

ESA, the information we collect is important for monitoring the success of reintroduction efforts and recovery efforts in general. This is a nonform collection. Information collection requirements for experimental populations of endangered and threatened species are in 50 CFR 17.84. We collect three categories of information:

(1) General take or removal. Relates to human-related mortality including unintentional taking incidental to otherwise lawful activities (e.g., highway mortalities); animal husbandry actions authorized to manage the population (e.g., translocation or providing aid to sick, injured, or orphaned individuals); take in defense of human life; take related to defense of property (if authorized); or take in the form of authorized harassment.

(2) Depredation-related take. Involves take for management purposes where livestock depredation is documented, and may include authorized harassment or authorized lethal take of experimental population animals in the act of attacking livestock.

(3) Specimen collection, recovery, or reporting of dead individuals. This information documents incidental or authorized scientific collection. Most of the contacts with the public deal primarily with the reporting of sightings of experimental population animals or the inadvertent discovery of an injured or dead individual.

The information that we collect includes:

- Name, address, and phone number of reporting party.
- Species involved.
- Type of incident.
- Take (quantity).
- Location and time of the reported incident.
- Description of the circumstances related to the incident.

This information helps us to assess the effectiveness of control activities and to develop better means to reduce problems with livestock for those species where depredation is a problem. Service recovery specialists use the information to determine the success of reintroductions in relation to established recovery plan goals for the threatened and endangered species involved.

## II. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 1018-0095.

*Title:* Endangered and Threatened Wildlife, Experimental Populations, 50 CFR 17.84.

*Service Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Description of Respondents:* Individuals and households, private sector, and State/local/tribal governments.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.

*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 101.

*Estimated Annual Number of Responses:* 101.

*Completion Time Per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 27 (rounded).

## III. Comments

We invite comments concerning this information collection on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this IC. 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: November 5, 2013.

**Tina A. Campbell,**

*Chief, Division of Policy and Directives Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Availability of the Lewistown Field Office Greater Sage-Grouse Draft Land Use Plan Amendments and Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Montana

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Lewistown Field Office (LFO) Greater Sage-Grouse (GRSG) Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the LFO 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 Amendment/Draft EIS within 90 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes notice of the Draft RMP Amendment/Draft 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 LFO GRSG Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* [https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/lup/lup\\_register.do](https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/lup/lup_register.do)
- *Email:* [blm\\_mt\\_lfo\\_sage\\_grouse@blm.gov](mailto:blm_mt_lfo_sage_grouse@blm.gov)
- *Fax:* 406-538-1904
- *Mail:* BLM—Greater Sage-Grouse EIS, 920 Northeast Main St., Lewistown, MT 59457

Copies of the LFO GRSG Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS are available at the LFO at the above address or on the Web site at: <http://blm.gov/f9kd>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Adam Carr, Project Lead, telephone 406-538-1913; see address above; email [acarr@blm.gov](mailto:acarr@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 BLM prepared the LFO GRSG Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS to address a range of alternatives focused on specific conservation measures across the LFO range of the GRSG. This Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS is one of 15 separate planning efforts undertaken as part of the BLM's and United States Forest Service's (USFS) National Greater Sage-Grouse Planning Strategy. The Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS proposes to amend the RMPs for the LFO. The current management decisions for resources are described in the following RMPs:

- Judith RMP (1994)
- Headwaters RMP (1984)

The planning area includes approximately 7.3 million acres of BLM, USFS, State, local, and private lands located in central Montana, in five counties (Petroleum, Fergus, Judith Basin, Chouteau and Meagher). Within the planning area, the BLM administers approximately 593,995 surface acres and 1,113,841 acres of Federal mineral (subsurface) estate. Management decisions made as a result of this Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS will apply only to the BLM-administered lands and Federal mineral estate within two categories of habitat identified in cooperation with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks:

- Preliminary Priority Habitat (PPH)—Areas identified as having the highest conservation value to maintaining sustainable GRSG populations; include breeding, late brood-rearing and winter concentration areas (233,219 surface acres; 281,748 acres of Federal mineral estate).
- Preliminary General Habitat (PGH)—Areas of seasonal or year-round habitat outside of priority habitat (112,341 surface acres; 175,848 acres of Federal mineral estate).

The formal public scoping process for the RMP Amendment/EIS began on December 9, 2011, with the publication of a Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 77008). Another notice was published in the **Federal Register** to extend the scoping period until March 19, 2012. The BLM held a scoping open house on January 10, 2012. The BLM used public scoping comments to help identify planning issues that directed the formulation of alternatives and framed the scope of analysis in the Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS. The scoping process was also used to introduce the public to preliminary

planning criteria, which set limits on the scope of the Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS.

Issues considered in the Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS include GRSG habitat, energy and mineral development, recreation, travel management, rights-of-way including transmission, livestock grazing, wildland fire management, vegetation management, drought and climate change, special designations, fish and wildlife, socioeconomics and environmental justice, and agricultural conversion.

The Draft RMP Amendment/Draft EIS evaluates four alternatives in detail, including the No Action Alternative (Alternative A) and three action alternatives (Alternatives B, C and D). The BLM identified Alternative D as the preferred alternative. Identification of this alternative, however, does not represent final agency direction, and the Proposed RMP Amendment may reflect changes or adjustments based on information received during the public comment period, from new information, or from changes in BLM policies or priorities. The Proposed RMP Amendment may include objectives and actions described in the other analyzed alternatives or otherwise within the spectrum of alternatives analyzed.

Alternative A would retain the current management goals, objectives, and direction specified in the current RMPs for the LFO. Alternative B includes conservation measures from the Sage-Grouse National Technical Team Report. Alternative C includes conservation measures various conservation groups submitted to the BLM. Alternative D includes conservation measures the BLM developed with the cooperating agencies.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 1610.7–2(b), this notice announces a concurrent public comment period on proposed Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). One ACEC is proposed in Alternative C. The Sage-Grouse Habitat ACEC (approximately 96,000 acres) would include the following resource use limitations if it were formally designated:

Designate as a Right-of-Way exclusion area; close to livestock grazing; allow vegetation treatments only for the benefit of GRSG; and recommend for withdrawal from mineral entry.

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 (7:30 a.m. to 4:30

p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

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 1506.6, 40 CFR 1506.10, 43 CFR 1610.2.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

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### Notice of Availability of the Draft General Management Plan/Wilderness Study/Environmental Impact Statement for the Ozark National Scenic Riverways, Missouri

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the Draft General Management Plan/Wilderness Study/Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/WS/EIS) for the Ozark National Scenic Riverways (Riverways) in Missouri.

**DATES:** The Draft GMP/WS/EIS will remain available for public review and comment for 60 days following the publishing of the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Draft GMP/WS/EIS will be available to the public by request by writing to the Superintendent, Ozark National Scenic Riverways, 404 Watercrest Drive, PO Box 490, Van Buren, MO 63965. The document is available on the Internet at the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment Web site (PEPC) at <http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov/ozar>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Superintendent Bill Black, at the address above, or by telephone at 573–323–4236.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the NPS, announce the availability of the Draft GMP/WS/EIS for the Riverways.