

had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, may submit written statements to the Council Designated Federal Officer up to 30 days subsequent to the meeting.

### Meeting Minutes

Summary minutes of the conference will be maintained by the Council Designated Federal Officer (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). They will be available for public inspection within 90 days of the meeting, and will be posted on the Council's Web site at <http://www.fws.gov/whcc>.

**Joshua Winchell,**

*Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Utah Resource Advisory Council Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Utah Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will host a meeting.

**DATES:** On Oct. 17, 2016, the RAC will take a field tour of the San Rafael Desert Master Leasing Plan project area from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Attendance is optional. On Oct. 18, the RAC will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** On Oct. 18, the RAC will meet at the John Wesley Powell River History Museum, 1765 E. Main Street, Green River, Utah 84525.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you wish to attend the field tour, contact Lola Bird, Public Affairs Specialist, Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101; phone (801) 539-4033; or, *lbird@blm.gov* no later than Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2016.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Agenda topics will include the San Rafael Desert Master Leasing Plan and sage-grouse plan grazing thresholds.

A half-hour public comment period will take place on Oct. 18 from 12:30-1:00 p.m., where the public may address the RAC. Written comments may also be sent to the BLM at the address listed in

the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

The meeting is open to the public; however, transportation, lodging, and meals are the responsibility of the participating individuals.

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, seven days a week. Replies are provided during normal business hours.

**Authority:** 43 CFR 1784.4-1

**Jenna Whitlock,**

*Acting State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

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### Proposed Information Collection; Backcountry/Wilderness Use Permit

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We (National Park Service, NPS) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the information collection (IC) described below. As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this IC. This IC is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2017. We may not conduct or sponsor a survey, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** To ensure that we are able to consider your comments on this IC, we must receive them by November 14, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on the IC to Madonna L. Baicum, Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS-242, Reston, VA 20192 (mail); or *madonna\_baucum@nps.gov* (email). Please include "1024-0022" in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this IC, contact Roger Semler, Chief, Wilderness Stewardship Division,

Visitor & Resource Protection Directorate, National Park Service, 1201 I Street NW., Room 940, Washington, DC 20005 (mail); or *roger\_semler@nps.gov* (email). Please include "1024-0022" in the subject line.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Abstract

In 1976, the NPS initiated a backcountry registration system in accordance with the regulations found at 36 CFR 1.5, 1.6 and 2.10. The objective of the registration system is to provide users access to backcountry and wilderness areas of national parks with continuing opportunities for solitude and primitive and unconfined recreation, while enhancing protection of natural and cultural resources and providing a means of disseminating public safety and outdoor ethics messages regarding backcountry/wilderness travel and camping. NPS backcountry/wilderness program managers, by designating access and travel routes and camping locations, can redistribute backcountry/wilderness users in response to closures and public use adverse impacts to natural and cultural resources. The system also facilitates redistribution of backcountry/wilderness users due to public safety hazards related to high fire danger, flood, wind, snow or ice hazards hazard, bear activity, or other situations that may temporarily close or restrict access to a portion of the backcountry/wilderness.

The NPS uses the registration system as a means of ensuring backcountry/wilderness users receive up-to-date information on outdoor ethics which minimize social and resource impacts including, but not limited to, sanitation procedures, food storage, campfire use, campsite selection, as well as wildlife activity, trail conditions and weather forecasts to address concerns for visitor safety. Data collected through the registration process is also an important source of information for first responders in the event of an emergency requiring deployment of search and rescue personnel to backcountry/wilderness areas. The registration system also serves to document the spatial and temporal extent, distribution and demographics associated with backcountry/wilderness use and social considerations and perceptions of backcountry/wilderness visitors. All of this information serves as an important resource that informs backcountry and wilderness management and stewardship planning, decision making, and operations.

The Backcountry/Wilderness Use Permit is an extension of the NPS