subject to administrative appeal (43 CFR 4.410(a) [3]).

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Mike Pool,
Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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Notice of Availability of the Proposed
Bakersfield Resource Management
Plan and Final Environmental Impact
Statement, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
National Environmental Policy Act of
1969, as amended (NEPA), and the
Federal Land Policy and Management
Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the
Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has
prepared the Proposed Resource
Management Plan (RMP) and Final
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
for the Bakersfield Field Office,
California, and by this notice is
announcing its availability.

DATES: BLM planning regulations state
that any person who meets the
conditions as described in the
regulations may protest the Proposed
RMP/Final EIS. A person who meets the
conditions must file the protest within
30 days of the date that the
Environmental Protection Agency
publishes its Notice of Availability of
the Proposed RMP/Final EIS in the
Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Bakersfield
Proposed RMP/Final EIS have been sent
to affected Federal, State, and local
agencies, Native American tribes, and to
other interested parties. Copies of the
Proposed RMP/Final EIS are available
for public inspection at the Bakersfield
Field Office (3801 Pegasus Drive,
Bakersfield, California 93308) and
California State Office (2800 Cottage
Way, Sacramento, California 95825).

Interested persons may also review the
Proposed RMP/Final EIS on the Internet
at: www.blm.gov/ca/bakersfield. All
protests must be in writing and mailed
to one of the following addresses:

Regular Mail: BLM Director (210),
Attention: Brenda Williams, P.O. Box
71383, Washington, DC 20024–1383.

Overnight Mail: BLM Director (210),
Attention: Brenda Williams, 20 M
Street SE., Room 2134LM,
Washington, DC 20003–3503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sue
Porter, Planning & Environmental
Coordinator, Bakersfield Field Office,
telephone: 661–391–6022; address:
Bakersfield Field Office, 3801 Pegasus
Drive, Bakersfield, California 93308;
email: cacalrmp@blm.gov. Persons who
use a telecommunications device for the
deaf (TDD) may contact 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: The
Proposed RMP/Final EIS addresses
public land and resources managed by
the Bakersfield Field Office in an eight-
county, 17-million-acre region of central
California in Kings, San Luis Obispo,
Santa Barbara, Tulare, Ventura, Madera,
eastern Fresno, and western Kern
counties. Upon approval, this land use
plan will replace the 1997 Caliente RMP
and the 1984 Hollister RMP, as
amended, and provide updated
management decisions regarding
recreation, transportation and access,
renewable and traditional energy
development, mineral resources, land
use authorizations, livestock grazing,
biological resources, special
designations, lands with wilderness
characteristics, and other resource uses
and considerations on approximately
404,000 acres of public land and 1.2
million acres of Federal mineral estate.
The Approved RMP will apply only to
the BLM-administered public lands and
Federal mineral estate in the planning
area.

The Proposed RMP/Final EIS analyzes
five management alternatives:

• The No Action alternative (Alternative A) would continue current
management under the existing 1997
Caliente RMP and 1984 Hollister RMP,
as amended.
• The Proposed Plan (Alternative B)
strives to balance resource conservation
and ecosystem health with the
production of commodities and public
use of the land.
• Alternative C emphasizes
conserving cultural and natural
resources, maintaining functioning
natural systems, and restoring natural
systems that are degraded.
• Alternative D follows Alternative C
in all aspects except with regard to
livestock grazing. Alternative D would
eliminate livestock grazing from BLM
managed lands in the planning area for
the life of this land use plan.
• Alternative E emphasizes the
production of natural resources and
commodities while emphasizing public
use opportunities.

The Proposed RMP/Final EIS would
establish 18 Areas of Critical
Environmental Concern, totaling
approximately 99,500 acres, to provide
special management for the protection
of relevant and important biological,
cultural, geologic, and paleontological
resources. The proposed plan
would also apply protective
management to approximately 3,470
acres of lands with wilderness
characteristics in six different areas.
Public lands available for energy
development, land use authorizations,
livestock grazing, systems of designated
travel routes, and other uses would be
provided for under the proposed plan,
which would delineate and, as
necessary, apply limitations on these
uses. In addition, management
parameters and prescriptions would be
applied to a variety of natural and
cultural resources, including air and
cultural values, water quality,
special status plant and animal species,
and other components of the biological,
physical, and cultural environment.

The land use planning process was
initiated on March 4, 2008, through a
Notice of Intent published in the
Federal Register (73 FR 11661). A
Notice of Availability of the Draft RMP/
Draft EIS was published on September
9, 2011, in the Federal Register (76 FR
55941) to announce a 90-day public
review and comment period. During
that period, the BLM held public open-
house meetings in Bakersfield, San Luis
Obispo, Lake Isabella, Three Rivers,
Taft, and Prather to assist the public in
their review of the Draft RMP/Draft EIS
and to solicit their comments. The Draft
RMP/Draft EIS was sent to multiple
Federal, State, and local government
agencies and interested parties and was
made publicly available for viewing at
the Bakersfield Field Office, the
California State Office, various public
libraries, and on the Internet.

During the comment period, the
Bakersfield Field Office received 274
written comment submissions from
comment forms, which were completed
during one of the public open-house
meetings, as well as comment letters
and emails. Each submission was
carefully reviewed to identify
substantive comments in accordance
with the implementing regulations of
NEPA (40 CFR 1503.4).

Comments on the Draft RMP/Draft EIS
received from the public and internal
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 District Resource Advisory Advisory Council (RAC), will hold a meeting as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held September 13, 2012, at the Boise District Office, located at 3948 S. Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and adjourning at 4:30 p.m. Members of the public are invited to attend. A public comment period will be held.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marsha Buchanan, Supervisory Administrative Specialist and RAC Coordinator, BLM Boise District, 3948 Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705, Telephone (208) 384–394–9364.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in southwestern Idaho. Items on the agenda include a report about the two field trips RAC Members attended. A report on the wildland fires within Boise District and the region will be provided. The RAC Members will be briefed on the status of the Gateway West Proposed Transmission Line project. An update on the Paradigm Project will be provided by the District's Fuels Program, and the environmental impact statement for renewal of 25 grazing permits in western Owyhee County. Implementation of the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009, Subpart F–Owyhee Public Land Management will be reviewed. Each field manager will discuss progress being made on priority actions in their offices. Agenda items and location may change due to changing circumstances. The public may present written or oral comments to members of the Council. At each full RAC meeting, time is provided in the agenda for hearing public 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 should contact the BLM Coordinator as provided above. 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.

Dated: August 16, 2012.

Meagan Conry,
Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Intent To Repatriate Cultural Items: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Coconino National Forest, Flagstaff, AZ

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service, Coconino National Forest, in consultation with the appropriate Indian tribe, has determined that the cultural items meet the definition of unassociated funerary objects and repatriation to the Indian tribe stated below may occur if no additional claimants come forward.

Representatives of any Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with the cultural items may contact the USDA Forest Service, Southwestern Region.

DATES: Representatives of any Indian tribe that believes it has a cultural affiliation with the cultural items should contact the USDA Forest Service, Southwestern Region at the address below by September 27, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Dr. Frank E. Wozniak, NAGPRA Coordinator, Southwestern Region, USDA Forest Service, 333 Broadway Blvd., SE., Albuquerque, NM 87102, telephone (505) 842–3238.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is here given in accordance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3005, of the intent to repatriate cultural items in the possession of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County and under the control of the Coconino National Forest that meet the definition of unassociated funerary objects under 25 U.S.C. 3001.

This notice is published as part of the National Park Service’s administrative responsibilities under NAGPRA, 25 U.S.C. 3003(d)(3). The determinations in this notice are the sole responsibility of the museum, institution, or Federal agency that has control of the Native American cultural item(s). The National Park Service is not responsible for the determinations in this notice.