

## CHUKCHI SEA LETTERS OF AUTHORIZATION—Continued

Company	Activity	Project	Date issued
Shell Offshore, Inc. ....	Exploration .....	Chukchi Sea Ice Observation Flights Program .....	February 1, 2013.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Call for Nominations for Advisory Committees

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to reopen the request for public nominations for certain Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Advisory Committees that have member terms expiring this year. These Advisory Committees provide advice and recommendations to the BLM on land use planning and management of the National System of Public Lands within their respective geographic areas. The Advisory Committees covered by this request for nominations are identified below. The BLM will accept public nominations for 30 days after the publication of this notice.

**DATES:** All nominations must be received no later than April 29, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the address of respective BLM Offices accepting nominations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lauren Luckey, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Correspondence, International, and Advisory Committee Office, 1849 C Street NW., MS-MIB 5070, Washington, DC 20240; 202-208-3806.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of lands administered by the BLM. Section 309 of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1739) directs the Secretary to establish 10- to 15-member citizen-based advisory councils that are consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). As required by FACA, Resource Advisory Council

(RAC) membership must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands. The rules governing RACs are found at 43 CFR subpart 1784 and include the following three membership categories:

*Category One*—Holders of Federal grazing permits and representatives of organizations associated with energy and mineral development, timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle use, and commercial recreation;

*Category Two*—Representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historic organizations, dispersed recreation activities, and wild horse and burro organizations; and

*Category Three*—Representatives of State, county, or local elected office, employees of a State agency responsible for management of natural resources, representatives of Indian tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the council is organized, representatives of academia who are employed in natural sciences, and the public-at-large.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees must be residents of the State in which the RAC has jurisdiction. The BLM will evaluate nominees based on their education, training, experience, and knowledge of the geographical area of the RAC. Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to collaborative resource decision-making. The Obama Administration prohibits individuals who are currently federally registered lobbyists from being appointed or re-appointed to FACA and non-FACA boards, committees, or councils.

This request for public nominations also applies to the Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) in Oregon established pursuant to Section 131 of the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000. The SMAC advises the Secretary of the Interior in managing the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area. Nominations are requested for the positions of Burns Paiute Tribe member and the State of Oregon liaison.

The following must accompany all nominations for the RACs and SMAC:

- Letters of reference from represented interests or organizations;
- A completed Resource Advisory Council application; and
- Any other information that addresses the nominee's qualifications.

Simultaneous with this notice, BLM state offices will issue press releases providing additional information for submitting nominations, with specifics about the number and categories of member positions available for each RAC in the state and the Steens Mountain Advisory Council in Oregon. If you have already submitted your RAC nomination materials for 2013 you will not need to resubmit. Nominations for the following RACs should be sent to the appropriate BLM offices as noted below:

#### Alaska

##### *Alaska RAC*

Thom Jennings, Alaska State Office, BLM, 222 West 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513, 970-271-3335.

#### California

##### *Northwestern California RAC*

Jeff Fontana, Eagle Lake Field Office, BLM, 2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville, California 96130, 530-252-5332.

##### *Central California RAC*

David Christy, Mother Lode Field Office, BLM, 5152 Hillsdale Circle, El Dorado Hills, California 95762, 916-941-3146.

#### Idaho

##### *Boise District RAC*

Marsha Buchanan, Boise District Office, BLM, 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83705, 208-384-3393.

##### *Coeur d'Alene District RAC*

Suzanne Endsley, Coeur d'Alene District Office, BLM, 3815 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815, 208-769-5004.

##### *Idaho Falls District RAC*

Sarah Wheeler, Idaho Falls District Office, BLM, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401, 208-524-7550.

#### Montana and Dakotas

##### *Central Montana RAC*

Kaylene Patten, Lewistown Field Office, BLM, 920 Northeast Main Street, Lewistown, Montana 59457, 406-538-1957.

##### *Dakotas RAC*

Mark Jacobsen, Miles City Field Office, BLM, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana 59301, 406-233-2800.

*Eastern Montana RAC*

Mark Jacobsen, Miles City Field Office, BLM,  
111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana  
59301, 406-233-2800.

*Western Montana RAC*

David Abrams, Butte Field Office, BLM, 106  
North Parkmont, Butte, Montana 59701,  
406-533-7617.

**Nevada**

*Mojave-Southern Great Basin RAC;*  
*Northeastern Great Basin RAC; Sierra Front-*  
*Northeastern Great Basin RAC*

Christopher Rose, Nevada State Office, BLM,  
1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, Nevada  
89502, 775-861-6480.

**New Mexico***Albuquerque District RAC*

Chip Kimball, Albuquerque District Office,  
BLM, 435 Montano NE., Albuquerque, New  
Mexico 87107, 505-761-8734.

*Farmington District RAC*

Bill Papich, Farmington District Office, BLM,  
6251 College Boulevard, Farmington, New  
Mexico 87402, 505-564-7620

**Oregon/Washington***Eastern Washington RAC*

Robert St. Clair, Spokane District Office,  
BLM, 1103 N. Fancher Road Spokane  
Valley, Washington 99212, 509-536-1200

*Southeast Oregon RAC; Steens Mountain  
Advisory Council*

Tara Martinak, Burns District Office, BLM,  
28910 Hwy 20, West Hines, Oregon 97738,  
541-573-4519

*Certification Statement:* I hereby  
certify that the BLM Advisory  
Committees are necessary and in the  
public interest in connection with the  
Secretary's responsibilities to manage  
the lands, resources, and facilities  
administered by the BLM.

**Neil Kornze,**

*Principal Deputy Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Availability of the Draft  
Billings and Pompeys Pillar National  
Monument Resource Management Plan  
and Environmental Impact Statement,  
MT**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the  
National Environmental Policy Act

(NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the  
Federal Land Policy and Management  
Act (FLPMA) of 1976, as amended, the  
Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has  
prepared a combined Draft Resource  
Management Plan (RMP) and Draft  
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)  
for Billings and Pompeys Pillar National  
Monument within the Billings Field  
Office of the BLM Montana/Dakotas  
State Office and by this notice is  
announcing the opening of the comment  
period.

**DATES:** To ensure that comments will be  
considered, the BLM must receive  
written comments on the draft RMP/EIS  
within 90 days following the date the  
Environmental Protection Agency  
publishes this notice of the draft RMP/  
EIS in the **Federal Register**. The BLM  
will announce future meetings or  
hearings and any other public  
participation activities at least 15 days  
in advance through public notices,  
media releases, and/or mailings.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments  
related to the Billings and Pompeys  
Pillar National Monument draft RMP/  
EIS by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* [http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/fo/billings\\_field\\_office/rmp.html](http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/fo/billings_field_office/rmp.html)
- *Email:* [BLM\\_MT\\_Billings\\_PompeysPillar\\_RMP@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_MT_Billings_PompeysPillar_RMP@blm.gov)
- *Fax:* 406-896-5281
- *Mail:* Bureau of Land Management,  
Billings Field Office, 5001 Southgate  
Drive, Billings, MT 59101

Copies of the Billings and Pompeys  
Pillar National Monument draft RMP/  
EIS are available in the Billings Field  
Office at the above address or may be  
viewed at: [http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/fo/billings\\_field\\_office/rmp.html](http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/fo/billings_field_office/rmp.html).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Carolyn Sherve-Bybee, RMP Team Lead,  
406-896-5234 or Jim Sparks, Billings  
Field Manager, 406-896-5241; at the  
above mailing address or via email at:  
[BLM\\_MT\\_Billings\\_PompeysPillar\\_RMP@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_MT_Billings_PompeysPillar_RMP@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  
planning area is located in Big Horn,  
Carbon, Golden Valley, Musselshell,  
Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Wheatland, and  
Yellowstone Counties in Montana, and  
a portion of Big Horn County in  
Wyoming. This planning area  
encompasses approximately 434,154  
acres of BLM-managed public lands.

The RMP will fulfill the needs and  
obligations set forth by NEPA, FLPMA,  
and BLM management policies. The  
planning effort of the Billings and  
Pompeys Pillar National Monument  
RMP/EIS will revise the existing  
Billings RMP of 1984, as amended, and  
provide the Billings Field Office with an  
updated framework in which to  
administer BLM public lands. This draft  
RMP/EIS addresses new issues, changes  
in resource conditions, and changes in  
resource management practices since  
adoption of the Billings RMP in 1984  
and was developed through a  
collaborative planning process. Formal  
public scoping began with the  
publication of the Notice of Intent in the  
**Federal Register** on May 15, 2008 (73  
FR 28150), a legal document notifying  
the public and any affected agencies of  
the intent to revise the 1984 RMP and  
prepare an EIS, including draft planning  
criteria for review. The formal public  
scoping period ended on August 22,  
2008; however, scoping comments were  
received through September 19, 2008.

Public scoping opportunities included  
seven open houses in communities  
within the planning area, a mailing of  
1,200 scoping packages describing the  
area and process as well as soliciting  
written comments, a Web site, and  
outreach with various Federal and State  
government agencies. Outreach efforts  
were also made to tribes and  
consultation with the tribal  
governments is ongoing.

The information obtained from the  
scoping process was used to define the  
relevant issues that are addressed in a  
range of alternative management  
actions, the environmental impacts of  
which are analyzed in the draft EIS.  
Based on the scoping comments  
received and their subsequent analysis  
and evaluation, the following major  
planning issues were identified as being  
within the scope of the BLM Billings  
and Pompeys Pillar National Monument  
draft RMP/EIS.

*Issue:* Vegetation Communities—How  
can the public lands be managed to  
provide desired plant communities?

*Issue:* Wildlife and Fisheries Habitat  
and Invasive Species—How can public  
lands be managed to maintain or  
improve wildlife and fisheries habitats  
and control invasive species?

*Issue:* Special Status Species,  
including Threatened and Endangered  
Species—How can public lands be  
managed to conserve and recover  
threatened, endangered, proposed, and  
BLM-sensitive species, including  
Greater Sage-Grouse?

*Issue:* Commercial Activities—What  
public lands will be available for  
commercial activities and how will