

information collection requirement should direct them to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; Attention: Desk Officer for the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Dated: June 5, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-020-08-2811-00]

Salt Lake District Proposed Fire Management Plan

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management, Salt Lake District Office, has completed an Environmental Assessment (EA)/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for a Proposed Fire Management Plan which would amend the following plans: (1) Pony Express Resource Management Plan (1990); (2) Box Elder Resource Management Plan (1986); (3) Isolated Tract Planning Analysis (1985); (4) Park City Management Framework Plan (1982); and (5) Randolph Management Framework Plan (1980). The Proposed Fire Management Plan amends the plans by reintroducing fire as a critical natural process into the ecosystem and providing a comprehensive and consistent policy of how fires are handled for all public lands administered by the District.

DATES: The proposed plan amendment may be protested. The protest period will commence with the date of publication of this notice. Protests must be submitted on or before July 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Protests must be addressed to the Director (WO-210), Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Brenda Williams, Resource Planning Team, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice for the proposed planning amendment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Washington, Bureau of Land Management, Salt Lake District Office, 2370 South 2300 West, telephone (801) 977-4346. Copies of the Proposed Plan Amendment are available for review at the Salt Lake District Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any person who participated in the planning process and has an interest which is or may be adversely affected by the Proposed Plan Amendment may protest to the Director of the Bureau of Land Management. The protest must be in writing and filed within 30 days of the date of publication of this Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The protest must be specific and contain the following information:

- The name, mailing address, telephone number and interest of the person filing the protest;
- A statement of the issue(s) being protested;
- A statement of the part(s) of the proposed amendment being protested;
- A copy of all documents addressing the issue(s) that were submitted by the protestor during the planning process; and
- A concise statement explaining why the BLM State Director's proposed decision is believed to be in error.

In the absence of timely objections, this proposal shall become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

G. William Lamb,

State Director, Utah.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-017-1610-00]

Notice of Intent To Prepare Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, Colorado Sodium Products Development Project.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Colorado Sodium Products Development Project (Project), located in Rio Blanco County and Garfield County, Colorado.

The BLM will evaluate the Commercial Mine Plan prepared for the Project. The EIS will assess the environmental consequences of Mine Plan approval and development of the Project.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the BLM will conduct public scoping meetings to solicit comments on potential

environmental impacts associated with the project. These public scoping meetings will be held in two locations:

1. Bureau of Land Management, White River Resource Area Office, 73544 Highway 64, Meeker, Colorado, on June 24, 1998, at 7:00 p.m.
2. Town Hall Council Chambers, 222 Grand Valley Way, Parachute, Colorado, on June 25, 1998 at 7:00 p.m.

To familiarize the public and interested organizations with the likely scope of environmental issues that will be involved, the BLM has prepared a Scoping Document for the Colorado Sodium Products Development Project. This document includes a list of the various environmental/resource issues that will be addressed in the EIS. This list has been compiled based on experience gained to date with American Soda's test-phase operation in Rio Blanco County and consideration of likely environmental impact issues that would be encountered during construction and operation of the proposed commercial scale project. Copies of the Scoping Document are available at the White River Resource Area office in Meeker, Colorado, for public review. Alternatively, a copy of the Scoping Document can be requested by mail. Copies of the Scoping Document will also be available at the public scoping meetings described above. Comments received at the scoping meetings or by mail will supplement the issues identified in the Scoping Document.

DATES: Comments and recommendations on this Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS should be received on or before July 10, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to Mr. Larry Shults, Natural Resource Specialist, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, White River Resource Area, 73544 Highway 64, Meeker, CO 81641.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Shults, (970) 878-3601.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: American Soda, L.L.P. (American Soda) intends to construct and operate a commercial nahcolite solution mining operation at a site in the northcentral portion of the Piceance Creek Basin in Rio Blanco County, Colorado. Nahcolite is naturally occurring sodium bicarbonate that is found in association with oil shale deposits. After the nahcolite is removed from the ground, it would be processed into a sodium carbonate solution and transported by a 44-mile buried pipeline south to a processing operation to be located at an existing industrial site in

the Parachute Valley in Garfield County, Colorado. There it would be further processed to commercial grade sodium carbonate, sodium bicarbonate, and other sodium products.

The project would occur on BLM lands of the White River Resource Area and on private lands in Rio Blanco and Garfield Counties, Colorado. The proposed solution mine site is contained within Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, and 29 of Township 1 South, Range 97 West of the Sixth Prime Meridian (PM), Rio Blanco County, Colorado. It is approximately 63 miles north-northeast of Grand Junction, 22 miles west-southwest of Meeker, and 29 miles east-southeast of Rangely, Colorado. The proposed processing operation would be located on private property in Sections 34 and 35 of Township 6 South, Range 96 West of the Sixth PM, Garfield County, Colorado, approximately 3 miles northwest of the town of Parachute, Colorado.

The solution mine site and the processing operation site would be connected by two parallel, insulated buried pipelines that would run east-southeast from the solution mine for approximately 9 miles and then generally south along an existing pipeline right-of-way for approximately 35 miles to the processing operation. Bulk sodium products would be shipped from the processing operation via a 4-mile-long dedicated rail spur to an interstate rail connection near the town of Parachute.

The solution mining process would require approximately 1 cubic foot per second (cfs) of water, including solutions in the product pipeline. An existing water right would be used to allow process water to be taken from the Colorado River via an existing intake located in the river near the town of Parachute. Water would be transported from the Colorado River to the proposed solution mine site by a return water pipeline paralleling the product pipeline.

The American Soda commercial mining program is anticipated to operate indefinitely. The commercial Mine Plan under development addresses the first 30 years of operation, with an initial design basis of 1.4 million tons per year (tpy) of nahcolite recovered.

Dated: June 8, 1998.

John J. Mehlhoff,

Resource Area Manager, Meeker, CO.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-010-1430-00; GP8-0204]

Meeting Notice for the Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Lakeview District, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council will meet at the Red Lion Hotel, 621 21st Street, Lewiston, Idaho 83501, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm Pacific Daylight Time on July 14, 1998. Public comments are scheduled from 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm on July 14, 1998. The Council will discuss the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Draft Environmental Impact Statement and such other matters as may reasonably come before the Council. On July 15, 1998, the Council will view noxious weed infestations on public and private land in the Grande Ronde, Snake, and Salmon River Canyons. The entire meeting is open to the public; however, transportation into the canyons will not be provided to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sonya Hickman, Bureau of Land Management, Lakeview District Office, P.O. Box 151, Lakeview, OR 97630 (Telephone 541-947-2177).

Dated: June 2, 1998.

Richard W. Mayberry,

Acting Lakeview District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-4210-05; N-61108]

Notice of Realty Action: Lease/Conveyance for Recreation and Public Purposes

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Recreation and Public Purpose Lease/Conveyance.

SUMMARY: The following described public land in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada has been examined and found suitable for lease/conveyance for recreational or public purposes under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.). Clark County proposes to use the land for a public park.

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 22 S., R. 61 E.,

Sec. 15, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Containing 20.0 acres, more or less.

The land is not required for any federal purpose. The lease/conveyance is consistent with current Bureau planning for this area and would be in the public interest. The lease/patent, when issued, will be subject to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

2. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe and will be subject to:

1. An easement 50 feet in width along the eastern and southern boundaries in favor of Clark County for roads, public utilities, or flood control purposes.

2. Those rights for distribution line purposes which have been granted to Las Vegas Valley Water District by Permit No. N-57091 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

3. Those rights for telephone line purposes which have been granted to Sprint Central Telephone by Permit No. N-59915 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the above described land will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease/conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, leasing under the mineral leasing laws and disposals under the mineral material disposal laws.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance for classification of the lands to the Las Vegas Field Office Manager, Las Vegas Field Office, 4765 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108.

Classification Comments

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a park site. Comments on