

For the period 1936–1967, the RFD reevaluated the state relationship and concluded that it did not provide additional evidence of the exercise of political influence or authority within the Schaghticoke. The RFD concluded that the remaining evidence was insufficient to meet criterion 83.7(c) for the period 1936–1967.

The STN FD conclusion that STN exercised political influence or authority between 1967 and 1996 was affirmed. No arguments or new evidence were submitted regarding this conclusion.

STN did not meet criterion 83.7(c) for the period after 1996, in light of the known continued refusal of most of the 42 individuals to be members of the STN. STN's membership list does not reflect a significant portion of the political system. STN did not meet criterion 83.7(c) for the periods 1800–1875, 1885–1967, and 1997–present. Therefore, STN did not meet criterion 83.7(c).

STN met criteria 83.7(a), petitioner was identified as an American Indian group from 1900 to present; 83.7(d), petitioner has submitted its governing documents; 83.7(e), petitioner's membership has descent from an historical tribe; 83.7(f), petitioner does not have membership with any federally recognized tribes; and 83.7(g), petitioner has no Congressional legislation prohibiting the Federal relationship. No new arguments, evidence, or analysis merited revision of the STN FD evaluations of these criteria. The conclusions of the STN FD on these criteria were affirmed.

The Associate Deputy Secretary denied to acknowledge that STN was an Indian tribe as it failed to satisfy all of the seven mandatory criteria for Federal acknowledgment under the regulations. The STN petitioner did not submit evidence sufficient to meet criteria 83.7(b), community, and 83.7(c), political influence or authority, and, therefore, does not satisfy the requirements to be acknowledged as an Indian tribe.

Upon the date of publication of this notice, pursuant to 25 CFR 83.11(h)(3), the RFD is final and effective for the Department.

Dated: October 11, 2005.

James E. Cason,

Associate Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Availability of the Hollister Draft Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Hollister Field Office (California).

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Hollister Draft Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS) for the Hollister Field Office.

DATES: Written comments on the Draft RMP/EIS will be accepted for 90 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. Future meetings or hearings and any other public involvement activities will be announced at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media news releases, and/or mailings.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments at the public meetings or by any of the following methods:

- Web Site: <http://www.ca.blm.gov/hollister> (subject to change).
- Fax: (831) 630–5000.
- Mail: 20 Hamilton Court, Hollister, California 95023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sky Murphy, (831) 630–5039.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The planning area covers approximately 278,000 surface acres and approximately 443,806 acres of subsurface mineral estate within the following California counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Monterey, San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and portions of Fresno, Merced, and San Joaquin counties. The Hollister RMP, when completed, will provide management guidance for use and protection of the resources managed by the Hollister Field Office. The Hollister Draft RMP/EIS has been developed through a collaborative planning process and considers four alternatives. The primary issues addressed include: Recreation; protection of sensitive natural and cultural resources, livestock grazing; guidance for energy and mineral development; land tenure adjustments; and other planning issues raised during the scoping process.

The Draft RMP/EIS also includes consideration of the designation of

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs). The preferred alternative includes the following ACECs: Panoche-Coalinga ACEC—29,604 acres (existing); Panoche-Coalinga ACEC Expansion—40,514 acres (proposed); Joaquin Rocks ACEC/RNA—7,327 acres (proposed); Fort Ord Public Lands ACEC—approximately 15,200 acres (proposed); and Santa Cruz Coast Dairies ACEC—approximately 6,770 acres (proposed). Two additional ACECs, Joaquin Ridge ACEC—19,215 acres and Panoche-Coalinga ACEC—42,123 acres, were considered but not included in the preferred alternative. Use of public lands within these ACECs would vary, depending on the resources and/or values identified (see Chapter 2 of the Draft RMP/EIS), but would likely include limitations on motorized-vehicle use and other surface disturbing activities.

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. CD and paper copies of the Hollister Draft RMP/EIS are available at the Hollister Field Office at the above address; CD copies are available at the California BLM State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825.

Robert Beehler,

Hollister Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Availability of the Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area (SCNCA)

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

COOPERATING AGENCIES: Nevada Department of Wildlife, Nevada State Historic Preservation Office, Clark County Department of Comprehensive Planning, City of Henderson, City of Boulder City, Las Vegas Paiute Tribe,

Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, Fort Mojave Indian Tribe.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/FEIS) for the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area is available to the public for a 30-day protest period. The proposed plan and associated FEIS were developed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, and the Clark County Conservation of Public Land and Natural Resources Act of 2002 (Clark County Act) (Pub. L. 107-282).

DATES: BLM will accept written protests on the FEIS if postmarked within 30 calendar days of the date that a Notice of Availability is published in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental Protection Agency. Instructions for filing a protest are described in the Dear Reader letter in the PRMP and are also included in the Supplementary Information section of this notice.

ADDRESSES: The PRMP/FEIS and other associated documents or background information may be viewed and downloaded in PDF format at the project Web site at http://www.blm.gov/nhp/spotlight/state_info/planning.htm. Copies of the PRMP/FEIS are available at the BLM Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130-2301. Reference copies are available for review during regular business hours at the following locations:

BLM Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, NV 89502.

Paseo Verde Library, 280 S. Green Valley Pkwy, Henderson, NV 89012.

Boulder City Library, 701 Adams Blvd., Boulder City, NV 89005.

North Las Vegas Library, 2300 Civic Center Dr., North Las Vegas.

Summerlin Library, 1771 Inner Circle Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89134.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information visit the Web site (http://www.blm.gov/nhp/spotlight/state_info/planning.htm), E-mail: sloan_information@bah.com, or contact: Charles Carroll, BLM Las Vegas Field Office, Attn: Sloan Canyon NCA, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130-2301, Telephone (702) 515-5000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SCNCA was officially designated in November, 2002 when the President signed into law the Clark County Act [Pub. L. 107-282] to preserve and protect a portion of southern Nevada's Mojave Desert for the benefit and

enjoyment of present and future generations. The Clark County Act requires the BLM to develop a plan for the appropriate use and management of the Sloan Canyon NCA and North McCullough Wilderness within three years of enactment.

The Draft Resource Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DRMP/DEIS) for the Sloan Canyon NCA was released for public review on March 25, 2005. Comments that were received on the DRMP/DEIS during the 90-day review period from the public, cooperating agencies, and internal BLM review were considered in developing the PRMP.

The PRMP provides a framework for the future management direction and appropriate use of the Sloan Canyon NCA and North McCullough Wilderness. The Sloan Canyon NCA is comprised of approximately 48,400 acres of Mojave Desert terrain immediately south of Henderson, NV. The North McCullough Wilderness is entirely contained within the NCA and consists of approximately 14,800 acres.

The PRMP contains the proposed plan and summary of the changes made between the Draft RMP/EIS and PRMP. The agency preferred alternative, Alternative C, was developed to allow moderate development of facilities and uses while conserving and protecting the resources of the SCNCA. Some elements of the draft Alternative C were modified in consideration of comments received on the Draft RMP/EIS and further review by BLM and the cooperating agencies listed above. The PRMP/FEIS describes the predictable impacts of the proposed plan and contains a summary of written and verbal comments received during the public review period, and responses to the comments received. The PRMP focuses on the comprehensive management of resources in the Sloan Canyon NCA including managing recreational uses and the protection of the Sloan Canyon Petroglyph Site.

The resource management planning process includes an opportunity for public administrative review of the proposed land use planning decisions during a 30-day protest period following the publication of the PRMP. Any person who participated in the planning process for this PRMP, and has an interest which is or may be adversely affected, may protest approval of this PRMP and land use planning decisions contained within it (see 43 CFR 1610.5-2) during this 30-day period. Only those persons or organizations who participated in the planning process leading to the PRMP may protest. The protesting party may raise only those

issues submitted for the record during the planning process leading up to the publication of this PRMP. These issues may have been raised by the protesting party or others. New issues may not be brought into the record at the protest stage. The 30-day period for filing a plan protest begins when the EPA publishes in the **Federal Register** its Notice of Availability of the final environmental impact statement containing the PRMP. There is no provision for any extension of time. To be considered "timely" the protest, along with all attachments, must be filed and postmarked no later than the last day of the protest period. A letter of protest must be filed in accordance with the planning regulations, 43 CFR 1610.5-2(a)(1). Protests must be in writing. E-mail or faxed protests will not be accepted as valid protests unless the protesting party also provides the original letter by either regular or overnight mail postmarked by the close of the protest period. Under these conditions, BLM will consider the E-mail or faxed protests as an advance copy and it will receive full consideration. If you wish to provide BLM with such advance notification, please direct faxed protests to the attention of the BLM protest coordinator at 202-452-5112, and e-mails to Brenda_Hudgens-Williams@blm.gov. If sent by regular mail, send to: Director (210), Attention: Brenda Williams, P.O. Box 66538, Washington, DC 20035. For overnight mailing, send to: Director (210), Attention: Brenda Williams, 1620 L Street, NW., Suite 1075, Washington, DC 20036. In order to be considered complete, the protest must contain, at minimum, the following information:

1. The name, mailing address, telephone number, and interest of the person filing the protest.
2. A statement of the part or parts of the PRMP and the issue or issues being protested. To the extent possible, this should be done by reference to specific pages, paragraphs, sections, tables, maps, etc., included in the document.
3. A copy of all documents addressing the issue(s) that the protesting party submitted during the planning process or a statement of the date they were discussed for the record.
4. A concise statement explaining why the protestor believes the Nevada BLM State Director's proposed decision is believed to be incorrect. This is a critical part of your protest, therefore document all relevant facts. As much as possible, reference or cite the planning documents, or available planning records (e.g. meeting minutes or summaries, correspondence, etc.).

Upon resolution of any protests, an Approved Plan and Record of Decision will be issued. The Approved Plan will be mailed to all who participated in the planning process and will be available to all interested parties through the above Web site, or by mail upon request.

Juan Palma,

Field Manager, Las Vegas.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Record of Decision.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) policies, the BLM announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Upper Deschutes RMP located in Klamath, Deschutes, Crook, and Jefferson counties in Central Oregon. The Oregon/Washington State Director has approved the RMP/ROD, which becomes effective immediately.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Upper Deschutes RMP/ROD are available upon request from the Prineville District Office, Bureau of Land Management, 3050 NE Third St., Prineville, Oregon 97754 or via the Internet at <http://www.or.blm.gov/prineville/> or by calling (541) 416-6700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Teal Purrington, Project Manager, BLM, Prineville District Office, 3050 NE., Third St., Prineville, Oregon 97754 or at (541) 416-6700.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Upper Deschutes RMP/ROD was developed with broad public participation through a four-year collaborative planning process. This RMP/ROD addresses management of approximately 400,000 acres of public land in Central Oregon. The Upper Deschutes RMP/ROD is designed to achieve or maintain desired future conditions developed through the planning process. It 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, special forest products, minerals and mineral materials, military use, recreation, land classifications and rights-of-way, and travel management.

With one exception, the approved Upper Deschutes RMP is essentially the same as Alternative 7 in the Proposed Upper Deschutes RMP and Final EIS, published in January 2005. The BLM received 16 protests on the Proposed Upper Deschutes RMP and Final EIS. In response to protests, a decision was made to allow "geocaching" activities within Wilderness Study Areas under specific monitoring and mitigation measures described in the RMP.

Dated: August 3, 2005.

James G. Kenna,

Associate State Director, Oregon/Washington BLM.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Meeting, Front Range Resource Advisory Council (Colorado)

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) Front Range Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held November 2, 2005 from 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Holy Cross Abbey Community Center, 2951 E. Highway 50, Canon City, Colorado 81212.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Smith, (719) 269-8500.

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 the Royal Gorge Field Office and San Luis Valley, Colorado. Planned agenda topics include: Manager updates on current land management issues; a South Park Land Tenure Plan Amendment update and travel management planning. All meetings are open to the public. The public is encouraged to make oral comments to the Council at 9:30 a.m. or written

statements may be submitted for the Councils consideration. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Summary minutes for the Council Meeting will be maintained in the Royal Gorge Field Office and will be available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting. Meeting Minutes and agenda (10 days prior to each meeting) are also available at: http://www.blm.gov/rac/co/frac/co_fr.htm.

Dated: October 7, 2005.

Linda McGlothlen,

Acting Royal Gorge Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Filing of Plats of Survey; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform the public and interested State and local government officials of the filing of Plats of Survey in Nevada.

EFFECTIVE DATES: Filing is effective at 10 a.m. on the dates indicated below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David D. Morlan, Chief, Branch of Geographic Sciences, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520, 775-861-6541.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. The plats of Survey of the following described lands were officially filed at the Nevada State Office, Reno, Nevada, on April 21, 2005:

The plat, in three (3) sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the south and north boundaries, a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of sections 4, 9, 16, 27 and 33, Township 11 South, Range 47 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, under Group No. 772, was accepted April 19, 2005.

The plat, in two (2) sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines and Mineral Survey No. 2934, and the subdivision of sections 5 and 17, Township 12 South, Range 47 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, under