Public Comment

We are furnishing this notice in accordance with section 1501.7 of the NEPA implementing regulations in order to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS/EIR. We invite written comments from interested parties to ensure identification of the full range of issues.

We request data, comments, new information, or suggestions from the public, other concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, Tribes, industry, or any other interested party on this notice.

Written comments we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that the 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.

Public Scoping Meetings

In addition to providing written comments, the public is encouraged to attend a public scoping meeting to provide us with suggestions and information on the scope of issues and alternatives to consider when drafting the EIS/EIR. See DATES for the dates and times of our public meetings.

The primary purpose of these meetings and public comment period is to solicit suggestions and information on the scope of issues and alternatives for the Service to consider when drafting the EIS/EIR. Written comments will be accepted at the meetings. Comments can also be submitted by methods listed in the ADDRESSES section. Once the draft EIS/EIR is complete and made available for review, there will be additional opportunity for public comment on the content of these documents.

Persons needing reasonable accommodations in order to attend and participate in the public meetings should contact us at the address listed in the ADDRESSES section no later than one week before the public meeting. Information regarding this proposed action is available in alternative formats upon request. We will accept both oral and written comments at the scoping meetings.

NEPA Compliance

We intend to gather information necessary for preparation of the EIS/EIR through this notice and the scoping process.

We will conduct environmental review in accordance with the requirements of NEPA, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), its implementing regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), other applicable regulations, and our procedures for compliance with those regulations. The environmental document will be prepared to meet both the requirements of NEPA and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The CDFW is the CEQA lead agency. We anticipate that a draft EIS/EIR will be available for public review in the spring of 2017.

Alexandra Pitts,
Acting Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Renewal of Approved Information Collection; OMB Control No. 1004–0168

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: 60-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) invites public comments on, and plans to request approval to continue, the collection of information from private landowners in western Oregon who are authorized to transport timber over roads controlled by the BLM. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has assigned control number 1004–0168 to this information collection.

DATES: Please submit comments on the proposed information collection by September 12, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail, fax, or electronic mail.


Fax: to Jean Sonneman at 202–245–0050.

Electronic mail: Jean_Sonneman@blm.gov.

Please indicate “Attn: 1004–0168” regardless of the form of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dustin Wharton at 541–471–6659. Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339, to leave a message for Mr. Wharton.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OMB regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, which implement provisions of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501–3521), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies be given an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d) and 1320.12(a)). This notice identifies an information collection that the BLM plans to submit to OMB for approval. The PRA provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

The BLM will request a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity. Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will accompany our submission of the information collection requests to OMB.

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.

The following information pertains to this request:

Title: Tramroads and Logging Roads (43 CFR part 2810).

OMB Control Number: 1004–0168.

Summary: The BLM Oregon State Office has authority under the Act of August 28, 1937 (43 U.S.C. 1181a and 1181b) and subchapter V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 U.S.C. 1761–1771) to grant rights-of-way to private landowners to transport their
timber over roads controlled by the BLM. This information collection enables the BLM to calculate and collect appropriate fees for this use of public lands.

Frequency of Collection: Annually, biannually, quarterly, or monthly, depending on the terms of the pertinent right-of-way.

Forms: Form 2812–6, Report of Road Use.

Description of Respondents: Private landowners who hold rights-of-way for the use of BLM-controlled roads in western Oregon.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 2,176.

Estimated Annual Non-Hour Costs: None.

Jean Sonneman,
Information Collection Clearance Officer,
Bureau of Land Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal for Simpson Springs Recreation Management Area and Historic Site and Opportunity for a Public Meeting; Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On behalf of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management proposes to withdraw, subject to valid existing rights, 747.10 acres of public land from settlement, sale, location and entry under the public land laws, including the United States mining laws, the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, and disposal under the Materials Act of 1947, for a period of 20 years. The proposed withdrawal is needed to protect the unique recreational, historical, and visual resources, and the Federal financial investment at the Simpson Springs Recreation Management Area (SSRMA) and Historic Site.

Salt Lake Meridian, Utah

T 9 S., R. 8 W., Sec. 7, lots 1 thru 3, NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, and N1/2SE1/4; Sec. 17, W1/2NW1/4 and NW1/2SW1/4; Sec. 18, lots 1 thru 3, NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, and N1/2SE1/4.

The area described contains 747.10 acres in Tooele County.

The Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management approved the BLM’s petition/application. Therefore, the petition/application constitutes a withdrawal proposal of the Secretary of the Interior (43 CFR 2310.1–3(e)).

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect the SSRMA’s unique recreational opportunities, protect the historic significance of the site and to preserve the visual and natural resources of the area, as well as to ensure that the Federal investment used in developing and maintaining the site are protected.

The use of a right-of-way, interagency agreement, cooperative agreement, Special Recreation Management Area designation, or an Area of Critical Environmental Concern designation would not provide adequate protection.

There are no suitable alternative sites available. The historical, visual, and recreational resources are located at the site proposed for withdrawal.

The Simpson Springs has historically been a vital resource of this area. Simpson Springs is within the proposed withdrawal area, as are the developed facilities, which allow the water to be used for recreational, livestock, wildlife and other uses. The BLM has acquired a State of Utah water right, which allows development and use of the water produced by the springs.

Records relating to the application may be examined by contacting the BLM at the above address and phone number.

For a period until October 11, 2016, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the BLM Utah State Director at the address above. Electronic mail, facsimile, or telephone comments will not be considered properly filed.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, and records relating to the application will be available for public review at the BLM-Utah State Office, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah, during regular business hours. Before including your address, phone number, email address or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested parties who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the BLM State Director at the address indicated above by October 11, 2016. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the Utah Rebel and a local newspaper at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The BLM filed an application requesting the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management to withdraw, subject to valid existing rights, the following described public land from settlement, sale, location and entry under the public land laws, including the United States mining laws, the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, and disposal under the Materials Act of 1947, to protect the unique recreational, historical, and visual resources, and the Federal financial investment at the SSRMA and Historic Site:

For Further Information Contact:
Shauna Derbyshire, BLM, Utah State Office, 801–539–4132, sderbyshire@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. 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.

Estimated Annual Responses:

Hours per Response:
8.

272.

Estimated Annual Non-Hour Costs:
None.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shauna Derbyshire, BLM, Utah State Office, 801–539–4132, sderbyshire@blm.gov.

To request a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal, each person who desires a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the BLM State Director at the address indicated above by October 11, 2016. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the Utah Rebel and a local newspaper at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.