Bureau of Land Management

[WO-300-1310-00]

Green River Basin Advisory Committee, Colorado and Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting of the Green River Basin Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the date, time, and schedule and initial agenda for meeting of the Green River Basin Advisory Committee (GRBAC).

DATES: February 3, 1997, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Holiday Inn, 1675 Sunset Drive, Rock Springs, WY.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Terri Trevino, GRBAC Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003, telephone (307) 775–6020.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The topic for the meeting will be the GRBAC Final Report.

This meeting is open to the public. Persons interested in making oral comments or submitting written statements for the GRBAC's consideration should notify the GRBAC Coordinator at the above address by January 31. The GRBAC will hear oral comments beginning at 2:00 pm on February 3. The GRBAC may establish a time limit for oral statements.

Dated January 21, 1997.

Mat Millenbach,

Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management. [FR Doc. 97–1781 Filed 1–22–97; 8:45 am]

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[MT-067-06-1020-00]

Lewistown District Resource Advisory Council Meeting; Montana

AGENCY: Lewistown District Office, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lewistown District Resource Advisory Council will meet February 4 and 5 1997, in the upstairs meeting room in the Megahertz Building at 223 West Main in Lewistown, Montana

The February 4 portion of the meeting will begin at 1 p.m. Throughout the afternoon the RAC will address the election of officers for 1997; discuss various off-road vehicle designations available for resolving land use issues; review the status of their suggestions for rangeland standards and guidelines; and view a video titled "Landscape" which

discusses the consensus process. The meeting will adjourn around 5 p.m.

The February 5 portion of the meeting will begin at 8 a.m. Throughout the day the RAC will discuss the use of range improvement funds; the Lewistown District's annual work plan; district fire policies; hear public comments; prioritize issues the RAC would like to address; review how the group is functioning; and select their next meeting date.

There will be a public comment period at 11 a.m. during the February 5 meeting.

DATES: February 4 and 5, 1997.

LOCATION: The Megahertz Building, 223 West Main, Lewistown, MT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

District Manager, Lewistown District Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1160, Airport Road, Lewistown, MT 59457.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public and there will be a public comment period as detailed above.

Dated: January 8, 1997.

David L. Mari,

District Manager.

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[MT-070-97-1990-00]

Resource Advisory Council Meeting, Butte, MT

AGENCY: Butte District Office, Bureau of Land Management, D.O.I.

ACTION: Notice of Butte District Resource Advisory Council Meeting, Butte, Montana.

SUMMARY: The council will convene at 9 a.m. Thursday, February 13, 1997. Issues that will be discussed include community based planning, review of abandoned mine priority list for the District, update on Upper Columbia River Basin Draft EIS and Law Enforcement Issues.

The meeting will be held at the District Office Conference Room, 106 North Parkmont, Butte, Montana.

The meeting is open to the public and written comments may be given to the Council. Oral comments may be presented to the Council at 3 p.m. The time allotted for oral comment may be limited, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard. Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meeting, or need special assistance, such as sign language or other reasonable accommodations, should

contact the Butte District, 106 North Parkmont (P.O. Box 3388), Butte, Montana 59702–3388: telephone 406– 494–5059.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jim Owings at the above address or telephone number.

Dated: January 6, 1997.

James R. Owings, *District Manager*.

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[OR-958-0777-54; GP6-0135; OR-19053, OR-19158, OR-19175]

Public Land Order No. 7230; Revocation of Executive Order Dated January 22, 1912, and Secretarial Orders Dated March 29, 1932, and March 17, 1944; Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management,

Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order revokes in their entirety, one Executive order and two Secretarial orders which withdrew 17,557.20 acres of National Forest System lands for the Bureau of Land Management's Powersite Reserve No. 240, and Powersite Classification Nos. 263 and 348. The lands are no longer needed for the purposes for which they were withdrawn. The lands remain closed to surface entry, mining, and mineral leasing by other overlapping withdrawals.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 24, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Betty McCarthy, BLM Oregon/ Washington State Office, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208–2965, 503–952–6155.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1988), it is ordered as follows:

1. The Executive Order dated January 22, 1912, which established Powersite Reserve No. 240, is hereby revoked in its entirety:

Willamette Meridian

Wallowa National Forest

T. 4 N., R. 49 E., Sec. 21, lot 2.

The area described contains 33.20 acres in Wallowa County.

2. The Secretarial Order dated March 29, 1932, which established Powersite Classification No. 263, is hereby revoked in its entirety:

Willamette Meridian

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

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

Sec. 2, lots 1, 2, and 4, and SW1/4NE1/4 and NE1/4SW1/4;

Sec. 3, SE1/4NE1/4;

Sec. 9, SW1/4NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and SE1/4; Sec. 10, lots 3 and 4, and NW1/4NE1/4 and NE1/4SW1/4:

Sec. 16, SW1/4NW1/4.

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

Sec. 12, S1/2NE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4, and NW1/4SE1/4;

Sec. 13, SW1/4NE1/4, W1/2NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, and NW1/4SE1/4;

Sec. 14, SE¹/₄SW¹/₄ and SW¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 23, $NW^{1/4}NE^{1/4}$, $E^{1/2}NW^{1/4}$, and SW1/4SE1/4;

Sec. 25, W¹/₂NW¹/₄ and NW¹/₄SW¹/₄; Sec. 35, NW1/4NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4, and SW1/4SE1/4.

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

Sec. 24, lots 2 to 7, inclusive, E½SW¼, and S1/2SE1/4 excluding Mineral Survey Nos. 507, 601, and 694;

Sec. 25, NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, N1/2SE1/4, and SE1/4SE1/4 excluding Mineral Survey Nos. 601, 723, 738, 747A, and 806.

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

Sec. 6, lots 1, 2, and 3, S1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, N1/2SE1/4SW1/4. SW1/4SE1/4SW1/4, and N1/2SE1/4 excluding Mineral Survey Nos. 746 and 750;

Sec. 7, lots 1 and 4, NW1/4NE1/4NW1/4, S1/2SE1/4NW1/4, and E1/2SW1/4.

T 4 N R 49 E

Sec. 30, lots 2, 3, and 4, and SE1/4SW1/4 excluding Mineral Survey Nos. 723, 738, and 807:

Sec. 31, lots 1, 2, and 3, E1/2NW1/4, and W¹/₂SE¹/₄ excluding Mineral Survey No.

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

Secs. 11 to 14, inclusive, and Secs. 23 to 28, inclusive, all lands within

1/4 mile of North Fork Imnaha River below Middle Fork, and all lands within 1/4 mile of South Fork below Cliff River.

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

Secs. 19 to 29 inclusive, all lands within 1/4 mile of Imnaha River and Forks.

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

Secs. 19 to 27 inclusive, all lands within 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:

Willamette Meridian

Whitman National Forest

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

Sec. 25, all lands lying more than 1/4 mile from Imnaha River.

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

Sec. 31, N1/2N1/2.

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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[UTO80-07-1610-00]

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 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

- · 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.
- · There is a need to improve the overall health of the land.
- Health, diverse wildlife populations desired.

Concerns

How should forage be allocated between livestock, wildlife, and wild horses while achieving watershed and riparian goals?

What mix and level of recreational use can occur while maintaining the area's "Frontier Mystique"?

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?

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?