

personnel and individuals at guard stations is password-protected; each person granted access to the system at guard stations must be individually authorized to use the system. A Privacy Act Warning Notice appears on the monitor screen when records containing information on individuals are first displayed. Data exchanged between the servers and the systems at the guard stations and badging office are encrypted. Backup tapes are stored in a locked and controlled room in a secure, off-site location.

Computerized records systems follow the National Institute of Standards and Technology privacy and security standards as developed to comply with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a; Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521; Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014, 44 U.S.C. 3551–3558; and the Federal Information Processing Standards 199: Standards for Security Categorization of Federal Information and Information Systems. Security controls include user identification, passwords, database permissions, encryption, firewalls, audit logs, and network system security monitoring, and software controls.

Access to records in the system is limited to authorized personnel who have a need to access the records in the performance of their official duties, and each user's access is restricted to only the functions and data necessary to perform that person's job responsibilities. System administrators and authorized users are trained and required to follow established internal security protocols and must complete all security, privacy, and records management training and sign the DOI Rules of Behavior. A Privacy Impact Assessment was completed on the PACS system to ensure that Privacy Act requirements are met and appropriate privacy controls were implemented to safeguard personally identifiable information.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

An individual requesting records on himself or herself should send a signed, written inquiry to the applicable System Manager as identified above. The request must include the requester's bureau and office affiliation and the address of the facility to which the requester needed access to facilitate location of the applicable records. The request envelope and letter should both be clearly marked "PRIVACY ACT REQUEST FOR ACCESS." A request for access must meet the requirements of 43 CFR 2.238.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

An individual requesting corrections or the removal of material from his or her records should send a signed, written request to the applicable System Manager as identified above. The request must include the requester's bureau and office affiliation and the address of the facility to which the requester needed access to facilitate location of the applicable records. A request for corrections or removal must meet the requirements of 43 CFR 2.246.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

An individual requesting notification of the existence of records on himself or herself should send a signed, written inquiry to the applicable System Manager as identified above. The request must include the requester's bureau and office affiliation and the address of the facility to which the requester needed access to facilitate location of the applicable records. The request envelope and letter should both be clearly marked "PRIVACY ACT INQUIRY." A request for notification must meet the requirements of 43 CFR 2.235.

EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

This system contains investigatory records related to law enforcement and counterintelligence activities that are exempt from certain provisions of the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2), (k)(3), and (k)(5). Pursuant to the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2), (k)(3), and (k)(5), the Department of the Interior has exempted portions of this system from the following subsections of the Privacy Act: (c)(3), (d), (e)(1), (e)(4)(G) through (e)(4)(I), and (f). In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(b), (c) and (e), the Department of the Interior has promulgated rules at 43 CFR Part 2, Subpart K, and is proposing to amend these rules in a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, which was published separately in today's **Federal Register**.

HISTORY:

72 FR 11043 (March 12, 2007).

Teri Barnett,

Departmental Privacy Officer, Department of the Interior.

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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 Proposed Revision of Grazing Regulations for Public Lands

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with 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's (BLM) Resources and Planning Directorate, located in Washington, DC, by this notice is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues. Scoping is the process by which the BLM solicits input on the issues, impacts, and potential alternatives and the extent to which those issues and impacts will be analyzed in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process. Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until 15 days after the last public meeting. The date(s) and location(s) of scoping meetings will be announced at least 7 days in advance through local media, newspapers and the BLM website at: <https://go.usa.gov/xyMqb>. In order to be included in the Draft EIS, all comments must be received prior to 15 days after the last public meeting. The BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft EIS.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments related to scoping for the BLM Grazing Regulation Revision EIS to the following weblink: <https://go.usa.gov/xyMqb>. Documents pertinent to this proposal may also be examined at this same weblink.

If you do not have web access and wish to submit a written comment, you may mail it to the Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Seth Flanigan, 3948 S Development Ave., Boise, ID 83702.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Seth Flanigan, Project Manager, telephone 208–384–3450; email: blm_wo_grazing_email@blm.gov. If you do not have web access, please contact Mr. Flanigan for help in obtaining copies of documents that are pertinent to this proposal. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–

877–8339 to contact Mr. Flanigan during normal business hours. The 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: The BLM is soliciting public comment as it prepares this EIS to update the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), at 43 CFR part 4100, Grazing Administration—Exclusive of Alaska. As part of the proposed changes, the BLM may consider moving and revising some provisions contained in 43 CFR part 4100 to other regulations as part of a single rulemaking effort. The EIS will analyze the environmental effects of proposed changes to these regulations.

The BLM grazing regulations (43 CFR part 4100) govern all public lands, excluding Alaska, that have been identified as suitable for livestock grazing. These lands presently include approximately 155 million acres in the western United States. These regulations were promulgated in accordance with FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*), the Taylor Grazing Act (TGA) (43 U.S.C. 315, 315a–315r), and the Public Rangelands Improvement Act (43 U.S.C. 1901 *et seq.*).

Since the first adoption of grazing regulations after passage of the TGA, the BLM has periodically modified, revised, and updated its regulations in response to legislative and policy changes and implementation challenges. The BLM comprehensively revised its grazing regulations in 1995 and 2006. In 2007, the U.S. District Court in Idaho permanently enjoined implementation of the 2006 amendments. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit affirmed the permanent injunction in 2011.

The BLM has managed public land livestock grazing activities in conformance with the regulations that were in effect immediately before the 2006 amendments were adopted (October 1, 2005 edition of 43 CFR part 4100), except for the conservation use permit provision previously struck down by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit in 1999. The 1995 regulations without the provision for conservation use permits have never been published in the CFR. Despite the injunction, the 2006 amended version of the grazing administration regulations still appears in the CFR. This has created significant confusion for grazing permittees and lessees, BLM staff, the public, and the courts.

On December 19, 2014, Congress amended section 402 of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1752), in Public Law 133–291.

Amendments to section 402(c) provide that the terms and conditions of an expired permit or lease shall continue under a new permit or lease until the Secretary completes any remaining applicable environmental review and documentation. This amendment to section 402(c) is similar to provisions in previous appropriations riders.¹ Amendments to section 402(h) authorize the Secretary to categorically exclude decisions that authorize certain grazing permits and leases, and the trailing and crossing of livestock across public land, from the requirement to prepare an environmental document under NEPA. Lastly, new section 402(i) provided Congressional direction regarding the priority and timing for completion of environmental analyses.

In addition, the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) released a report in July 2016 titled, “Unauthorized Grazing: Actions Needed to Improve Tracking and Deterrence Efforts” (GAO–16–559). The GAO recommended that the Secretary of the Interior direct the Director of the BLM to amend the regulations on unauthorized grazing use, 43 CFR subpart 4150 (2005), “to establish a procedure for the informal resolution of violations at the local level.”

The BLM plans to initiate a rulemaking to address the Congressional amendments and the GAO’s concerns, as well as ensure that the CFR reflects the applicable regulations governing the grazing program in the continental United States. In addition, the BLM is interested in amending 43 CFR part 4100 to address the following:

- Updating and modernizing the regulations, including revising definitions to provide more accurate and concise descriptions of the terms, and to align with current statutory, and regulatory authorities; rewording certain sections to improve readability and understanding; and considering ways to improve grazing permit administration, such as: Transfers of grazing preference; provisions that allow for greater flexibility for using livestock grazing to address fuel loads and protect areas with high quality habitat from wildfire; continued Resource Advisory Committee review of rangeland improvements and allotment management plans; and emergency public consultation.

¹ *E.g.*, Sec. 123, Public Law 106–113 (Nov. 29, 1999); Sec. 116, Public Law 106–291 (Oct. 11, 2000); Sec. 114, Public Law 107–67 (Nov. 12, 2001); Sec. 325, Public Law 108–108 (Nov. 10, 2003); Sec. 426, Public Law 111–8 (Mar. 11, 2009); Sec. 416, Public Law 111–88 (Oct. 30, 2009); Sec. 415, Public Law 112–74 (Dec. 23, 2011); Sec. 411, Public Law 113–76 (Jan. 17, 2014).

- Improving permitting efficiency. This could include, for example, changing how the BLM issues decisions for crossing permits, temporary nonrenewable permits, and authorizing grazing to reduce wildfire risk, expanded or clarified use of NEPA categorical exclusion authorities, and streamlining protest and appeal processes.

- Promoting land health. Considering where and how the BLM will evaluate the Land Health Fundamentals and Standards. Explore ways to use livestock grazing to reduce wildfire risk and improve rangeland conditions.

- Public participation. The BLM seeks to ensure adequate participation of all stakeholders without unduly burdening administrative processes.

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

The BLM is also seeking the views of the public on the potential for prospective regulatory changes to affect historic properties. The information about historic and cultural resources will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources and determine the agency’s obligations under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. 306108).

The BLM will consult with Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175, BLM MS 1780, and other Departmental 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 BLM Grazing Regulation Revision 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 EIS as a cooperating agency.

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: 40 CFR 1501.7.

June E. Shoemaker,

Acting Assistant Director for Resources and Planning.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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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 meetings.

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 meet February 12-13, 2020, at 1 p.m. Pacific Time on Wednesday, February 12th and 8 a.m. on Thursday, February 13th; and April 22-23, 2020, at 1 p.m. Mountain Time on Wednesday, April 22nd, and 8 a.m. on Thursday, April 23rd. A public comment period will be held on the second day of each meeting (Feb. 13th and Apr. 23rd).

ADDRESSES: The February 12-13, 2020 meetings will be held at the Harney County Community Center, 478 N Broadway, Burns, Oregon; and the April 22-23, 2020 meetings will be held at the Ontario Community Library, 388 SW 2nd Ave., Ontario, Oregon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larisa Bogardus, Public Affairs Officer, 3100 H St., Baker City, Oregon 97814; 541-219-6863; 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 Southeast Oregon RAC is chartered and the 15-members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. Their diverse perspectives are represented in commodity, conservation, and general interests. The Council serves in an

advisory capacity to the BLM and U.S. Forest Service officials concerning the planning and management of the public land and national forest resources located, in whole or part, within the boundaries of BLM's Vale Field Office of the Vale District, the Burns District, and the Lakeview District, and the Fremont-Winema and Malheur National Forests. All meetings are open to the public in their entirety. Information to be distributed to the RAC is requested before the start of each meeting.

Agenda items include updates regarding the Southeast Oregon and Lakeview Resource Management Plan Amendment processes; management of energy and minerals, timber, rangeland and grazing, commercial and dispersed recreation, wildland fire and fuels, and wild horses and burros; review and/or recommendations regarding proposed actions by Burns, Vale, or Lakeview BLM Districts; and any other business that may reasonably come before the RAC. A final agenda will be posted online at <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/oregon-washington/southeast-oregon-rac> at least one week before the meetings. Comments can be mailed to: BLM Lakeview District; Attn. Todd Forbes; 3050 NE 3rd Street; Lakeview, OR 97630.

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 we will be able to do so.

Authority: 43 CFR 1784.4-2.

Todd Forbes,

Lakeview District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action: Segregation of Public Land for Proposed Sale in Rio Blanco and Garfield Counties, CO

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to segregate six parcels of public land, totaling 400 acres, from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws. During the segregation period, the BLM will evaluate the parcels to determine if they are suitable to offer for sale.

DATES: The segregation will terminate upon issuance of a patent, publication of the segregation's termination in the **Federal Register**, or on January 21, 2022, unless extended by the BLM Colorado State Director.

Submit comments concerning the segregation and any part of this notice, by March 6, 2020. The BLM will only accept written comments.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to BLM White River Field Office, Field Manager, 220 East Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641. Written comments may also be submitted via email to blm_co_wrfo_sale@blm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Heather Sauls, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, BLM White River Field Office, phone: 970-878-3855, email: hsauls@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 White River Lodge nominated the parcels for the sale. Two of the parcels, which are completely surrounded by private land owned by White River Lodge, would be offered through a direct sale to the lodge. The remaining four parcels would be offered through a modified competitive sale in which bidders are limited to adjacent landowners with legal access, which includes the White River Lodge.

The following described public lands in Rio Blanco and Garfield Counties are segregated immediately upon publication of this notice:

Parcel 1

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 2 N., R. 94 W.,
Sec. 29, NE1/4NE1/4.

The area described contains 40 acres.

Parcel 2

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 3 S., R. 94 W.,
Sec. 22, SE1/4NE1/4;
Sec. 23, S1/2NW1/4 and NE1/4SW1/4.

The areas described aggregate 160 acres.