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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting, Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior, Montana, Billings and Miles City Field Offices

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) Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meetings will be held on September 18 and 19, 2007 in Alzada, MT. The meetings will start at 8 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 3:30 p.m. each day. The public comment period will be at 11 a.m. on the 18th. When determined, the meeting location will be announced in a news release.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Jacobsen, Public Affairs Specialist, Miles City Field Office, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana, 59301. Telephone: (406) 233-2831.

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 Montana. At this meeting, topics will include: Miles City and Billings Field Office manager updates, OHV subcommittee report and discussion session, Mining reclamation and travel management related field trips—and other topics the council may raise.

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.

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M. Elaine Raper,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Resource Management Plan, Newlands Project, Washoe, Lyon, and Churchill Counties, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental document (environmental assessment or environmental impact statement) and notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) proposes to prepare an environmental document for the purpose of evaluating options for management of natural resources within the Newlands Project.

The purpose of the action is to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the lands managed in association with the Newlands Project. The RMP will be used to foster proper stewardship of public lands. The goal of Reclamation's RMP is to create a balance of resource development, recreation, and protection of natural and cultural resources for the lands and waters being managed. The plan will outline Reclamation management actions that will be implemented over a 10-year planning span.

DATES: Public scoping meetings will be held to solicit public input on identification of resource issues on Newlands Project lands and features, and for the development of alternative management strategies for those resources. There will be additional opportunities to comment on the scope of alternatives and impacts at such time as those alternatives and impacts have been further developed through the RMP and NEPA process.

The meetings dates and times are as follows:

- Tuesday, September 18, 2007, 6 to 8 p.m., Reno, NV.
- Wednesday, September 19, 2007, 6 to 8 p.m., Fallon, NV.

Written comments should be mailed to Reclamation at the address below by October 3, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The public scoping meeting locations are:

- Reno at the Western Heritage Cultural Center, 6000 Bartley Ranch Road.

- Fallon at the Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way.

Written comments on the scope of this action should be sent to: Ms. Terri Edwards, Bureau of Reclamation, 705 N. Plaza Street, Room 320, Carson City, NV 89701, via e-mail tedwards@mp.usbr.gov, or faxed to 775-884-8376.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Terri Edwards, Reclamation Project Manager, at the above address, at 775-884-8353, via fax at 775-884-8376, or e-mail at tedwards@mp.usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Reclamation's authority to prepare RMPs is specifically outlined in the Reclamation Recreation Management Act of 1992 (Pub.L. 102-575, Title 28). The Act authorized the preparation of RMPs to "provide for the development, use, conservation, protection, enhancement, and management of resources of Reclamation lands *in a manner that is compatible with the authorized purposes of the Reclamation Project* associated with the Reclamation lands."

The Newlands Project is primarily an irrigation project as set forth in legislation. The purposes of the Newlands Project were expanded in 1990 under Section 209 of Public Law 101-618. In addition to the existing irrigation purpose of the Newlands Reclamation Project, the Secretary of Interior is authorized to operate and maintain the project for the purposes of:

1. Fish and wildlife, including endangered and threatened species;
2. Municipal and industrial water supply in Lyon and Churchill counties, Nevada, including the Fallon Indian Reservation;
3. Recreation;
4. Water quality; and
5. Any other purposes recognized as beneficial under the law of the State of Nevada.

However, additional uses of the Newlands Project (1) Must have valid water rights and follow State law for any water right transfers; (2) must not increase diversions of Truckee River water to the Newlands Project over those allowed under applicable