

invited to participate as cooperating agencies. The public and interest groups have been provided opportunities to participate during formal comment periods and during Steens Mountain Advisory Council meetings.

The Final EIS evaluates six alternative management approaches including a No Action Alternative. A Preferred Alternative is proposed in the Final EIS. The three features of the Preferred Alternative are: (1) The Full Treatment Alternative would be implemented in all portions of the project area including WSAs, but excluding Steens Mountain Wilderness; (2) The Continuation of Current Management Alternative would be selected for the Steens Mountain Wilderness; (3) Future proposals in Steens Mountain Wilderness would be in conformance with the Steens Act and the Wilderness Act.

Copies of the Final EIS have been sent to affected Federal, State, Tribal and local government agencies and to interested parties. The Final EIS is available for public inspection at the BLM Burns District Office in Hines, Oregon, during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays). Comments received from the public and internal BLM review comments on the Draft EIS were incorporated into the Final EIS, where appropriate.

Public input during scoping as well as internal scoping identified at least 20 issues for analysis in the EIS. These issues are outlined in Chapter 1 of the Final EIS.

Opportunities for public involvement to date in the process have included two separate public scoping periods, a 45-day comment period on the Draft EIS which included two public meetings. In addition, the Steens Mountain Advisory Council has participated in the process and made a specific recommendation which supports the Preferred Alternative.

Public comments on the Draft EIS received during the 45-day comment period were reviewed by BLM specialists and cooperating agencies. Responses to public comments as well as summarized versions of the public comments are included in the Final EIS. Changes to the EIS made between Draft and Final were based on public comments and internal review. Meetings were held and coordination has been conducted with Harney County Commissioner, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Ecological Services, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Eastern Oregon Agricultural

Research Center, Burns Paiute Tribe, and Harney Soil and Water Conservation District.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

**[AZ-910-0777-XP-241A]**

#### State of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Arizona Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet on September 6, 2007, in Phoenix, Arizona, at the BLM National Training Center located at 9828 North 31st Avenue in Phoenix from 8 a.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m. Morning agenda items include: Review of the June 8, 2007, meeting minutes for RAC and Recreation Resource Advisory Council (RRAC) business; BLM State Director's update on statewide issues; presentations on: the BLM wilderness program in Arizona, how recreation benefits communities, and Arizona water rights; RAC questions on BLM Field Managers Rangeland Resource Team proposals; and, reports by RAC working groups. A public comment period will be provided at 11:30 a.m. on September 6, 2007, for any interested publics who wish to address the Council on BLM programs and business.

Under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, the RAC has been designated the RRAC, and has the authority to review all BLM and Forest Service (FS) recreation fee proposals in Arizona. The afternoon meeting agenda on September 6 will include discussion and review of the Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) Working Group Report, the Fiscal Year 2008 (Tentative) quarterly schedule for BLM and FS recreation fee proposals, and one FS fee proposal in Arizona:

(1) Upper Salt River Canyon Wilderness Private River Permit System—(Tonto National Forest). The Forest Service is considering a change for the Private Permit Fees for running

the Upper Salt River through the Salt River Canyon Wilderness from March 1 to May 15 each year. The application fee of \$10 will remain the same. The permit fee is proposed from the current \$75 to a fee of \$125. The purpose of the proposed fee increase is to help better cover the cost of managing the river program for the Upper Salt River Canyon Wilderness. The proposed fees are in line with those charged by other Forest Service and Federal Government agencies for similar river permits in the western United States.

Following the FS proposals, the RRAC will open the meeting to public comments on the fee proposal. After completing their RRAC business, the BLM RAC will reconvene to provide recommendations to the RAC Designated Federal Official on the fee proposal and discuss future RAC meetings and locations.

**DATES:** Effective Date: September 6, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deborah Stevens, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, One North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85004-4427, 602-417-9504.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

**[AZ-110-07-1430-EU; AZA-33756]**

#### Notice of Realty Action; Proposed Competitive Sale of Public Land; Mohave County, AZ

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Realty Action.

**SUMMARY:** Two parcels of public land totaling 118.82 acres in Mohave County, Arizona are being considered for competitive sale under the provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), at no less than the appraised fair market value.

**DATES:** In order to ensure consideration in the environmental analysis of the proposed sale, comments must be received by October 1, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments concerning this Notice to Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Arizona Strip Field Office, 345 East Riverside Drive, St. George, Utah 84790.