

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Fire, Fuels and Related Vegetation Management Direction Plan Amendment located in south central and southeastern Idaho.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Fire, Fuels and Related Vegetation Management Direction Plan Amendment ROD are available upon request from the Pocatello Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 4350 Cliffs Drive, Pocatello, Idaho 83204, phone 208-478-6340, or it can be downloaded in its entirety at [http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/prog/planning/fire\\_fuels\\_and\\_related.html](http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/prog/planning/fire_fuels_and_related.html) via the Internet.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Terry Lee Smith, Project Manager, 4350 Cliffs Drive, Pocatello, Idaho 83204, phone 208-478-6340, e-mail [Terry\\_Lee\\_Smith@blm.gov](mailto:Terry_Lee_Smith@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Fire, Fuels and Related Vegetation Management Direction Plan Amendment (hereafter referred to as the Plan Amendment) was developed with broad public participation through a five-year collaborative planning process. It addresses management on approximately 5 million acres of public land comprising the Burley, Shoshone, Pocatello and Upper Snake Field Offices in south-central and southeastern Idaho. Twelve land use plans were amended upon signing of the ROD by the Idaho State Director.

The Plan Amendment incorporates the National Fire Plan's Cohesive Strategy and the Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy of 1995, as revised, into existing BLM land use plans. The purpose of the plan amendments is to:

- Establish fire management guidance, objectives, policies, and management actions;
- Identify resource goals and methods, including desired future condition of the fire-related vegetation resources, and management actions necessary to achieve objectives;
- Form the basis to update fire management plans and integrate them with allotment management plans, wildlife management plans, recreation management plans, Idaho Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing, and other applicable plans, to the greatest extent possible; and
- Provide consistent land use plan level direction to enable incremental steps toward a long-term resource goal of conditions that minimize risk to human life and property and maintain or restore vegetation that is resistant to catastrophic wildfire.

The approved Plan Amendment is Alternative E in the Proposed Fire, Fuels and Related Vegetation Management Direction Amendment and Final EIS published in February 2008. The Plan Amendment institutes management direction that will promote the maintenance or restoration of the sagebrush steppe ecosystem and its associated wildlife species, including sage grouse, as well as the maintenance and restoration of forested vegetation types.

All protests received by the BLM regarding the plan amendment have been addressed. No inconsistencies with State or local plans, policies, or programs were identified during the Governor's consistency review of the proposed plan.

Dated: June 19, 2008.

**Thomas H. Dyer,**  
*Idaho State Director, Bureau of Land Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Call for Nominations for Utah's Resource Advisory Council

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

**ACTION:** Call for Nominations for Utah's Resource Advisory Council.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to request public nominations to fill one position in Category Two for Utah's Resource Advisory Council. The RACs provide advice and recommendations to BLM on land use planning and management of the public lands within their geographic areas.

**DATES:** Send all nominations to the Utah Bureau of Land Management (BLM) no later than September 8, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be sent to the BLM, ATTN: Sherry Foot, 440 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sherry Foot, Special Programs Coordinator, Utah State Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84145-0155; phone (801) 539-4195.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) (43 U.S.C. 1730) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues

related to management of lands administered by BLM.

*Category Two*—Representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historic organizations, dispersed recreation activities, and wild horse and burro organizations.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees must be residents of Utah. The BLM will evaluate nominees based on their education, training, experience, and their knowledge of the geographical area of the RAC. Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to collaborative resource decision making. The following must accompany all nominations:

- Letters of reference from represented interests or organizations;
- A completed background information nomination form; and
- Any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

Simultaneous with this notice, Utah BLM's State Office will issue a press release providing additional information for submitting nominations.

Dated: July 16, 2008.

**Jeff Rawson,**  
*State Director.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

#### Cachuma Lake Resource Management Plan (RMP), Santa Barbara County, CA

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and notice of public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), as the National Environmental Policy Act Federal lead agency, has made available for public review and comment the Cachuma Lake draft EIS. The draft EIS describes and presents the effects of the No-Action Alternative and two (2) Action Alternatives on the development and management of the Plan Area. A public hearing will be held to receive comments from individuals and organizations on the draft EIS.

**DATES:** Written comments on the draft EIS will be accepted on or before September 23, 2008.

A public hearing has been scheduled to receive oral or written comments regarding environmental effects. The