

ADDRESSES: Additional information pertaining to this application can be reviewed in case file TXNM136311 located in the BLM Oklahoma Field Office, 201 Stephenson Parkway, Room 1200, Norman, OK 73072–2037. Written comments must be sent to the Deputy State Director, Lands and Resources, BLM, New Mexico State Office, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, NM 87502–0115.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Ledbetter, Realty Specialist, BLM Oklahoma Field Office, (405) 579–7172, jledbetter@blm.gov. 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 individual during normal business hours. The Service 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: RKE–2 Real Estate, LLC, submitted an application for a Disclaimer of Interest pursuant to Section 315 of the FLPMA, as amended, and the implementing regulations in 43 CFR subpart 1864. The purpose of this Disclaimer is to remove a cloud on the title of the surface estate of a parcel of land situated in Harris County, Texas.

By deed dated October 6, 1936, the United States Department of Agriculture obtained multiple tracts of land in Harris County, Texas. In describing the acquired land, the acquisition deed first cited the legal description as “Lots 1 to 16 inclusive of Block 18 of Highland Farms,” as well as multiple other tracts. Following this initial description of the lots and blocks, the deed continued by restating the description of the same area as “more particularly described by metes and bounds,” and went on to cite a lengthy metes and bounds description.

On January 1, 1944, the United States disposed of these acquired properties, except and reserving to the United States three-quarters of the oil, gas, coal, and other mineral rights. The resulting quitclaim deed cited the same metes and bounds description that was used in the 1936 acquisition deed, omitting the lots and blocks description. Thereafter, certain subsequent deeds, purporting to convey this same property, cited the lots and blocks descriptions included in the 1936 deed. It was apparently unknown at the time and did not become known until sometime later that these two descriptions of the same land from the 1936 deed did not match exactly. Due to the 1936 deed legal description inconsistency, the 1944 deed and other subsequent deeds were plagued with the same inconsistency in the description.

The historical evidence provided by the applicant in the form of deeds and correctional documents demonstrate and support that the two descriptions used in the 1936 acquisition deed were not identical. This inconsistency remains to date and causes a cloud on the title.

The BLM New Mexico State Office Cadastral Survey Program has reviewed and compared the legal land descriptions of the 1936 and 1944 deeds. According to the Land Surveyor Report dated September 26, 2016, the land description in the two deeds do not appear to be identical. However, since the subdivision plat is lacking in detail, and the two descriptions purport to describe the same property, the metes and bounds description must be either based on a survey the BLM does not have access to, or is the wrong interpretation of the plat. The discrepancy in descriptions manifests itself as a 0.2813-acre triangular parcel within Lot 16, Block 18, Highland Farms, and creates a cloud on the title. The BLM believes that the intent of the 1944 disposition deed was to dispose of the entire surface estate of the lot acquired in 1936, and not to reserve this triangular parcel. Therefore, in order to remove the cloud on the title to the lot, the BLM intends to disclaim the land described as:

Harris, Texas

All of Lot 16, Block 18, Highland Farms according to the plat or map recorded in Volume 7, Page 60 of the Map Records of Harris County, Texas (surface estate only).

This proposed RDI does not address any mineral interest that may still be vested with the United States of America.

The public is hereby notified that comments may be submitted to the Deputy State Director, Lands and Resources at the address shown above within the comment period identified in the notice. Any adverse comments will be evaluated by the State Director who may modify or vacate this action and issue a final determination.

In the absence of any valid objection, this Notice will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior and a RDI may be issued 90 days from publication of this Notice.

Comments, including names and street addresses of commenters, will be available for public review at the BLM New Mexico State Office (see address above), during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, except Federal 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: 43 CFR 1864.2(a).

Melanie Barnes,

Deputy State Director, Lands and Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Alkali Creek Reservoir Project, Big Horn County, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), through the Worland Field Office, Worland, Wyoming, intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Alkali Creek Reservoir Project (Project). The BLM, through this Notice, is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

DATES: Comments may be submitted in writing until November 13, 2017. In order to be included in the analysis, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 30-day scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. The BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation, as appropriate. The dates and locations of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through the local news media, newspapers, and the BLM ePlanning Web site at: <http://rebrand.ly/AlkaliCreekReservoirEIS>.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* BLM_WY_AlkaliCreekReservoirEIS@blm.gov.
- *Fax:* 307–347–5128.

• *Mail:* NEPA Coordinator, BLM Worland Field Office, 101 S 23rd Street, Worland, Wyoming 82401.

Documents pertinent to this proposal are available for public review at the BLM Worland Field Office and on the BLM ePlanning Web site at: <http://rebrand.ly/AlkaliCreekReservoirEIS>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Holly Elliott, Planning & Environmental Coordinator, telephone: 307-347-5100; address: 101 S 23rd Street, Worland, Wyoming 82401; email: helliott@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact Mrs. Elliott 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. You may call either of these numbers to have your name added to the project mailing list.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice initiates the public scoping process for the EIS. The BLM intends to prepare an EIS to support the decision making for the proposed Project and conduct a public scoping period to seek input on the preliminary issues identified regarding this proposal. The proposed Project is located in the Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming.

T. 49 N., R. 90 W.,

Sec. 3, lot 5;

Sec. 4, lot 15;

tracts 39, 40, 41, 42E, 42F, 76, 91.

T. 50 N., R. 89 W.,

tracts 37, 40, 42, 43.

T. 50 N., R. 90 W.,

sec. 26, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 27, lots 1, 4 thru 8, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 33, lot 1, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 34, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 34, lots 1 thru 9;

Sec. 35, lots 5, 6, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

tracts 37, 39, 40, 41, 42A thru 42D, 43A thru 43D.

The areas described, including both Federal and nonpublic lands, aggregate 640 acres.

The proposed action may require an amendment to the Worland Field Office Resource Management Plan (RMP), approved September 2015.

By this Notice, the BLM is complying with requirements in 43 CFR 1610.2(c) to notify the public of potential amendments to land use plans. If a land use plan amendment is necessary, the BLM will integrate the land use planning process with the NEPA process for this project.

The Wyoming Water Development Office (WWDO) proposes to fund and construct a reservoir near Hyattville,

Wyoming. The proposed construction would create a 294-acre reservoir on Alkali Creek. The reservoir would impound approximately 7,994 acre-feet of water under normal conditions and 9,872 acre-feet when under flood conditions. The reservoir would provide late-season irrigation water for portions of the Nowood River Watershed. The irrigation pool would be available either directly or through exchange for irrigation water.

The proposed Project construction would disturb approximately 78 acres in the immediate vicinity of the proposed project location, which includes the embankment, spillways, Anita Ditch and Anita Supplemental Ditch improvements, access road, and parking area.

Preliminary issues include: Impacts to wetlands and cultural sites (properties), visual resources, Greater sage-grouse habitat, public health and safety, recreation, ground and surface waters, mineral development, and wildlife habitat.

The BLM seeks resource information and data for public land values (*e.g.*, air quality, cultural and historic resources, fire/fuels, fisheries, forestry, lands and realty, non-energy minerals and geology, oil and gas, paleontology, rangeland management, recreation, soil, water, and wildlife) in the project area. Preliminary planning criteria for the potential RMP amendment include: The amendment will recognize valid existing rights; planning decisions will cover public land and split-estate lands that the BLM administers; the planning process will be collaborative and multi-jurisdictional in nature; the environmental analysis will consider a reasonable range of alternatives; the BLM will consider current and potential future uses of public lands through the development of reasonably foreseeable future development and activity scenarios based on technical analysis of historical, existing, and projected levels of use; and decisions in the amendment will comply as appropriate with all applicable laws, regulations, policy, and guidance.

You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing to the BLM at any public scoping meeting, or you may submit them to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above. To be most helpful, you should submit comments by the close of the 30-day scoping period or within 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later.

The BLM will utilize and coordinate the NEPA scoping process to help fulfill the public involvement process under the National Historic Preservation Act

(54 U.S.C. 306108) as provided in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). The information about historic and cultural resources within the area potentially affected by the proposed action will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources.

The BLM will consult with Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175 and other policies. Tribal concerns, including impacts on Indian trust assets and potential impacts to cultural resources, will be given due consideration. Federal, State, and local agencies, along with tribes and other stakeholders that may be interested in or affected by the proposed action that the BLM is evaluating, are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM to participate in the development of the environmental analysis as a cooperating agency.

The BLM will evaluate any authorizations and actions proposed in the EIS to determine if they conform to the decisions in the current and proposed land use plans. Any proposed actions that would change the scope of resource uses, terms and conditions, and decisions of these plans may require an amendment of an affected plan.

To provide the public with an opportunity to review the proposal and associated information, as well as any proposed plan amendments, the BLM will host meetings before November 13, 2017. The BLM will notify the public of meetings and any other opportunities for the public to be involved in the process for this proposal at least 15 days prior to the event. Meeting dates, locations and times will be announced by a news release to the media, individual emailings, and postings on the project Web site.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the process for developing the EIS.

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 may 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 1501.7, 43 CFR 1610.2.

Mary Jo Rugwell,

BLM Wyoming State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting of the Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The RAC will hold a public meeting on Thursday, October 12 and a field trip on Friday, October 13, to the Porter Springs Recreation Area within the BLM Winnemucca District. The meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. However, the meeting could end earlier if discussions and presentations conclude before 4:30 p.m. On October 13, the field trip will begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the BLM Winnemucca District Office, 5100 East Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV and the field trip will depart from the BLM Winnemucca District Office. Comments may be submitted by email to lross@blm.gov with the words "SFNWGB RAC Oct. 2017 Comment" in the subject line. Written comments should be sent to the following address and be received no later than October 11, 2017 in order to be discussed at meeting; SFNWGB RAC Oct. 2017 Comment, Attention: Lisa Ross, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, Nevada 89703.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Ross by telephone at (775) 885-6107, or by email at lross@blm.gov. 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 individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, seven 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 15-member RAC advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM Nevada State Director, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Nevada. Meeting agenda topics include updates on Wildfire, Burning Man, Wild Horses and Burros, Jordan Meadows Collaborative process, Mining, RAC subcommittee reports, and District manager's updates. Both the meeting and field trip are open to the public. However, the public is required to provide its own transportation for the field trip.

Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meeting or need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, may contact Lisa Ross at the phone number or email address above. A Public comment period will be available on October 12 from 8:10-8:30 a.m. and 4:30-5:00 p.m. during the meeting.

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 the BLM in your comment to withhold your personal-identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 43 CFR 1784.4-2.

Chris Rose,

Acting Deputy Chief, Office of Communications.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meetings for the Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Southeast

Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The Southeast Oregon RAC will hold a public meeting on Monday and Tuesday, October 16 and 17, 2017. The October 16 meeting will consist of a field trip to view the Beaty Butte Wild Horse Training Facility and a local mining claim, departing at 8 a.m. and returning at 5 p.m. The October 17 meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. A public comment period will be available from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. The final agenda will be posted online at <http://www.blm.gov/or/rac/seorrac.php> on or before October 3, 2017.

ADDRESSES: The Southeast Oregon RAC will meet at the BLM Lakeview Interagency Center, 1301 S. G St., Lakeview, OR 97630, for both the Monday, October 16, field trip and the RAC business meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larisa Bogardus, Public Affairs Officer, 1301 South G Street, Lakeview, Oregon 97630; 541-947-6237; lbogardus@blm.gov. 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 individual 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: The 15-member Southeast Oregon RAC was chartered and appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. The members represent commodity, conservation, and general interests. They provide advice to BLM and Forest Service resource managers regarding management plans and proposed resource actions on public land in southeast Oregon. All meetings are open to the public in their entirety. Information to be distributed to the Southeast Oregon RAC is requested prior to the start of each meeting.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, please 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.