

an associated EA; announces the beginning of the scoping process; and seeks public input on issues and planning criteria. The planning area is located in San Bernardino County, California and encompasses the 133.19 acres of public land that has been identified for possible direct sale. The BLM has received a request from the State of California to purchase the following public land:

San Bernardino Meridian

T. 16 N., R. 14 E.,
Sec. 11, lot 1;
Sec. 12, lots 2, 4, 6, 9, 11, and 14;
Sec. 13, lot 2;
Sec. 14, lots 1, 4, 7, 11, and 12;
Sec. 23, lots 3, 6, 9, and 11.

The area described containing 133.19 acres lies entirely in San Bernardino County, California.

The State of California wishes to purchase the public lands described above for a point of entry facility for agricultural and commercial vehicle inspections. The public lands described above were not specifically identified for sale in the CDCA Plan, as amended, and a plan amendment is therefore required to process a direct sale. 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 planning process.

The BLM anticipates that the EA will consider both a plan amendment and the subsequent sale of the land and has identified local land uses and input from local governments as the primary preliminary issue of concern. The BLM anticipates that the EA will include, at a minimum, input from the disciplines of land use planning, biology and archaeology. This plan amendment will be limited to an analysis of whether the public lands described above meet the criteria for sale in FLPMA at Section 203(a)(3), which states, "disposal of such tract will serve important public objectives," which is the planning criteria for this amendment.

You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above. To be most helpful, you should submit comments by the close of the 30-day scoping period. The BLM will use the 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 action 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 action 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.

The BLM will evaluate identified issues to be addressed in the plan amendment, and will place them into one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the plan amendment;
2. Issues to be resolved through policy or administrative action; or
3. Issues beyond the scope of this plan amendment.

The BLM will provide an explanation in the EA as to why an issue was placed in category two or three. The public is also encouraged to help identify any management questions and concerns that should be addressed in the plan. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns.

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.

Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 43 CFR 1610.2.

Cynthia Staszak,

Associate Deputy State Director, Resources California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Collect Fees on Public Land in Clark County, ID

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Collect Fees on Public Land in Clark County, ID.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to applicable provisions of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Upper Snake Field Office is proposing to collect a reservation fee for large group sites at the Birch Creek Campground in Clark County, ID. Under Section 2(2) of the REA, Birch Creek Campground qualifies as a site wherein visitors can be charged an "Expanded Amenity Recreation Fee" authorized under section 3(g). In accordance with the REA, and the BLM's implementing regulations, the Upper Snake Field Office is proposing to charge a group site reservation fee of \$35 per night for overnight camping within the Birch Creek Campground.

An analysis of the recreation site shows the proposed fees are reasonable and typical of similar sites in the area.

DATES: This notice initiates the public comment period. Comments by interested parties will be accepted in writing through July 22, 2013. New fees would begin no earlier than July 22, 2013.

New fee implementation is contingent upon a final review and approval recommendation by the Idaho Falls District Resource Advisory Council (RAC) and the BLM Idaho State Director. The BLM Upper Snake Field Office will provide final public notice of the group site reservation fee collection for the Birch Creek Campground.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted to Attention: Shannon Bassista, Bureau of Land Management Upper Snake Field Office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83401, via email at BLM_ID_IF_BirchCrCGFee@blm.gov or by fax at 208-524-7505. Please reference "Notice of Intent to Collect Fees at Birch Creek Campground" on all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shannon Bassista, BLM Upper Snake Field Office recreation planner at 208-524-7552 or by email at sbassista@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: The REA directs the Secretary of the Interior to publish a six-month advance notice in the **Federal Register** whenever new recreation fee areas are established. Once the public comment period is complete, a new fee must be reviewed by a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee prior to a final decision and implementation.

The Birch Creek Campground is located in Clark County, Idaho, approximately 75 miles northwest of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and 86 miles south of Salmon, Idaho. It is fairly remote and allows visitors to camp adjacent to the popular Birch Creek fishing area and enjoy the scenery of the Lemhi Mountain range. Visitors can also recreate with motorized vehicles on adjacent BLM- and U.S. Forest Service-managed lands.

There are approximately 60 campsites and four large identified group sites dispersed along a 5.5 mile stretch of Birch Creek. Approximately one-third of the campsites have picnic tables and fire rings. There are multiple restroom facilities throughout the campground. The campground is adjacent to Highway 28 and is accessed by one of three entrances. The BLM does not provide electricity or water at the individual campsites and there is no recreational vehicle (RV) dump station or refuse collection. The host site has hook-ups, and there is a water pump adjacent to the host site that allows visitors to fill up their RV tanks. This area is not currently a fee area.

The Upper Snake Field Office is proposing charging a fee for large groups to reserve one of the group sites to guarantee camping access for an entire group. The proposed group site reservation fee is classified as an “Expanded Amenity Fee” under REA and would only apply to visitors wanting to reserve a group site. The BLM receives 12–15 requests annually to reserve one of the group sites at Birch Creek Campground. Reasons for these requests vary: some want to reserve a campsite located near accessible restroom facilities, while others want to reserve the location for large family reunions or other special occasions. Without an amenity fee associated with the site, the BLM is unable to make such reservations, leaving visitors wishing to

reserve a group campsite with the sole option of seeking exclusive use, with an accompanying fee of \$200, which is prohibitive for most weekend campground users. Because the vast majority of identified campsites at Birch Creek Campground are individual, a reservation system for group campsites would not displace or inconvenience other campers. Based on these factors, visitors’ willingness to pay a group reservation fee is expected to be high.

Outside of the proposed group site reservation fee, the BLM is not planning to assess fees for camping at Birch Creek Campground. Additionally, fees will not be charged for camping in designated group sites when the sites have not been reserved.

Joe Kraayenbrink,
Idaho Falls District Manager.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Notice of Public Meeting, North Slope Science Initiative—Science Technical Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, North Slope Science Initiative, 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, North Slope Science Initiative (NSSI)—Science Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held February 19–22, 2013, in Fairbanks, Alaska. The meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m. in Room 401, International Arctic Research Center (IARC), 930 Koyukuk Drive, University of Alaska Fairbanks campus, Fairbanks, Alaska. Public comment will be accepted between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 20, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis Lassuy, Acting Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative, AK-910, c/o Bureau of Land Management, 222 W. Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513, (907) 271-3212 or email dlassuy@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, seven 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 NSSI STAP provides advice and recommendations to the NSSI Oversight Group regarding priority information needs for management decisions across the North Slope of Alaska. These priority information needs may include recommendations on inventory, monitoring, and research activities that contribute to informed resource management decisions. This meeting will include continued dialog for scenario planning for the North Slope and adjacent marine environments. Additionally, the STAP will continue with designing a long-term monitoring strategy for the North Slope.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Science Technical Advisory Panel through the Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative. Each formal meeting will also have time allotted 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, such as sign language interpretation, transportation, or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative. 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.

Dated: January 15, 2013.

Bud C. Cribley,
State Director.

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