

Alternative A: Continues existing management practices (No Action Alternative).

Alternative B: Emphasizes commercial resource development and use while providing adequate levels of resource protection.

Alternative C: Emphasizes conservation of natural resources while providing for compatible development and use.

Alternative D: Provides development opportunities while protecting high value and sensitive resources (Preferred Alternative).

The preferred alternative has been identified as described in 40 CFR 1502.14(e). However, identification of a preferred alternative does not represent the final agency decision. The BLM encourages comments on all alternatives and management actions described in the draft RMP/EIS and will assess and consider public comments properly received.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 1610.7-2(b), this notice announces a concurrent public comment period on proposed Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). A total of two ACECs are currently designated in the existing plan and were re-evaluated and addressed in this draft RMP/EIS. All alternatives would be proposed to maintain the two existing ACECs. The proposed resource use limitations, by alternative for each ACEC is summarized below:

#### **Fort Meade Recreation Area ACEC (6,574 Acres)**

- **Relevant and Important Values:** Historical and archeological.
- **Limitations on the Following Uses:** Closed to leasable and salable minerals, closed to geophysical exploration, recommended for withdrawal from appropriation under the mining laws.
- **Other Restrictions:** The area would be a Right-of-Way (ROW) exclusion area except in designated ROW corridors. Motorized vehicle use would be limited to designated roads and trails. Snowmobiles or machines specifically equipped to travel over snow would be prohibited. Closed to construction of new roads except for rerouting of existing roads to address resource impacts or safety issues. The back country byway that traverses the southern portion of the ACEC would continue to be designated as a back country byway.

#### **Fossil Cycad ACEC (320 Acres)**

- **Relevant and Important Values:** Paleontological.
- **Proposed Use Limitations:** Locatable Federal minerals would be recommended for withdrawal from

appropriation under the mining laws. The area would be closed to fluid minerals or have a no surface occupancy and use restriction for fluid minerals within the ACEC depending on the alternative selected. The area would be closed to salable Federal minerals and no sale of forest products would be allowed.

- **Other Restrictions:** The ACEC would be managed as a ROW avoidance area or ROW exclusion area depending on the alternative selected.

All alternatives propose to maintain the Fort Meade and Fossil Cycad ACECs. Under alternatives B and D, up to 200 acres in the existing Fort Meade ACEC would be made available for land transfer to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for expansion of the Black Hills National Cemetery, up to 50 acres in the existing ACEC would be made available for transfer to the South Dakota National Guard for facilities, and up to 6 acres in the existing ACEC would be made available for transfer to the City of Sturgis. Additional action and appropriate environmental review would occur and could potentially result in a decrease in the size of the Fort Meade ACEC from 6,574 to 6,318 acres.

Alternative A would continue with the present National Register of Historic Places District for the Fort Meade ACEC and would include 3,200 acres.

Alternative B would recommend a formal nomination of Fort Meade as a National Register Landmark listing of 6,574 acres. Alternative C would propose to manage Greater Sage-Grouse Protection Priority habitat as an ACEC (93,266 acres). Within this ACEC in this alternative, rights-of-way would be excluded, leasable and salable minerals would be closed, and locatable minerals would be recommended for withdrawal from appropriation under the mining laws. Under Alternative C, Federal minerals in the abandoned Black Hills Army Depot and the former town site of Igloo would be closed to exploration and development of leasable and salable minerals. Alternative C would recommend the revision of the National Register of Historic Places Fort Meade District nomination to incorporate 3,370 additional acres inside the District Boundary and incorporate the entire military reservation. Total acres in the historic district would be changed to 6,574 acres for the Fort Meade ACEC. Alternative D would also nominate the Fort Meade ACEC for National Historic Landmark nomination, contingent on other partnering agency cooperation.

Following the close of the public review and comment period on this draft RMP/EIS, public comments will be

used to prepare the BLM South Dakota Field Office Proposed RMP and Final EIS. The BLM will respond to substantive comments received during the draft RMP/EIS review period by making appropriate revisions to the document, or by explaining why a comment did not warrant a change. After comments received on the draft RMP/EIS have been considered and appropriate revisions are made, the BLM will issue the Proposed RMP and Final EIS. A notice of the availability for the Proposed RMP and Final EIS will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Please note that public comments and information submitted including names, street addresses, and email addresses of persons who submit comments will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised 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 from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1506.6, 40 CFR 1506.10, 43 CFR 1610.2.

**Katherine P. Kitchell,**  
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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **National Park Service**

**[NPS-PWR-MOJA-12321; PS.SMOJA0003]**

#### **Minor Boundary Revision at Mojave National Preserve**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.  
**ACTION:** Notification of boundary revision.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 460l-9(c)(1), the boundary of Mojave National Preserve is modified to include 7.12 acres of improved land identified as Tract 103-28, a portion of tax parcel number 573-021-02. Fee simple interest in the land will be donated to the United States. The land is located in San Bernardino County, California, immediately adjacent to the current northern boundary of Mojave National Preserve.

Notice is further given that, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 460l-9(c)(1), the boundary of Mojave National Preserve is modified to exclude 48.14 acres of improved land identified as Tract 114-05, a portion of tax parcel number 0544-033-09. No change in ownership will result from this action. The land is located in San Bernardino County, California, at the northwest boundary of the preserve in the unincorporated area of Baker. The boundary revisions are depicted on Map No. 170/115,469 dated October 2012. The map is available for inspection at the following locations: National Park Service, Land Resources Program Center, Pacific West Region, 333 Bush Street, Suite 500, San Francisco, California 94104, and National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chief Realty Officer Greg Gress, National Park Service, Pacific Land Resources Program Center, 333 Bush Street, Suite 500, San Francisco, California 94104, telephone (415) 623-2120.

**DATES:** The effective date of this boundary revision is June 14, 2013.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 16 U.S.C. 460l-9(c)(1) provides that, after notifying the House Committee on Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make this boundary revision upon publication of notice in the **Federal Register**. The Committees have been notified of this boundary revision. The inclusion of Tract 103-28 will enable the United States to accept a donation of land as compensation for a wastewater pipeline failure and resulting hazardous spill, and to more fully educate the public regarding the desert tortoise life cycle, threats and recovery efforts. The exclusion of Tract 114-05 will resolve an unauthorized land use issue and have no effect on its ownership or use.

Dated: May 23, 2013.

**Christine S. Lehnertz,**

*Regional Director, Pacific West Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Office of the Attorney General

[Docket No. OAG 144; AG Order No. 3391-2013]

#### Pilot Project for Tribal Jurisdiction Over Crimes of Domestic Violence

**AGENCY:** Office of the Attorney General, Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice; solicitation of comments and preliminary expressions of interest.

**SUMMARY:** This notice proposes procedures for an Indian tribe to request designation as a participating tribe under section 204 of the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, on an accelerated basis, pursuant to the voluntary pilot project described in section 908(b)(2) of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (“the Pilot Project”), and also proposes procedures for the Attorney General to act on such a request. This notice also invites public comment on the proposed procedures and solicits preliminary expressions of interest from tribes that may wish to participate in the Pilot Project.

**DATES:** Preliminary expressions of interest from tribes are due on or before July 15, 2013. Comments on the proposed procedures are due on or before September 12, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Mr. Tracy Toulou, Director, Office of Tribal Justice, Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Room 2310, Washington, DC 20530, email [OTJ@usdoj.gov](mailto:OTJ@usdoj.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Tracy Toulou, Director, Office of Tribal Justice, Department of Justice, at (202) 514-8812 (not a toll-free number) or [OTJ@usdoj.gov](mailto:OTJ@usdoj.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In addition to mailing or emailing comments and preliminary expressions of interest to the Director, Office of Tribal Justice, you may submit comments and preliminary expressions of interest electronically or view an electronic version of this notice at <http://www.regulations.gov>. To ensure proper handling, please reference OAG Docket No. 144 on your correspondence. The Department of Justice strongly encourages electronic or email submissions, as hard copies sent by mail may be subject to significant delays.

The electronic Federal Docket Management System will accept comments or preliminary expressions of interest until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the last day of the relevant period. Late-filed comments and preliminary expressions of interest will be

considered only to the extent practicable.

*Posting of Public Comments.* Please note that all comments and preliminary expressions of interest received are considered part of the public record and may be made available for public inspection online at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Such information includes personal identifying information (such as your name, address, etc.) that you might voluntarily submit.

You are not required to submit personal identifying information in order to comment or provide a preliminary expression of interest. If you want to submit personal identifying information (such as your name, address, etc.) but do not want it to be posted online, you must include the phrase “Personal Identifying Information” in the first paragraph of your submission. You also must locate all the personal identifying information you do not want posted online in the first paragraph of your submission and identify what information you want redacted.

If you want to submit confidential business information but do not want it to be posted online, you must include the phrase “Confidential Business Information” in the first paragraph of your submission. You also must prominently identify confidential business information to be redacted within the submission. If a submission has so much confidential business information that it cannot be effectively redacted, all or part of that submission may not be posted on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Personal identifying information and confidential business information identified and located as set forth above will be placed in the agency’s public docket file, but not posted online. If you wish to inspect the agency’s public docket file in person by appointment, please see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

### Discussion

#### 1. Statutory Background

##### Overview

On March 7, 2013, President Obama signed into law the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA 2013).<sup>1</sup> Title IX of VAWA 2013, entitled “Safety for Indian Women,” contains section 904 (Tribal Jurisdiction over Crimes of Domestic Violence) and

<sup>1</sup> Public Law 113-4, 127 Stat. 54 (2013); see Remarks on Signing the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, 2013 Daily Comp. Pres. Docs. 139 (Mar. 7, 2013).