning process and will include, at a minimum, a no-action and a preferred alternative. Major issues the plan will address include changes in visitor use patterns, adequacy and