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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Cancellation of Withdrawal Application and Withdrawal Proposal and Notice of Termination of Environmental Impact Statement for the Sagebrush Focal Area Withdrawal in Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of cancellation.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has canceled its withdrawal application and the withdrawal proposal relating to approximately 10 million acres of public and National Forest system lands located within Sagebrush Focal Areas (SFAs) in Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming. The BLM has determined that the lands are no longer needed in connection with the proposed withdrawal. The BLM has also terminated the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement evaluating this application and proposal.

DATES: This Notice is applicable on October 11, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark A. Mackiewicz, BLM, by telephone at 435–636–3616, mail to 125 South 600 West, Price, UT 84501–2833 or by email at mmackiew@blm.gov. Persons using a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 800–877–8339. FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Notice of Proposed Withdrawal was published in the **Federal Register** on September 24, 2015, (80 FR 57635), as corrected (80 FR 63583), of the Department’s proposal to withdraw approximately 10 million acres of public and National Forest System lands in Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming from location and entry under the United States mining laws for 20 years, subject to valid existing rights. The September 24, 2015, Notice also served

as a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. 4331, and initiated a public scoping process. The BLM has determined that the lands are no longer needed in connection with the proposed withdrawal. In accordance with 43 CFR 2310.1–4(a), the BLM therefore has canceled the proposed withdrawal and its application in support thereof. Preparation of an EIS is hereby terminated. Pursuant to 43 CFR 2310.2–1(d), the segregative effect for the lands described in 80 FR 57635 as amended by 80 FR 63583 terminated by operation of law on September 24, 2017, and the lands are currently open to location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provision of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law.

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Notice of Intent To Amend Land Use Plans Regarding Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation and Prepare Associated Environmental Impact Statements or Environmental Assessments

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: On March 31, 2017, the United States District Court for the District of Nevada held that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) violated the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, (NEPA) by failing to prepare a supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the designation of Sagebrush Focal Areas (SFA) in the Nevada and Northeastern California Greater Sage-Grouse Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment in Nevada. In order to comply with the court’s order and to address issues raised by various interested parties, the BLM intends to consider the possibility of amending some, all or none of the BLM land use plans that were amended or revised in 2014 and 2015 regarding Greater Sage-Grouse conservation in the States of California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and

Montana (“2015 Sage-Grouse Plans”). By this Notice the BLM is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments on Greater Sage-Grouse land management issues that could warrant land use plan amendments.

DATES: This Notice initiates the public scoping process for RMP amendment(s) with associated NEPA document(s). Comments may be submitted in writing until November 27, 2017. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local news media, newspapers and the BLM Web site at: <http://bit.ly/GRSGplanning>. In order to be included in the analysis, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 45-day scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. We will provide additional opportunities for public participation as appropriate.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to amending land use plans regarding Greater Sage-Grouse conservation to the BLM Web site at: <http://bit.ly/GRSGplanning> or to one of the addresses listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below. If your comments are specific to an individual State or region, please specify that in your comments.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the addresses listed below in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Johanna Munson in the BLM-Idaho State Office at (208) 373–7834, email BLM_sagegrouseplanning@blm.gov, or mail 1387 South Vinnell Way, Boise, ID 83708. For a list of local BLM contacts, please see the **SUPPLEMENTARY**

INFORMATION section below. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individuals during normal business hours. The FRS 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: On March 31, 2017, the United States District Court for the District of Nevada held that the BLM violated NEPA by failing to prepare a supplemental EIS for the designation of SFAs in the 2015 Greater Sage-Grouse Plan in Nevada. Similar claims were raised in other lawsuits that have not been decided. The BLM also recognizes that the 2015 Greater Sage-Grouse Plans blended elements from among the action alternatives analyzed through the NEPA process for those