

Willamette Meridian

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

T. 2 N., R. 48 E.,

Sec. 2, lots 1, 2, and 4, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;Sec. 3, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;Sec. 9, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$;Sec. 10, lots 3 and 4, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;Sec. 16, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 3 N., R. 48 E.,

Sec. 12, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;Sec. 13, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;Sec. 14, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;Sec. 23, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;Sec. 25, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;Sec. 35, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 4 N., R. 48 E.,

Sec. 24, lots 2 to 7, inclusive, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ excluding Mineral Survey Nos. 507, 601, and 694;Sec. 25, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ excluding Mineral Survey Nos. 601, 723, 738, 747A, and 806.

T. 3 N., R. 49 E.,

Sec. 6, lots 1, 2, and 3, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ excluding Mineral Survey Nos. 746 and 750;Sec. 7, lots 1 and 4, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 4 N., R. 49 E.,

Sec. 30, lots 2, 3, and 4, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ excluding Mineral Survey Nos. 723, 738, and 807;Sec. 31, lots 1, 2, and 3, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ excluding Mineral Survey No. 730.

T. 5 S., R. 45 E., unsurveyed,

Secs. 11 to 14, inclusive, and

Secs. 23 to 28, inclusive, all lands within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of North Fork Imnaha River below Middle Fork, and all lands within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of South Fork below Cliff River.

T. 5 S., R. 46 E., unsurveyed,

Secs. 19 to 29 inclusive, all lands within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of Imnaha River and Forks.

T. 5 S., R. 47 E., unsurveyed,

Secs. 19 to 27 inclusive, all lands within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of Imnaha River.

T. 5 S., R. 48 E., unsurveyed,

Secs. 19 to 22, inclusive, and

Secs. 25 to 30, inclusive;

Sec. 23, all, excluding 112 acres in HES No. 91;

Sec. 24, all, excluding 78 acres in HES No. 222.

The areas described aggregate approximately 16,884 acres in Wallowa County.

3. The Secretarial Order dated March 17, 1944, which established Powersite Classification No. 348, is hereby revoked in its entirety:

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T. 5 S., R. 47 E., unsurveyed,

Sec. 25, all lands lying more than $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from Imnaha River.

T. 5 S., R. 48 E., unsurveyed,

Sec. 31, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$.

The areas described aggregate approximately 640 acres in Wallowa County.

4. The lands described in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 are included in the Eagle Cap and Hells Canyon Wilderness Areas, the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, and the Imnaha Wild and Scenic River withdrawals and remain closed to such forms of disposition as may by law be made of National Forest System lands, including the mining and mineral leasing laws.

Dated: December 6, 1996.

Bob Armstrong,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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Resource Management Plan for the Book Cliffs Conservation Initiative Area, UT

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare a Coordinated Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Intent to amend the Book Cliffs Resource Management Plan.

SUMMARY: This notice is intended to inform the public of an intent to prepare a Coordinated Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (CRMP/EIS) that addresses future

management of lands within the Book Cliffs planning area, including the lands acquired by the Bureau of Land Management, within the Book Cliffs area of the Vernal District for the purpose of amending the Book Cliffs Resource Management Plan (RMP). Public comment will be actively solicited throughout the CRMP/EIS and amendment development processes.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1993, a cooperative effort was undertaken by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR), The Nature Conservancy (TNC), the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF), and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The objective of this cooperative effort was to take advantage of existing opportunities to create a balanced approach to the management of unique natural resources within the upper portion of the East Tavaputs Plateau, in southeastern Uintah County, Utah. The cooperative effort dealt with that portion of the Book Cliffs within the area between the Uintah-Ouray Indian Reservation trust lands to the west and the Utah-Colorado state line to the east, an area encompassing roughly 455,000 acres.

In 1993 and 1994, two private ranches then on the market within the area, were acquired by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) with the intent of vesting the title to either the State of Utah or the United States. In 1994, the BLM was vested with title to 5,129 acres, about 53%, of these acquired lands. As public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, future management of these lands must be developed and incorporated into the existing Book Cliffs RMP. The Coordinated Resource Management Plan (CRMP) will be developed by the BLM in concert with the UDWR, other State and Federal agencies, stakeholders, key interest groups, local government entities, and the general public.

At this time general planning issues to be addressed and certain assumptions to be presented include:

Assumptions	Concerns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be a continued demand and competition for available forage by livestock, wildlife, and in some areas, wild horses. Recreational use will continue to increase. 	<p>How should forage be allocated between livestock, wildlife, and wild horses while achieving watershed and riparian goals?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a need to improve the overall health of the land. 	<p>What mix and level of recreational use can occur while maintaining the area's "Frontier Mystique"?</p> <p>What will be the cumulative impact of resource uses (grazing, energy, and mineral development, recreation, related vehicle access, etc.) on desired condition of vegetative communities in critical habitats such as canyon bottoms, riparian areas, and crucial/critical big game ranges?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health, diverse wildlife populations desired. 	<p>What are the impacts upon current land uses such as livestock and mineral development as consideration is given for establishment of other native species such as Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, moose, bison, sharptail grouse, wild turkey, and Colorado River Cutthroat Trout, and other fisheries?</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development and extraction of energy and mineral resources will continue, perhaps at an increased rate, depending on demand. The area is economically important to surrounding communities and the State of Utah. There will continue to be a need for various degrees of access to accommodate public needs and demands. Planning efforts will be consistent with the Governor's Open Space Policy. 	<p>How best can mineral development continue, with the least amount of restrictions while restoring and maintaining fully functioning health ecosystems?</p> <p>How will future management prescriptions enhance or restrict economic development?</p> <p>What kind of public access should be provided to and on the area (Off Highway Vehicle travel, established roads, etc.)?</p> <p>How will Governor's Open Space Policy influence the planning process?</p>

The CRMP, EIS and the RMP amendment will be prepared under 43 CFR part 1610 to meet the requirements of section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, and section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act. This revision is necessary to update and expand the decisions in the existing land use plan. Decisions generated during this planning process will supersede affected land use planning decisions presented in the 1985 Book Cliffs RMP that affect lands within the CRMP area.

Public participation is being actively sought at this time to ensure the EIS addresses all issues, problems and concerns from those interested in the management of the public lands within the Book Cliffs area, including acquired lands. The development of the CRMP, EIS, and the RMP amendment is a public process and the public is invited and encouraged to assist in the identification of issues and the scope of the EIS and planning amendment. Public meetings will be held to discuss planning issues. The date, time, and location of these scoping meetings are: March 17, 1997, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., in the John Wesley Powell Museum in Green River, Utah; March 18, 1997, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., in the Department of Natural Resources Auditorium, Room 1040-1060, at 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah; and March 26, 1997, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Western Park Conference Center 302 East 200 South in Vernal, Utah. These meetings also will be announced in local newspapers and through other local media.

Formal public participation will be requested for review of the preliminary and final CRMP, EIS, and RMP amendment during 1997. Notice of availability of these documents will be published at the appropriate times.

The documents will be prepared by an interdisciplinary team which includes specialists in rangeland, minerals, vegetation, riparian values, cultural resources, recreation, wildlife/fisheries habitats, realty, and special status animal and plant species. Other

disciplines may be represented as necessary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dean Evans, Resource Advisor, Vernal District Office, 170 South 500 East, Vernal, Utah 84078. Business hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, telephone (801) 789-1362 or 781-4470, fax (801) 781-4410.

Dated: January 16, 1997.

G. William Lamb,
State Director, Utah.

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Colorado: Filing of Plats of Survey

December 30, 1996.

The plats of survey of the following described land, will be officially filed in the Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Lakewood, Colorado, effective 10:00 a.m., December 30, 1996. All inquiries should be sent to the Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215.

The plat (in four sheets) representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, a portion of Homestead Entry Survey Number's 43, 106, 215, and mineral claims in sections 3 and 10, T. 3 S., R. 73 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 998, Colorado, was accepted November 4, 1996.

The plat representing the metes-and-bounds survey of Tracts 48 and 49 in unsurveyed T. 2 S., R. 75 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1149, Colorado, was accepted December 11, 1996.

These surveys were required for the administrative purposes of the Forest Service.

The plat representing the entire record of the dependent resurvey of M.S. No. 12572, Don Quixote Lode, section 31, T. 44 N., R. 4 W., New Mexico Principal Meridian, Group 736,

Colorado, was accepted November 27, 1996.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the south boundary and subdivisional lines and the subdivision-of-section survey of section 35, T. 13 S., R. 74 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1045, Colorado, was accepted December 19, 1996.

The plat representing the entire record of the dependent resurvey between sections 25 and 36, T. 46 N., R. 4 W., New Mexico Principal Meridian, Group 1056, Colorado, was accepted November 7, 1996.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the subdivisional lines and the subdivision of section 9, T. 1 S., R. 80 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1123, Colorado, was accepted December 3, 1996.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the north and east boundaries, a portion of the boundary between Jefferson and Clear Creek Counties, M.S. No. 9730, a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision survey of section 1, T. 4 S., R. 72 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1136, Colorado, was accepted December 12, 1996.

The supplemental plat creating new lots 1 through 6 in section 32 and new lots 1 through 6 in section 33 of T. 1 N., R. 80 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, was accepted December 5, 1996.

These surveys were required for the administrative purposes of this Bureau. Darryl A. Wilson,
Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Colorado.

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National Park Service

Notice of Availability of the Final Development Concept Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement for South Side Denali, Alaska

AGENCIES: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Final Development Concept Plan/