

(TDD) may contact Mr. Rawson at any time by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act (16 U.S.C. 1331, *et seq.*) directs the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to appoint a joint advisory board of not more than nine members to advise them on any matter relating to wild-free roaming horses and burros and their management and protection. Nominations for a term of three years are needed to represent the following categories of interest:

Natural Resource Management

Livestock Management

Wild Horse and Burro Research

Any individual or organization may nominate one or more persons to serve on the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board. Individuals may also nominate themselves for Board membership. All nomination letters/or resumes should include the nominees': (1) Name, address, phone, and e-mail address if applicable; (2) category(s) for consideration (*i.e.* natural resource management, livestock management or wild horse and burro research; (3) present occupation; (4) explanation of qualifications to represent their designated constituency; (5) nominating organization, individual or by self; and (6) list of references and letters of endorsement by qualified individuals.

As appropriate, certain Board members may be appointed as Special Government Employees. Special Government Employees serve on the board without compensation, and are subject to financial disclosure requirements in the Ethics in Government Act and 5 CFR part 2634. Nominations are to be sent to the address listed under **ADDRESSES**, above.

Each nominee will be considered for selection according to their ability to represent their designated constituency, analyze and interpret data and information, evaluate programs, identify problems, work collaboratively in seeking solutions and formulate and recommend corrective actions. Pursuant to section 7 of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act, Members of the Board cannot be employed by either Federal or State Government. Members will serve without salary, but will be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses at current rates for Government employees. The Board will meet no less than two times annually. The Director, Bureau of Land Management may call additional

meetings in connection with special needs for advice.

Dated: May 1, 2006.

Ed Shepard,

Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of Supplemental Information and Analysis for the Draft Price Resource Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement; Notice of Potential Areas of Critical Environmental Concern and Specific Associated Resource Use Limitations for Public Lands in Carbon and Emery Counties, UT

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of Supplemental Information and Analysis to the Price Field Office Draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (Price Draft RMP/EIS) for Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs). This information includes four potential ACECs inadvertently omitted from the Price Draft RMP/EIS and prior notices.

DATES: To assure that public comments will be considered, BLM must receive written comments on the supplemental information and impact analysis to the Price Draft RMP/EIS for the potential ACECs within 90 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the Notice of Availability of the supplemental ACEC information in the **Federal Register**.

Public comments regarding the designation of the four potential ACECs will be accepted for 60 days (43 CFR 1610.7-2) following the date this Notice of Availability is published in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted by mail to the Bureau of Land Management, Price Field Office, 125 South 600 West, Price, UT 84501. E-mail comments may be submitted to the following address:

UT_Pr_Comments@blm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Floyd Johnson, Assistant Field Manager, BLM Price Field Office, 125 South 600 West, Price, UT 84501, phone 435-636-

3600, or visit the project Web site at <http://www.blm.gov/rmp/ut/price>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The supplemental information provides additional documentation regarding the disposition of ACEC nominations, provides a description of the four additional potential ACECs, and analyzes any potential impacts relating to the inclusion of these ACECs in Alternative C of the Price Draft RMP/EIS. The original notice of availability for the Price Draft RMP/EIS for the Price Field Office planning area in Carbon and Emery Counties, Utah was published in the **Federal Register**, volume 69, number 136, Friday, July 16, 2004. A supplement to that Notice with information on existing and potential ACECs considered within the Price Draft RMP/EIS was published in the **Federal Register**, volume 70, number 238, Tuesday, December 13, 2005.

The Price Field Office planning area encompasses all of the public land managed by the Price Field Office in Carbon and Emery Counties, Utah. This area includes approximately 2.5 million acres of BLM-administered surface lands and 2.8 million acres of Federal mineral lands underlying Federal, State, and private surface ownership in the area. The decisions of the Price RMP will apply only to BLM-administered public lands, including Federal mineral estate.

The Price Draft RMP/EIS addresses five alternatives of proposed management decisions and analyzes the impacts of each. There are presently 13 existing designated ACECs (289,629 total acres) in the Price Field Office, which were established by the San Rafael RMP (1991). These are reflected in the No Action Alternative of the Draft RMP/EIS.

Nine potential ACECs (286,416 total acres) were considered in at least one action alternative in the Draft RMP/EIS. In some cases, the number and acres and the resource use limitations applied to the nine potential ACECs also varied by alternative. These nine potential ACECs were described in the Notice published in the **Federal Register**, volume 70, number 238, Tuesday, December 13, 2005.

In addition to the nine potential ACECs, four potential ACECs were inadvertently omitted from the Price Draft RMP/EIS released July, 2004. The four additional potential ACECs described and analyzed in the supplemental information include:

- Desolation Canyon Area—(159,246 acres) Values of concern include outstanding scenery, Fremont, Archaic and Ute cultural sites, and fisheries and wildlife habitats;

- Mussentuchit Badlands Area—(58,398 acres) Values of concern include cultural resources such as prehistoric quarrying area;

- White-Tailed Prairie Dog Complex—(9,204 acres) Values of concern include protection of habitat and other species dependent on prairie dog colonies; and

- Lower Muddy Creek Area—(29,854 acres) Values of concern include outstanding scenery and threatened and endangered plants.

These four potential ACECs are considered for designation in Alternative C of the Price Draft RMP/EIS. Potential resource use limitations related to ACEC management of all of these areas include limitations to OHV use, leasing for oil and gas, disposal of mineral materials, and locatable mineral entry. Additionally, ACEC management for the Desolation Canyon potential ACEC would exclude right-of-way (ROW) grants. The supplemental information and analysis has been prepared for public review to facilitate the inclusion of these four potential ACECs into the Price RMP/EIS. The information includes:

- The incorporation of the specific ACEC proposals, including resource use limitations, in Chapter 2;
- A description of potential impacts in Chapter 4;
- A summary of nominations matrix in Appendix 26; and
- A description of relevant and important values found in these four potential ACECs, also in Appendix 26.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Price Field Office during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays and will be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). They may be published as part of the EIS and other related documents. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review and disclosure under FOIA, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety. The supplemental information is available upon request at the Price Field Office and on the Internet at the addresses provided above.

Dated: May 26, 2006.

Gene Terland,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Amendment to the White River Field Office Resource Management Plan and Associated Environmental Impact Statement for Oil and Gas Development, Meeker, CO

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), White River Field Office (WRFO) located in Meeker, CO, will be directing the preparation of a Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment and associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The BLM invites the public to participate in this planning effort.

DATES: The scoping comment period will commence with the publication of this notice and will end 45 days after publication of this notice. Public meetings will be held during the scoping comment period in Meeker and Rifle, Colorado. Comments on the scope of the EIS, including concerns, issues, or proposed alternatives that should be considered, should be submitted in writing to the address below. The dates of public meetings to be held in Meeker and Rifle, Colorado will be announced through the local media, newsletters, and WRFO National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) mailing list. The draft EIS is expected to be available for public review and comment in September 2007 and the final EIS is expected to be available early in 2008.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: Jane Peterson, 73554 Highway 64, Meeker, Colorado 81641. Written comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the offices of the BLM White River Field Office, 73554 Highway 64, Meeker, Colorado 81641, during normal working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except holidays). Submissions from organizations or businesses will be made available for

public inspection in their entirety. Individuals may request confidentiality with respect to their name, address, and phone number. If you wish to have your name or street address withheld from public review, or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. Comment contents will not be kept confidential. Responses to the comments will be published as part of the Proposed Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Jane Peterson, WRFO Oil and Gas EIS Project Manager, at (970) 244-3027 or alternately at (970) 878-3828. E-mail can be directed to

jane_h_peterson@blm.gov and mail can be sent to the address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The RMP Amendment proposes to modify the level of oil and gas development within the WRFO boundaries above what was anticipated in the 1997 WRFO RMP. The EIS will analyze the potential impacts of increased oil and gas development on a field office-wide level. Citizens are requested to help identify issues or concerns and to provide input on BLM's proposed action. The White River Field Office (WRFO), Meeker, Colorado, is located in northwestern Colorado primarily in Rio Blanco County, with other tracts located in Garfield and Moffat Counties and encompasses 1,455,900 acres of BLM surface estate and 365,000 acres of split mineral estate. The WRFO is experiencing unprecedented growth in the oil and gas energy program. The Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA) Reauthorization of 2000 directed the Department of the Interior to produce a scientific inventory of oil and gas resources and reserves underlying Federal lands. The EPCA-generated studies of five oil and gas basins (Montana Thrust Belt, Powder River, Green River, San Juan/Paradox, and Uinta/Piceance), completed and presented to Congress in January, 2003, identified the Piceance Basin of Northwest Colorado, in which the WRFO is located, as one of five sub-basins in the continental United States with large reserves of undeveloped oil and gas energy potential. As a result of EPCA, higher oil and gas prices, and development of interstate transportation pipelines the WRFO is experiencing an oil and gas boom. The WRFO Resource Management Plan (RMP), approved in