DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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Notice of the John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council Planning Subcommittee Meeting Schedule

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Planning Subcommittee public meeting schedule.

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 (BLM) the John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council (RAC) Planning Subcommittee will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The RAC Planning Subcommittee is announcing the availability of scheduled conference calls. The conference call line will be available for the John Day-Snake RAC subcommittee members and designated Federal liaisons on Thursday, December 19, 2019, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and January 22, 2020, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Subcommittee teleconference number is toll-free and can be mailed to: BLM Prineville District; Attn: Lisa Clark; 3050 NE 3rd Street; Prineville, OR 97754.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Clark; Public Affairs Officer; 3050 NE 3rd Street; Prineville, OR 97754; 541–416–6864; lmc Clark@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 RAC provides recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior on behalf of the BLM and the U.S. Forest Service that identify beneficial ideas and solutions to help shape decisions concerning the planning and management of central and eastern Oregon public lands resources. RACs serve as sounding boards for initiatives, regulatory proposals, and policy changes. Each RAC consists of 10 to 15 citizens that represent diverse interests shared with their community members. RACs play a key role in allowing the BLM to continue to be a good neighbor in the communities we serve.

The meeting scheduled for November 14, 2019, will include a discussion regarding on-going planning in the BLM’s Prineville and the Three Valleys Management Plan. The meeting scheduled for December 19, 2019, will discuss the Prineville District BLM Lower Deschutes Fee Proposal and public outreach.

The Planning Subcommittee was established to gather information, conduct research, and analyze relevant issues and facts on selected topics for consideration by the RAC. The Subcommittee’s primary goal is to provide information to the RAC that allows them to better respond to time-sensitive issues, such as providing responses to an environmental document within the public comment period. No decisions are made at the subcommittee level.

The Designated Federal Officer will attend the call, take minutes, and publish these minutes on the RAC web page at https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/ near-you/oregon-washington/john-day-rac.

All calls/meetings are open to the public in their entirety. The public may send written comments to the Subcommittee in response to material presented on the call to be forwarded to the RAC for consideration. Comments can be mailed to: BLM Prineville District; Attn: Lisa Clark; 3050 NE 3rd Street; Prineville, OR 97754.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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.
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Notice of Application for Recordable Disclaimer of Interest in Public Highway Rights-of-Way; Manganese Road in Washington County, UT

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On May 9, 2019, the State of Utah and Washington County (Applicants) filed an application with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for a Recordable Disclaimer of Interest (RDI) from the United States in a public highway right-of-way identified by BLM Serial Number UTU–94260 for Manganese Road in Washington County, Utah. An RDI, if issued, would disclaim the United States’ interest in this public highway right-of-way. This Notice is to notify the public of the pending application and the Applicants’ grounds supporting it. Specific details of the application are provided in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section.

DATES: Submit written comments on this application on or before December 9, 2019. Public comments may be mailed or hand delivered to the BLM office address below. Comments on the Manganese Road should reference BLM Serial Number UTU–94260. The BLM will not consider comments received via telephone calls or faxes.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments via mail or email on the State and Washington County’s application for an RDI. Email comments may be submitted to blm_ut_rdi@blm.gov. Written comments may be provided to Melinda Moffitt, Project Manager (R.S. 2477), BLM Utah State Office (UT–921), 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101–1345.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melinda Moffitt, Project Manager (R.S. 2477), BLM Utah State Office at the above address or phone (801) 539–4045 and email to blm_ut_rdi@blm.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 315 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1745), and the regulations at 43 CFR 1864 authorize the BLM to issue an RDI where: (1) The disclaimer will help remove a cloud on title, and (2) a record interest of the United States in lands has terminated by operation of law or is otherwise invalid.

In their application, the Applicants identify that the BLM’s continued management and regulation of the Manganese Road, i.e., the claimed Revised Statute (R.S.) 2477 (43 U.S.C. 932, repealed October 21, 1976) right-of-way that is the subject of the application, and the Applicants’ Quiet Title Act lawsuit that seeks to quiet title in the road represent a cloud on the Applicants’ title. Further, the Applicants assert that they hold a joint and undivided property interest in the public highway right-of-way for the Manganese Road as granted pursuant to the authority provided by R.S. 2477 over public lands administered by the BLM.

The Manganese Road is approximately 10.18 miles in length, located in western Washington County, and it extends from the Gunlock Road west to the Motoqua Road. It crosses approximately 9.88 miles of public lands administered by the BLM. The RDI application pertains only to those road segments across public lands administered by the BLM. One road segment is approximately 0.3 miles long across private property and is not a part of the application. This private property segment is the eastern 0.3 mile segment of the Manganese Road that connects to the Gunlock Road and crosses sections 28 and 29 of township 40 south, range 17 west, Salt Lake Meridian, Utah.

Application information submitted by the Applicants indicates that initial use of Manganese Road began no later than the date of the disclaimer document. If approved, the RDI document would disclaim the United States’ interest in public highway right-of-way.

If approved, the RDI document would disclaim the United States’ interest in the public highway right-of-way of the Manganese Road, i.e., the claimed Revised Statute (R.S.) 2477 (43 U.S.C. 932, repealed October 21, 1976) right-of-way that is the subject of the application, and the Applicants’ Quiet Title Act lawsuit that seeks to quiet title in the road represent a cloud on the Applicants’ title. Further, the Applicants assert that they hold a joint and undivided property interest in the public highway right-of-way for the Manganese Road as granted pursuant to the authority provided by R.S. 2477 over public lands administered by the BLM.

The Applicants did not identify any adverse claims against the Manganese Road.

Interested parties and the public will have 30 days to provide comment and request additional information to the BLM.

The BLM will not make a final determination on the Applicants’ application before February 6, 2020. Interested parties and the public will have 30 days to provide comment and are encouraged to access the BLM RDI public web page at https://www.blm.gov/programs/lands-and-realty/utah/rdi to review a copy of the application and supporting evidence. Additionally, copies of the application materials are available for public review at the BLM Utah State Office (see ADDRESSES above), during regular business hours, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. local time, Monday through Friday, except holidays.