

Federal agencies. Issues identified during scoping led to the development of alternatives to a number of components in the proposed action. Also, on-going discussions and evaluations conducted by the lead agencies and Applicants have resulted in the identification of additional action items (such as power infrastructure and road upgrades) that have been incorporated into the proposed action and other action alternatives. The DEIS describes and analyzes the direct, indirect and cumulative effects of a range of action alternatives and the No Action alternative in detail. The alternatives, including the Agencies' Preferred Alternative, conform to existing laws and regulations, and provide for resource protection.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Meeting of the Pinedale Anticline Working Group's Transportation Task Group

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (1976) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (1972), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG) Transportation Task Group (subcommittee) will meet in Pinedale, Wyoming, for a business meeting. Task Group meetings are open to the public.

**DATES:** A PAWG Transportation Task Group meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2005, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting of the PAWG Transportation Task Group will be held in the Lovatt room of the Pinedale Library at 155 S. Tyler Ave., Pinedale, WY.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bill Wadsworth, BLM/Transportation TG Liaison, Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Field Office, 432 E. Mills St.,

PO Box 738, Pinedale, WY 82941; 307-367-5341.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG) was authorized and established with release of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Pinedale Anticline Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Project on July 27, 2000. The PAWG advises the BLM on the development and implementation of monitoring plans and adaptive management decisions as development of the Pinedale Anticline Natural Gas Field (PAPA) proceeds for the life of the field.

After the ROD was issued, Interior determined that a Federal Advisory Committees Act (FACA) charter was required for this group. The charter was signed by Secretary of the Interior, Gale Norton, on August 15, 2002, and renewed on August 13, 2004. An announcement of committee initiation and call for nominations was published in the **Federal Register** on February 21, 2003 (68 FR 8522). PAWG members were appointed by Secretary Norton on May 4, 2004.

At their second business meeting, the PAWG established seven resource- or activity-specific Task Groups, including one for Transportation. Public participation on the Task Groups was solicited through the media, letters, and word-of-mouth.

The agenda for this meeting will include information gathering and discussion related to developing a transportation monitoring plan to assess the impacts of development in the Pinedale Anticline gas field, and identifying who will do and who will pay for the monitoring. Task Group recommendations are due to the PAWG in February, 2005. At a minimum, public comments will be heard just prior to adjournment of the meeting.

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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 Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 2 and 3, 2005, in Redding, California. On Feb. 2, the council members convene at 10 a.m. at the BLM Redding Field Office, 355 Hemsted Dr., and depart immediately for a field tour of projected land exchange sites. Members of the public are welcome on the tour, but they must provide their own transportation and lunch. On Feb. 3, the council convenes at 8 a.m. in the Conference Center at the McConnell Foundation headquarters, 800 Shasta View Drive in Redding. Time for public comment has been set aside for 10:30 a.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rich Burns, BLM Ukiah Field Office manager, (707) 468-4000; or BLM Public Affairs Officer Joseph J. Fontana, (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 the proposed "Area 51" land exchange, other land exchange issues, transportation funding and recreation issues. 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. Members of the public are welcome on field tours, but they must provide their own transportation and lunch. 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.

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