

predicated on the finding of the EA. Should an RMP amendment be necessary, it will be based on the following preliminary planning criteria:

- The RMP amendment will focus only on VRM class designations;
- The RMP amendment will comply with NEPA, FLPMA, and other applicable laws, executive orders, regulations and policy;
- The RMP amendment will recognize valid existing rights;
- The BLM will use a collaborative and multi-jurisdictional approach, where possible to determine the desired future condition of the public lands;
- The BLM will consider the management prescriptions on adjoining lands to minimize inconsistent management; and
- Management prescriptions will focus on the relative values of resources and not necessarily the combination of uses that will give the greatest economic return or economic output.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues and planning criteria that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the process for developing the EA. At present, the BLM has identified the following preliminary issues: cultural resources; crucial deer, elk, greater sage-grouse and upland game habitat, migratory bird habitat; special status species; surface water quality; recreation; socioeconomic; soil erosion; riparian areas; forestry; vegetation management; wilderness character; and visual resources.

You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing to the BLM at any public scoping meeting, or you may submit them to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the ADDRESSES section above. To be most helpful, comments should be submitted by the close of the 30-day scoping period or within 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later.

The BLM will use NEPA public participation requirements to assist the agency in satisfying the public involvement requirements 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 project will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources in the context of both NEPA and Section 106 of the NHPA.

The BLM will consult with Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive

Order 13175 and other policies. Tribal concerns, including impacts on Indian trust assets 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 the BLM is evaluating, are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM to participate in the development of the environmental analysis as a cooperating agency.

Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us to withhold 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.

**Shelley J. Smith,**

*Acting Associate State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey; North Dakota

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

**ACTION:** Notice of filing of plats of survey.

**SUMMARY:** 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 24, 2012.

**DATES:** Protests of the survey must be filed before September 24, 2012 to be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Protests of the survey should be sent to the Branch of Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marvin Montoya, Cadastral Surveyor, Branch of Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669, telephone (406) 896-5124 or (406) 896-5009, [Marvin\\_Montoya@blm.gov](mailto:Marvin_Montoya@blm.gov).

Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This survey was executed at the request of the Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Plains Region, Aberdeen, South Dakota, and was necessary to determine individual and tribal trust lands.

The lands we surveyed are:

#### Fifth Principal Meridian, North Dakota

T. 151 N., R. 64 W.

The plat, in three sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, a portion of the subdivision of section 15, and a portion of the adjusted 1885 meanders of Wood Lake in section 15, the subdivision of section 15, and the survey of the partition of Lot 5 of section 15 into two parcels, in Township 151 North, Range 64 West, Fifth Principal Meridian, North Dakota, was accepted August 13, 2012.

We will place a copy of the plat, in three sheets, and related field notes we described in the open files. They 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 three 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 three sheets, until the day after we have accepted or dismissed all protests and they have become final, including decisions or appeals.

**Authority:** 43 U.S.C. Chap. 3.

**Josh Alexander,**

*Acting Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Division of Resources.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Realty Action: Termination of Recreation and Public Purposes Act Classifications and Opening of Lands; Wyoming

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

**ACTION:** Notice.