

Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) California Desert District Advisory Council (DAC) will meet at the following dates and locations.

September 13–14, 2002: On Friday, September 13, the Council and members of the public will assemble at the parking lot of the Baker Community Center at 7:15 a.m. and depart 7:30 a.m. for a field tour of BLM-administered public lands. The community center is located at 56725 Park Ave in Baker. The Council will meet in formal session on Saturday, September 14 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Baker Community Center, Baker, California. Scheduled agenda topics will include the following:

Public comment for items on the agenda and other issues

Council members and BLM District and field office manager activity reports

Discussions on proposed Congressional wilderness bills

BLM reports on wilderness values

Update on BLM wilderness management

Economic report from Imperial County

December 13–14, 2002: On Friday, December 13, the Council and members of the public will assemble for a field tour at the Best Western China Lake Inn parking lot at 7:15 a.m. and depart at 7:30 a.m. for a field tour of BLM-administered public lands. The Inn is located at the Best Western China Lake Inn, located at 400 South China Lake Boulevard, in Ridgecrest. The Council will meet in formal session on Saturday, December 14 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Burroughs High School Fine Arts Theater located at 500 French Avenue, in Ridgecrest, California. Agenda items will discussions on the following topics:

Public comment for items on the agenda and other issues

Council members and BLM managers reports

Update on the West Mojave Plan Draft Habitat Conservation Plan

Routes of travel network

Economic reports from Kern and San Bernardino Counties

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Doran Sanchez, BLM California Desert District Public Affairs Specialist, (909) 697-5220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public is welcome to participate in the field tours, but should plan on providing their own transportation, drinks, and lunch.

All Desert District Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Time for public comment may be made available by the Council Chairman during the presentation of various agenda items, and is also scheduled at

the beginning of the meeting. Time for individual oral comments may be limited depending on the number of people who register to comment and time available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations should contact the BLM as provided below

Written comments may be filed in advance of the meeting for the California Desert District Advisory Council, c/o Bureau of Land Management, Public Affairs Office, 6221 Box Springs Boulevard, Riverside, California 92507-0714. Written comments also are accepted at the time of the meeting and, if copies are provided to the recorder, will be incorporated into the minutes.

Dated: July 8, 2002.

Linda Hansen,

Acting District Manager, California Desert District.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting, Upper Columbia-Salmon Clearwater Resource Advisory Council Meetings; Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Upper Columbia-Salmon Clearwater (UCSC) District Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: Three separate meetings are planned: October 16 and 17, 2002; March 12 and 13, 2003; and June 18 and 19, 2003. Each meeting will begin at 1 p.m. on the first day and end at approximately 5 p.m. on the second day. The public comment period will begin at approximately 3 p.m. on the first day of each meeting. Meetings will be held at the C'mon Inn, 2775 Expo Parkway, Missoula, Montana, because Missoula is centrally located for Council members traveling from the northern and south-central parts of Idaho.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Snook, RAC Coordinator, BLM UCSC District, 1808 N. Third

Street, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814 or telephone (208) 769-5004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Idaho. The following topics will be discussed at the October, 2002 meeting:

—Review past accomplishments, Nomination of Officers

—Idaho BLM Table of Organization and Goals

—Briefings on issues such as OHV use, Resource Management Plans and implementation, fire management, and noxious weeds.

—Future issues as identified by the Council

The meetings to be held in March and June 2003, will continue discussions or work on the above agenda items as well as other resource issues. Additional agenda items for the meetings in 2003 will be published in newspapers covering the BLM UCSC District prior to these meetings.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, tour transportation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided below.

Dated: July 10, 2002.

Jenifer L. Arnold,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting, Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Montana, Billings and Miles City Field Offices, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S.

Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held September 19, 2002, in Red Lodge, MT, beginning at 7:30 a.m. When determined, the meeting place will be announced in a News Release. The public comment period will begin at approximately 9:15 a.m. and the meeting will adjourn at approximately 4 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Reder, Acting Public Affairs Specialist, Miles City Field Office, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana, 59301, telephone (406) 233-2824.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Montana. At this meeting, topics we plan to discuss include: Healthy Land Monitoring Presentation/Field Trip, National RAC Meeting, Access and Outfitters and Guides Update, Oil and Gas EIS Update and other topics the council may raise.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, tour transportation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided above.

Dated: July 5, 2002.

Sandra S. Brooks,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Acadia National Park; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Schoodic General Management Plan Amendment

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 [Pub. L. 91-109 Section 102(c)], the National Park Service is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Schoodic General Management Plan Amendment. The

purpose of the EIS is to assess the impacts of alternative management strategies that will be described in the general management plan amendment for the Schoodic District of Acadia National Park. The National Park Service is formulating a range of alternatives for natural and cultural resource protection, visitor use and interpretation, facilities development, and operations.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Acadia National Park encompasses 100.1 acres of the former Naval Security Group Activity Winter Harbor at Schoodic Point. The former Navy base contains approximately 40 major buildings totaling 178,000 square feet that include a dormitory, apartment complex, cafeteria, medical clinic, fire station, commissary, gymnasium, child day-care center, maintenance facility, recreational facilities, warehouse, and related utility systems. The original Navy apartment and operations building and its generator house are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Pursuant to Public Laws 80-260 and 107-107, the Department of the Navy transferred its property at Schoodic Point to the NPS on July 1, 2002. The NPS is preparing an amendment to Acadia's 1992 General Management Plan for the 2,366-acre Schoodic District of the park to determine the appropriate range of uses for the former Navy facilities and address effects on the park's resources and visitor experiences at Schoodic. The Schoodic District is zoned a "natural area" in the park's 1992 General Management Plan and is managed to retain its current use levels and opportunities for low-density recreation.

The three alternatives for the reuse of the site include: (1) Multi-partner approach; (2) National Park Service approach; and (3) no action, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act. The multi-partner approach will emphasize the use and occupancy of the site for research and educational purposes by one or more partners. The partners would contribute to the park's research and education efforts and conduct programs that are consistent with its mission. This alternative will also accommodate the uses described under the National Park Service approach. The National Park Service approach will emphasize the park's use of the site for administering the Schoodic District, providing interpretive services to visitors, facilitating park-specific research, offering resident environmental education programs, and housing NPS employees.

Public Scoping

The NPS is seeking feedback from interested parties who wish to express concerns, make suggestions, and raise issues about the future development and management of the Schoodic District of Acadia National Park. You may submit written comments on the general management plan amendment alternatives, scope of the EIS, and related issues to the National Park Service by postal mail, fax, e-mail, or hand delivery. Mail comments to: Superintendent, Acadia National Park, P.O. Box 177, Bar Harbor, Maine 04609. Fax comments to: (207) 288-5507. E-mail comments to: acad_planning@nps.gov. Hand deliver comments during normal business hours to: Acadia National Park Headquarters, McFarland Hill, Rt. 233, Bar Harbor, Maine. Please include your complete name and address along with your comments. If you wish to have your name and address withheld from the public record, you must state so prominently at the beginning of your comments. We will honor your request to the extent allowable by law. Comments must be submitted within 30 calendar days from July 29, 2002.

A draft general management plan amendment and EIS is expected to be completed and available for public review in early fall 2002. After public and agency review of the draft document, the NPS will consider comments and complete a final general management plan amendment and EIS in early 2003, with a Record of Decision to follow.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John T. Kelly, Park Planner, at Acadia National Park, P.O. Box 177, Bar Harbor, Maine 04609; telephone: (207) 288-5472; fax: (207) 288-5507; e-mail: john_t_kelly@nps.gov. Additional information about the Schoodic General Management Plan Amendment and EIS is also available on Acadia National Park's Web site at: www.nps.gov/acad/schoodic/intro.htm.

Dated: July 18, 2002.

Paul F. Haertel,

Superintendent, Acadia National Park.

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