

alternative for engineering and operational reasons. The other alternative generally follows the eastern boundary of the corridor, but would be more costly to construct. A no-action alternative is also assessed.

Applicable comments collected during the public comment period on the EEC Draft EIS were carried forward into the SEIS process.

Please note that public comments and information submitted, including names, street addresses, and e-mail addresses of persons who submit comments will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

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.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1506.6 and 1506.10.

**Rosemary Thomas,**

*District Manager, Ely District Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Comprehensive Management Plan, Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, in Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, DOI.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)), the National Park Service (NPS) is announcing its intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a comprehensive management plan (CMP) for the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (Trail) in the states of Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. The EIS will be approved by the Regional Director, Midwest Region.

The CMP will prescribe the resource conditions and visitor experiences that are to be achieved and maintained for the Trail over the next 15 to 20 years. The clarification of what must be achieved according to law and policy will be based on review of the Trail's purpose, significance, special mandates, and the body of laws and policies that direct Trail administration. Based on determinations of desired conditions, the CMP will outline the kinds of resource management activities, visitor activities, and development that would be appropriate in the future. A range of reasonable management alternatives will be developed through this planning process and will include, at a minimum, no-action and the preferred alternative.

Major issues to be addressed in the CMP include: issues surrounding preserving Trail resources (such as developing management strategies to preserve and maintain historic structures and cultural landscapes, and protect archeological sites in the face of a predicted increase in visitation); issues surrounding visitor understanding; education and appreciation of park resources; and issues surrounding ensuring organizational effectiveness (such as identifying existing and potential partnerships with the state, federal, local, tribal, nonprofit organizations).

**DATES:** Any comments on the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS can be received at any time after the publication of this notice in the FR. Public meetings regarding the CMP will be held during the scoping period. Specific dates, times, and locations will be made available in the local media, on the Trail Web site (<http://www.nps.gov/lecl>), on the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) Web site (<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/lecl>), or by contacting the Superintendent at the address and telephone number below.

**ADDRESSES:** Information on the planning process will be available from Mark Weekley, Superintendent, Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, 601 Riverfront Drive, Omaha, Nebraska 68182, telephone 402-661-1806.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** If you wish to comment on any issues associated with the CMP, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, 601 Riverfront Drive, Omaha, Nebraska 68182. You may provide comments electronically by entering them into the PEPC Web site at the address above. Finally, you may deliver comments to the Trail located at

601 Riverfront Drive, Omaha, Nebraska 68182.

Before including your address, telephone number, electronic mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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 comments to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: September 30, 2009.

**Martin A. Sterkel,**

*Acting Regional Director, Midwest Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### **Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan, Kern, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Inyo, Riverside, Imperial, San Diego, and Tulare Counties, CA and Possible Land Use Plan Amendment**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) California Desert District, Moreno Valley, California, intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which may include an amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan of 1980, as amended, and by this notice is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public scoping process for the EIS and possible plan amendment. Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until December 21, 2009. The dates and locations of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media, newspapers, and the BLM Web site at: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd.html>. In order to be considered in the Draft EIS, all comments must be

received before the close of the scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. We will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd.html>.

- *E-mail:* [DRECP@blm.gov](mailto:DRECP@blm.gov).

- *Fax:* (916) 978-4657.

- *Mail or hand delivery:* ATTN:

DRECP, BLM California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Suite W-1623, Sacramento, California 95825.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the BLM California State office or the BLM California Desert District office, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, California 92553-9046.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Amy Fesnock, Project Manager, telephone (916) 978-4646; address BLM California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Suite W-1623, Sacramento, California 95825; e-mail [DRECP@blm.gov](mailto:DRECP@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM, along with the California Department of Fish and Game, the California Energy Commission, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, propose to develop the DRECP to advance State and Federal conservation goals in the Mojave and Colorado desert regions in California, while also facilitating the timely permitting of renewable energy projects under applicable State and Federal laws. Specifically, the planning goals for the DRECP include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Provide for the long-term conservation and management of identified species in the planning area;
  - Preserve, restore, and enhance natural communities and ecosystems that support identified species in the planning area;

- Build on the Competitive Renewable Energy Zones identified by the State's Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative that depict areas where renewable energy generation project permitting may be expedited;

- Identify the most appropriate locations in the planning area for the development of utility-scale renewable energy projects, taking into account potential impacts to threatened and endangered species, sensitive natural communities, and cultural resources;

- Coordinate and standardize mitigation and compensation requirements for renewable energy activities in the planning area; and
- Develop an efficient process for authorizing renewable energy projects in the planning area that results in greater conservation values than the process provided by project-by-project or species-by-species reviews.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the process for developing the EIS. The BLM has identified the following preliminary issues: Special status species, mitigation measures for special status species, vegetation communities, cultural resources, special area designations, and areas of high potential for renewable energy development.

Authorization of this proposal may require amendment of the CDCA Plan. By this notice, the BLM is complying with requirements in 43 CFR 1610.2(c) to notify the public of potential amendments to land use plans, predicated on the findings of the EIS. If a land use plan amendment is necessary, the BLM will integrate the land use planning process with the NEPA process for this proposal.

The BLM will use the NEPA commenting process to satisfy the public involvement process for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f), as provided for in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). Native American Tribal consultations will be conducted in accordance with policy and Tribal concerns will be given due consideration, including impacts on Indian trust assets. Federal, State, Tribes, and local agencies, along with other stakeholders that may be interested or affected by the BLM's decision on this project, are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM to participate as a cooperating agency.

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.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1501.7 and 43 CFR 1610.2.

**Tom Pogacnik,**

*Deputy State Director for Natural Resources.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Public Meeting, BLM Colorado Northwest Resource Advisory Council, Correction, Cancellation of Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting; cancellation.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) published a document in the **Federal Register** of April 28, 2009, notifying the public regarding meeting dates and locations for the BLM Colorado Northwest Resource Advisory Council (RAC). The meeting on December 3, 2009 has been cancelled.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The RAC meets in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jamie Connell, BLM Northwest Colorado District Manager, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, CO 81506, 970-244-3000; or David Boyd, Public Affairs Specialist, 2300 River Frontage Road, Silt, CO 81652, 970-876-9008.

Dated: November 16, 2009.

**Jamie Connell,**

*Designated Federal Official.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Intent To Solicit Nominations for the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Advisory Council

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) is directed by the Omnibus Public Lands Act of 2009 to establish the Dominguez-Escalante National