

and Service and Departmental policies and procedures.

Refuge Overview

Both the Hakalau Forest and Kona Forest Units are part of the Hakalau Forest Refuge. The Hakalau Forest Unit was established in 1985 to protect and manage endangered forest birds and their rain forest habitat. Located on the west slope of Mauna Kea Mountain on Island of Hawai'i, the 32,733-acre refuge unit supports a diversity of native birds and plants. The Kona Forest Unit was established in 1997 to protect native forest birds and the endangered Hawaiian crow (alala). Located on the west slope of Mauna Loa, the 5,300-acre refuge unit supports diverse native bird and plant species as well as the rare habitats found in lava tubes and lava tube skylights.

Preliminary Issues, Concerns, and Opportunities

We have identified preliminary issues, concerns, and opportunities that we may address in the CCP. During public scoping, we may identify additional issues. During the CCP planning process the Service will analyze methods for protecting refuge resources in the long term, while providing opportunities for wildlife-dependent recreation.

The Service will specifically evaluate the Refuge's forest restoration program, which encompasses volunteer efforts, control of avian diseases and invasive species (both plant and animal), endangered plant propagation, and outplanting. We will also consider possible improvements to our public use programs and an evaluation of its impacts to wildlife, and opportunities for native gathering rights.

Public Open House Meetings

We will host two public open house meetings to provide information on the CCP and receive public comments. The first meeting will be held March 3, 2009, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the Hakalau Forest Refuge Office at 60 Nowelo Street, Room M02, Hilo, HI 96720. The second meeting will be held March 4, 2009, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Yano Hall at 82-6156 Mamalahoa Highway, Captain Cook, HI 96745. Opportunities for additional public input will be announced throughout the planning process.

Public Availability of Comments

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. We will make all comments part of the official public record. We will handle requests for such comments in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, NEPA, and Service and Departmental policies and procedures.

Dated: February 20, 2009.

Robyn Thorson,

Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Information Collection; Oil and Gas Geophysical Exploration Operations

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: 30-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has submitted an information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a 3-year extension of OMB Control Number 1004-0162 under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The respondents are required to provide certain information in order to conduct oil and gas geophysical exploration operations on lands managed by BLM or by the U.S. Forest Service.

DATES: The OMB is required to respond to this information collection request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, written comments should be received on or before March 27, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments directly to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (OMB # 1004-0162), Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, fax 202-395-6566, or by electronic mail at oir_docket@omb.eop.gov.

Please mail or hand-carry a copy of your comments to: BLM Information Collection Clearance Officer (WO-630), Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., Mail Stop 401 LS, Washington, DC 20240.

You may also send a copy of your comments by electronic mail to jean_sonneman@blm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara Gamble, Division of Fluid Minerals, at 202-452-0338 (Commercial or FTS).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *60-Day Notice:* On September 9, 2008, the BLM published a 60-day notice (73 FR 52409) requesting comments on the proposed information collection. The comment period ended November 10, 2008. One comment was received. The comment did not address, and was not germane to, this information collection; rather, it was a general invective about the Department of the Interior, the BLM, the oil and gas industry, and Washington politicians. Therefore, we have no response to the comment.

Title: Oil and Gas Geophysical Exploration Operations (43 CFR part 3150).

OMB Number: 1004-0162.

Form Numbers: BLM 3150-4/FS 2800-16; BLM 3150-5/FS 2800-16a.

Abstract: The information that is supplied allows the BLM and the U.S. Forest Service to determine that geophysical exploration operations are conducted in a manner consistent with statutes, regulations, land use plans, and environmental documents prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Current Action: This proposal is being submitted to extend the expiration date of February 28, 2009.

Type of Review: 3-year extension.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit institutions.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 1,253.

Estimated Time per Response: BLM 3150-4/FS 2800-16, 1 hour; BLM 3150-5/FS 2800-16a, 20 minutes; Nonform data, 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 836.

The BLM requests comments on the following subjects: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the BLM, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the BLM's estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) The quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (4) How to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Dated: February 20, 2009.

Jean Sonneman,

*Bureau of Land Management, Acting
Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Notice of Public Meeting: Joint Meeting of the Boise and Twin Falls Resource Advisory Councils to the Boise and Twin Falls Districts, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the 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) Boise and Twin Falls District Resource Advisory Councils will hold a meeting as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held April 9, 2009, beginning at 10 a.m. and adjourning at 2 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Snake River Grill meeting room in Hagerman, Idaho, at 611 Frogs Landing. Public comment period will take place from 10:15-10:45 a.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: MJ Byrne, Public Affairs Officer and RAC Coordinator, BLM Boise District, 3948 Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705, Telephone (208) 384-3393, or Heather Tiel-Nelson, Public Affairs Officer and RAC Coordinator for BLM Twin Falls District, 2536 Kimberly Rd., Twin Falls, ID 83301, (208) 736-2352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 4 of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2005, a Subcommittee, called a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee, (RRAC) has been established to provide advice to the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, in the form of recommendations that relate to public concerns regarding the implementation, elimination or expansion of an amenity recreation fee; or recreation fee program on public lands under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service and the BLM in both the Boise and Twin Falls Districts located in southern Idaho.

The RRAC met on February 5 to hear proposals from both the Boise and

Sawtooth National Forests regarding fee increases or new fee site implementations on various sites. Recommendations formed by the RRAC during the February meeting will be brought before both Boise and Twin Falls District RACs during the meeting on April 9. These recommendations include implementing new fees for the Campbell Creek Boat Launch managed by the Boise National Forest and new fee site implementation or fee increases for several sites managed by the Sawtooth National Forest. Those sites include the following: Baumgartner group site (new group use fee proposal) Abbott, Bird Creek, Willow Creek, Chaparral, Bowns and Canyon campgrounds (fee increases), Schipper and Steer Basin campgrounds (new fee site implementation), Diamondfield Jack campground (fee increase), and the Redfish Lake and Sawtooth Valley cabins (new fee site implementation). Agenda items and location may change due to changing circumstances, including emergencies. All RRAC and RAC meetings are open to the public. Each Subcommittee and full Joint RAC meeting has time allocated in the agenda for hearing public comments. The public may present written or oral 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 Coordinators as provided above.

Dated: February 20, 2009.

Bill Baker,

Twin Falls District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Meeting Schedule for the Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin

Resource Advisory Council (RAC), Nevada, will hold two meetings in Nevada in 2009. All meetings are open to the public. A general public comment period, where the public may submit oral or written comments to the RAC, will be held on the first day of each two-day meeting at 4 p.m.

DATES: April 29-30, 2009, in Winnemucca and July 22-23, 2009, in Carson City.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Struble, Public Affairs Officer, BLM Carson City District Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701. Telephone: (775) 885-6107. E-mail: mark_struble@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The April meeting will be held at the BLM Winnemucca District Office, 5100 East Winnemucca Blvd. The July meeting will be held at the BLM Carson City District Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road.

Topics for discussion at the meetings will include, but are not limited to, manager's reports of BLM district activities; RAC subcommittee or working group reports; Burning Man event monitoring; Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act Round 10 nominations; Winnemucca District Resource Management Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement; renewable energy projects; Truckee River restoration efforts; and additional topics the council may raise during the meetings. Final agendas, with any additions or corrections to agenda topics, the starting and ending times of each meeting, and details of any planned field trips, will be posted at least two weeks before each meeting on the BLM Nevada State Office Web site at http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/res/resource_advisory/sierra_front-northwestern.html. On request, copies of the agendas can also be mailed or sent via FAX. Individuals needing special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, or those who wish to receive a copy of the agenda, may contact Mark Struble no later than two weeks before the meeting.

Dated: February 17, 2009.

Gene Seidlitz,

Manager, Winnemucca District Office.

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