requirements to assist the agency in satisfying public involvement under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (16 U.S.C. 470(f)) pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). The information about historic and cultural resources within the area potentially affected by the proposed action will assist in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources in the context of both NEPA and Section 106 of the NHPA.

The BLM and Forest Service will consult with Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175 and other policies. Tribal concerns, including impacts to treaty rights and potential impacts to cultural resources, will be given due consideration.

Federal, State, and local agencies, along with tribes and other stakeholders that may be interested in or affected by the proposed project that is being evaluated, are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM or FS to participate in the development of the environmental analysis as cooperating agencies.

**Alternatives and Schedule**

The EIS will analyze the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative. Other alternatives may be considered that could provide mitigation of potential impacts.

The tentative EIS project schedule is as follows:
- Begin public scoping period and meetings: Summer 2015;
- Release draft EIS and associated comment period: January 2015;
- Final EIS publication: Fall 2016; and
- Records of Decision: Fall 2016.

**Scoping Procedure**

The scoping procedure to be used for this EIS will involve notification in the *Federal Register*; a mailing to interested and potentially affected individuals, groups, Federal, State, and local government entities requesting input by way of comments, issues and concerns; news releases or legal notices; and public scoping meetings.

Before including your address, phone number, email 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. Comments will be available for public review at the BLM address listed above during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The BLM and the FS are seeking information and written comments concerning the Proposed Action from Federal, State, tribal, and local agencies, individuals, and organizations interested in, or affected by, the Proposed Action or Alternatives. To assist the BLM and the FS in identifying issues and concerns related to the Proposed Action, scoping comments should be as specific as possible.

At least three “open-house” style public scoping meetings will be held which will include displays explaining the project and a forum for asking questions and commenting on the project.

Meetings are planned to be held in Pocatello, Fort Hall, and Soda Springs, Idaho. The dates, times, and locations of the public scoping meetings will be announced in mailings and public notices issued by the BLM (see **DATES** above).


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Steve L. Toth,
Acting Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Division of Resources.
Notice of filing of plats of survey.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of survey of the lands described below in the BLM Montana State Office, Billings, Montana, on September 4, 2012.

Protests of the survey must be filed before September 4, 2012 to be considered.

The BLM will be available to the public as a matter of information. If the BLM receives a protest against this survey, as shown on this plat, in seven sheets, prior to the date of the official filing, we will stay the filing pending our consideration of the protest. We will not officially file this plat, in seven sheets, until the day after we have accepted or dismissed all protests and they have become final, including decisions or appeals.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marvin Montoya, Cadastral Surveyor, Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101–4669.

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Notice of Application for Proposed Withdrawal Extension and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Oregon


Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Forest Service (USFS) has filed an application with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regarding new and unique approaches to management of the land within the bounds of the Steens Mountain CMPA; recommending cooperative programs and incentives for landscape management that meet human needs, and the maintenance and improvement of the ecological and economic integrity of the area. Tentative agenda items for the August 16–17, 2012, meeting include: A discussion regarding fencing in and around the No Livestock Grazing Area within the Steens Mountain Wilderness; updates on current litigation, the North Steens Transmission Line Project, the Blitzen Stewardship contract, projects in the Wildlands Juniper Management Area, land exchanges and acquisitions, the Steens Mountain Comprehensive Recreation Plan, and the South Steens Allotment Management Plan; and planning future meeting agendas, dates, and locations. Any other matters that may reasonably come before the SMAC may also be addressed. This meeting is open to the public in its entirety.

Information to be distributed to the SMAC is requested prior to the start of each meeting.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, phone number, or other personal identifying information in your comments, please 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.

Brendan Cain,
Burns District Manager.

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