

propose to remove the ACEC designation from the current Carson Wandering Skipper ACEC (330 acres). Alternative D proposes to remove the ACEC designation from the Stewart Valley Paleontological ACEC (15,900 acres). Additionally, Alternatives B, C, D, and E propose to remove the ACEC designation from the Steamboat Hot Springs Geyer Basin ACEC (40 acres). One existing ACEC is proposed to be expanded under Alternatives B, C, D and E.

The new potential ACECs in Alternative B include: Black Mountain/Pistone Archaeological District (3,400 acres), Churchill Narrows Buckwheat Botanical (6,600 acres), Fox Peak Cultural (48,400 acres), Greater Sand Mountain (17,000 acres), Grimes Point Archaeological District (15,900 acres), Namazii Wunu Cultural (158,300 acres), Ruhensroth Paleontological (2,300 acres), Tagim asa Cultural (81,800 acres), and the Virginia City National Landmark Historic District (14,700 acres). Alternative B would retain the existing Incandescent Rocks Scenic (1,100 acres), Stewart Valley Paleontological (15,900 acres), and the Virginia Range Williams Combleaf Botanical (470 acres) ACECs and would expand the Pah Rah High Basin Petroglyph ACEC (5,300 acres).

The new potential ACECs in Alternative C include: Black Mountain/Pistone Archaeological District (3,400 acres), Churchill Narrows Buckwheat Botanical (6,600 acres), Clan Alpine Greater Sage-Grouse (98,400 acres), Desatoya Greater Sage-Grouse (105,100 acres), Dixie Valley Toad (410 acres), Fox Peak Cultural (48,400 acres), Greater Sand Mountain (17,000 acres), Grimes Point Archaeological District (15,900 acres), Lassen Red Rock Scenic (800 acres), Namazii Wunu Cultural (158,300 acres), Pine Nut Bi-State Sage-Grouse (100,400 acres), Pine Nut Mountains Williams Combleaf Botanical (330 acres), Ruhensroth Paleontological (2,300 acres), Sand Springs Desert Study Area (50 acres), Steamboat Buckwheat Botanical (80 acres), Tagim asa Cultural (81,800 acres), Virginia City National Landmark Historic District (14,700 acres) and the Virginia Mountains Greater Sage-Grouse (109,200 acres). Alternative C would retain the existing Carson Wandering Skipper (330 acres), Incandescent Rocks Scenic (1,100 acres), Stewart Valley Paleontological (15,900 acres), and the Virginia Range Williams Combleaf Botanical (470 acres) ACECs and would expand the Pah Rah High Basin Petroglyph ACEC (5,300 acres).

The new potential ACECs in Alternative D include: Black Mountain/

Pistone Archaeological District (3,400 acres), Churchill Narrows Buckwheat Botanical (6,600 acres), Fox Peak Cultural (48,400 acres), Grimes Point Archaeological District (15,900 acres), Pine Nut Mountains Williams Combleaf Botanical (330 acres), Ruhensroth Paleontological (2,300 acres), Tagim asa Cultural (81,800 acres), and the Virginia City National Landmark Historic District (14,700 acres). Alternative D would retain the existing Incandescent Rocks Scenic (1,100 acres) and the Virginia Range Williams Combleaf Botanical (470 acres) ACECs and would expand the Pah Rah High Basin Petroglyph ACEC (5,300 acres).

The new potential ACECs in Alternative E include: Churchill Narrows Buckwheat Botanical (6,600 acres), Fox Peak Cultural (48,400 acres), Grimes Point Archaeological District (15,900 acres), and the Ruhensroth Paleontological (2,300 acres). Alternative E would retain the existing Incandescent Rocks Scenic (1,100 acres), Stewart Valley Paleontological (15,900 acres), and the Virginia Range Williams Combleaf Botanical (470 acres) ACECs and would expand the Pah Rah High Basin Petroglyph ACEC (5,300 acres).

The following management prescriptions could apply to potential ACECs, if formally designated, depending on each individual ACEC: avoid or exclude linear ROWs; avoid or exclude site-type ROWs; close to or place use constraints on fluid leasable mineral development; close to solid leasable mineral development; recommend withdrawal of locatable mineral development; close to saleable mineral development; not available for livestock grazing; manage as VRM Class II; Special Recreation Permits would not be issued; close to camping; closed or limited to designated routes for motorized travel; place seasonal restrictions of ground disturbing actions; prohibit the collection of vegetation; and seasonally closed for Native American cultural/religious use.

Public meetings on the Draft RMP/Draft EIS are currently scheduled for 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.; on January 13, at the John Ascuaga's Nugget (1100 Nugget Ave.) in Sparks, Nevada; on January 15, at the Fallon Convention Center (100 Campus Way) in Fallon, Nevada; on January 20, at the Mineral County Library (First & A Street) in Hawthorne, Nevada; on January 22, at the Carson Valley Inn (1627 US Hwy 395 N) in Minden, Nevada; and on January 29, at the Yerington Elementary School (112 N. California St.) in Yerington, Nevada. An additional public meeting will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., on January

24, at the Carson City Plaza Hotel and Event Center (801 South Carson Street) in Carson City, Nevada. Additional public meetings are anticipated in coordination with local County Commissions and Boards of Supervisors. Any such additional meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media releases, and/or mailings.

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, 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

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Intent To Establish the Southwest Oregon RAC, the Northwest Oregon RAC, and the Coastal Oregon RAC

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is publishing this notice in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The BLM gives notice that the Secretary of the Interior is establishing the Southwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC), the Northwest Oregon RAC, and the Coastal Oregon RAC. These RACs will provide advice to the Secretary of the Interior concerning the planning and

management of the public lands located in western Oregon's five BLM districts.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen Baker, BLM Oregon RAC Lead, 1220 SW., 3rd Avenue, Portland, OR 97204, 503-808-6306. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to leave a message or question for the above individual. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Replies are provided during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 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 RACs that are consistent with FACA. The rules governing RACs are found at 43 CFR Subpart 1784. As required by FACA, RAC membership must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of public lands. These three new RACs will operate on the principle of collaborative decision making and strive for consensus before making official recommendations to the BLM. The RACs will operate under one set of Standard Operating Procedures and will be chartered by the Secretary of the Interior. Members of these three new RACs will be appointed by the Secretary to represent the following three interest groups:

*Group 1—Persons Who:*

1. Represent energy and mineral development (with a special emphasis on transportation or rights-of-way interests);
2. represent the commercial timber industry;
3. represent organized labor or non-timber forest product harvester groups;
4. represent developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation (with a special emphasis on commercial or recreation fishing); or
5. hold Federal grazing or other land permits or represent nonindustrial private forest land owners.

*Group 2—Persons Who Represent:*

1. Nationally recognized environmental organizations;
2. regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations;
3. dispersed recreational activities;
4. archaeological and historical interests; or
5. nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups, wildlife or hunting organizations, or watershed associations.

*Group 3—Persons Who:*

1. Hold state elected office;
2. hold county or local elected office;
3. represent Indian tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the Council is organized;
4. are school officials or teachers with knowledge in natural resource management or the natural sciences; or
5. represent the affected public-at-large and/or are employed by a state agency responsible for the management of natural resources, land or water.

Members will be appointed to staggered 3-year terms. All members serve at the discretion of the Secretary. A call for nominations to recruit new members will be held in 2015 once the RACs are established.

**Authority:** 43 CFR 1784.4-1.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Call for Nominations for the California Desert District Advisory Council

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) California Desert District is soliciting nominations from the public for six members to its District Advisory Council to serve three-year terms. Council members provide advice and recommendations to the BLM on the management of public lands in Southern California.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be sent to Teresa Raml, District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District Office, 22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen Razo, BLM California Desert District External Affairs, 22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, California 92553-9046, (951) 697-5217. 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 California Desert District Advisory

Council is comprised of 15 private individuals who represent different interests and advise BLM officials on policies and programs concerning the management of over 10 million acres of public land in Southern California. The Council meets in formal session three to four times each year in various locations throughout the California Desert District. Council members serve without compensation other than travel expenses. Members serve three-year terms and may reapply to be nominated for reappointment to an additional three-year term.

Section 309 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of BLM-administered lands. The Secretary also selects Council nominees consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), which requires nominees appointed to the Council be balanced in terms of points of view and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands.

The Council also is balanced geographically, and the BLM will try to find qualified representatives from areas throughout the California Desert District. The District covers portions of eight counties, and includes more than 10 million acres of public land in the California Desert Conservation Area of Mono, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, and Imperial counties, as well as 300,000 acres of scattered parcels in San Diego, western Riverside, western San Bernardino, and Los Angeles counties (known as the South Coast).

Public notice begins with the publication date of this notice and nominations will be accepted for 45 days from the date of this notice. The six positions to be filled include one elected official, one representative of non-renewable resources groups or organizations, one representative of recreation groups or organizations, one representative of wildlife groups or organizations, and two representatives of the public-at-large. These six positions become vacant on Dec. 7, 2014.

Any group or individual may nominate a qualified person, based upon education, training, and knowledge of the BLM, the California Desert, and the issues involving BLM-administered public lands throughout Southern California. Qualified individuals may also nominate themselves.

The nomination form may be found on the Desert Advisory Council Web