

successors or assigns, by right-of-way N-38419 pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976 (90 Stat. 2776; 43 U.S.C. 1761).

Detailed information concerning the proposed lease/conveyance, including conditions, planning and environmental documents, is available for inspection at the BLM Carson City Field Office at the address stated in this notice.

Comments on the classification are restricted to four subjects:

- (1) Whether the land is physically suited for the proposal;
- (2) Whether the use will maximize the future uses of the land;
- (3) Whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning; and
- (4) If the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

**Application Comments:** You may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for the requested R&PP use.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Facsimiles, telephone calls, and electronic mails are unacceptable means of notification. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification of the land described in this notice will become effective October 16, 2007.

The lands will not be offered for lease/conveyance until after the classification becomes effective.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2741.5)

**Donald T. Hicks,**

*Manager, Carson City Field Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[ES-020-06-1610-DP-028M]

#### Notice of Availability of the Alabama and Mississippi Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA, 43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS) for Alabama and Mississippi and by this notice is announcing the opening of the comment period.

**DATES:** To assure that they will be considered, BLM must receive written comments on the Draft RMP/EIS within 90 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes their Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will announce future meetings or hearings and any other public involvement activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media news releases, and/or mailings.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **Web Site:** [http://www.es.blm.gov/AL\\_MS\\_RMP](http://www.es.blm.gov/AL_MS_RMP).
- **E-mail:** [jcomment@blm.gov](mailto:jcomment@blm.gov).
- **Fax:** (601) 977-5440.
- **Mail:** Send to the contact listed below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Taylor, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, Jackson Field Office, 411 Briarwood Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39206. Mr. Taylor may also be contacted by telephone: (601) 977-5413.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Draft RMP/EIS addresses all BLM-administered lands and mineral estate in Alabama and Mississippi. This includes 333 acres of public surface land including mineral estate in Baldwin, Calhoun, Chilton, Coosa, Geneva, Mobile, Shelby and Talladega Counties in Alabama and in Hancock County, Mississippi. The Draft RMP/EIS also covers 704,850 acres of Federal mineral estate where the surface is non-Federal and 126,570 acres of Federal minerals where the surface is managed by Federal agencies other than the BLM

or the Forest Service. The issues addressed in the Draft RMP/EIS are mineral (oil, gas, and coal) leasing and ownership adjustment of the scattered surface tracts.

The Alabama and Mississippi RMP will be the first BLM land use plan for these states. Until now BLM resource management in Alabama and Mississippi has been implemented through broad policy guidance and by project-specific environmental assessments. When the RMP is approved, the BLM will be better able to respond to mineral leasing requests and deal efficiently with the long-term management of its scattered lands.

The BLM published its Notice of Intent to prepare the Alabama and Mississippi RMP/EIS in the **Federal Register** on July 12, 2002. Letters were sent to Federal and state agencies, as well as county supervisors and commissioners to inform them of the planning process and to the governors of both states, inviting them to be cooperating agencies. The State of Mississippi accepted the invitation to become a cooperating agency. The BLM also contacted Native American tribes to invite them to participate in the planning process and coordinated closely with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the development of oil and gas lease stipulations and best management practices. A public workshop was held in Gulf Shores, Alabama on September 2, 2004, to solicit additional comments for developing alternatives.

Four alternatives were developed in response to the issues identified during the planning process. The "no action" alternative represents current management and is identified as Alternative 1. Three additional "action" alternatives present varying levels of oil and gas leasing constraints to protect sensitive species and their habitats. The alternatives also range from retaining all the surface tracts under BLM management to transferring them to other agencies or out of Federal ownership. Alternative 3 was identified as the preferred alternative because it provides the best balance in protecting sensitive resources while allowing responsive mineral development and surface ownership adjustment for most of the scattered surface tracts.

Please note that public comments and information submitted will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you

should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. 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. Copies of the Draft Alabama and Mississippi RMP/EIS are available in the Jackson Field Office at the above address.

**A. Barron Bail,**

*Acting State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CO-140-1610-DT-009C]

#### **Notice To Reopen the Public Comment Period Regarding Supplemental Information for Proposed Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) With Associated Resource Use Limitations Identified in the Proposed Roan Plateau Resource Management Plan Amendment/Final Environmental Impact Statement (PRMPA/FEIS) for Public Lands in Garfield and Rio Blanco Counties, CO**

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

**ACTION:** Notice to reopen the public comment period for 14 days following the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** for four potential ACEC designations identified in the PRMPA/FEIS.

**SUMMARY:** The public comment period is being reopened to allow the public to submit comments on the proposed ACECs in the PRMPA/FEIS in an electronic format as well as in writing.

**DATES:** The public comment period is being reopened for 14 days following the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Submissions may be made electronically on the Colorado BLM Web site at <http://www.blm.gov/rmp/co/roanplateau/comments.htm>, or in writing to the address listed below. Instructions on how to submit electronic comments are posted on the Web site.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit any written comments to Jamie Connell—Glenwood Springs Field Manager, Bureau of Land

Management, 50629 Highways 6 and 24, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601.

Comments (written or electronic) submitted during the ACEC review process, including names and street addresses of respondents will be available for public review at the Glenwood Springs Field Office during regular business hours 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, and will be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jamie Connell, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management Glenwood Springs Field Office, 50629 Highways 6 & 24, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601, or by telephone at (970) 947-2800; or Greg Goodenow at 303-239-3789.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice to invite comment on the proposed ACECs was originally published in the **Federal Register** on June 11, 2007 (72 FR 32138). Information concerning the proposed ACECs, as well as the entire Proposed Roan Plateau RMPA/FEIS may be found on the Colorado BLM Web site at <http://www.blm.gov/rmp/co/roanplateau>.

Dated: August 13, 2007.

**Sally Wisely,**

*State Director, Colorado.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **General Management Plan, Environmental Impact Statement, Petrified Forest National Park, Arizona**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for a General Management Plan amendment, Petrified Forest National Park.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

for a General Management Plan (GMP) amendment for Petrified Forest National Park.

The park is currently managed under a GMP that was completed in 1993. This plan describes a proposed boundary expansion for the park of approximately 93,000 acres. However, the 1993 GMP does not prescribe management for the proposed expansion lands. The GMP was revised in 2004 to address specific aspects of the park's management; this GMP Revision also does not address management activities for proposed expansion lands.

Public Law 108-430 was passed by congress and signed by the President in December 2004. This Act expanded Petrified Forest National Park boundaries by approximately 125,000 acres, and directed the NPS to prepare a management plan for the new park lands within three years. Planning for the new lands is the focus of this GMP amendment and its associated EIS.

The GMP amendment will establish the overall direction for park expansion lands, setting broad management goals for the area for the next 15 to 20 years. Among the topics that will be addressed are protection of natural and cultural resources, protection of riparian resources, appropriate range of visitor uses, impacts of visitor uses, adequacy of park infrastructure, visitor access to the park expansion area, education and interpretive efforts, and external pressures on the park. Management zones that were established in the current GMP will be applied to expansion lands. These zones outline the kinds of resource management activities, visitor activities, and developments that would be appropriate in the expansion lands.

A range of reasonable alternatives for managing the park, including a no-action alternative and a preferred alternative, will be developed through the planning process and included in the EIS. The EIS will evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the alternatives.

As the first phase of the planning and EIS process, the National Park Service is beginning to scope the issues to be addressed in the GMP amendment. All interested persons, organizations, and agencies are encouraged to submit comments and suggestions regarding the issues or concerns the GMP amendment should address, including a suitable range of alternatives and appropriate mitigating measures, and the nature and extent of potential environmental impacts.

**DATES:** Written comments on the scope of the GMP amendment/EIS will be