

**DATES:** Thursday, September 18, 1997, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Friday, September 19, 1997, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Saturday, September 20, 1997, 8:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** All meetings will be held at the Sheraton Denver West Hotel and Conference Center, 360 Union Boulevard, Lakewood, Colorado. Room locations in the hotel will be posted in the hotel lobby. Copies of the agenda are available from the Western Water Policy Review Office, D-5001; P.O. Box 25007; Denver, CO 80225-0007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Commission Office at telephone (303) 236-6211, FAX (303) 236-4286, or E-mail to lschulz@do.usbr.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Public Participation**

Written statements may be provided in advance to the Western Water Policy Review Office, address cited under the **ADDRESSES** caption of this notice, or submitted directly at the meeting. Statements will be provided to the members prior to the meeting if received by no later than September 11, 1997.

The Commission has scheduled time for formal presentations by the public during the meeting during the morning of September 19, 1997. Speakers will be asked to limit presentations to less than 10 minutes, including time for questions and answers. Speakers are asked to reserve time on the agenda by contacting the Commission Office as indicated above, and should provide 25 copies of any handouts at the time of their presentation.

Dated: August 21, 1997.

**Larry Schulz,**

*Administrative Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

**Extension of the Comment Period for Tribal Shares**

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is extending the period during which Tribes and other interested parties may comment on the process whereby Tribes can contract and compact functions of the BIA (See 62 FR 27064, May 16, 1997). Transcripts of the tribal consultations held in Bloomington, Minnesota, Seattle, Washington, and Tempe, Arizona, the List of Inherent Federal Functions and the Tribal Shares Comment Form are available on the BIA

HOME PAGE @ HTTP://WWW.DOI.GOV/BIA/SHARES.HTML.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before September 30, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments are to be mailed to Deborah Maddox, Director, Office of Tribal Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street, NW, MS 4603-MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240; or, hand delivered to Room 4603 at the same address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bettie Rushing, Bureau of Indian Affairs (202) 208-4400.

Dated: August 22, 1997.

**Deborah Maddox,**

*Director, Office of Tribal Services.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[OR-095-07-6332-02; GP7-0278]

**Emergency Closure of Public Lands; Lane County, Oregon**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Temporary closure of public lands and access roads in Lane County, Oregon.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that certain public lands in Lane County, Oregon are temporarily closed to all public use, including vehicle operation, camping, open fires, shooting, hiking and sightseeing, erecting structures and storing personal property, from August 21, 1997 through March 20, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. The closure is made under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1.

The public lands affected by this closure are specifically identified as follows:

**Willamette Meridian, Oregon**

T. 19 S., R. 5 W.,

Sec. 15: A tract of land located in the W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and further being defined by orange paint, orange painted blazed markings, and closure notices on the perimeter trees.

The area described contains approximately 32 acres.

The following persons, operating within the scope of their official duties, are exempt from the provisions of this closure order: Bureau employees; state, local and federal law enforcement and fire protection personnel; the holders of BLM road use permits that include roads within the closure area; the purchaser of BLM timber within the closure area and its employees and

subcontractors. Access by additional parties may be allowed, but must be approved in advance in writing by the Authorized Officer.

Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this closure order may be subject to, but not limited to, the penalties provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7, which include a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months, as well as the penalties provided under Oregon State law.

The public lands temporarily closed to public use under this order will be posted with signs at points of public access.

The purpose of this temporary closure is to protect persons from potential harm from logging operations, to protect valuable public timber resources from unauthorized damage, to facilitate authorized timber harvest operations, and to protect natural resources from fire, unauthorized uses, unsanitary conditions, degradation and to provide for public and employee safety.

**DATES:** This closure is effective from August 21, 1997 through March 20, 1998 at 6:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the closure order and maps showing the location of the closed lands are available during business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.) from the Eugene District Office, P. O. Box 10226 (2890 Chad Drive), Eugene, Oregon 97440.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Doug Huntington, Public Information Officer, Eugene District office, at (541) 683-6600.

Dated: August 21, 1997.

**Denis Williamson,**

*District Manager, Eugene District.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[OR-130-1020-00; GP7-0274]

**Call for Nominations for the Academician and Commercial Timber Positions on the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council; Call for Nominations Notice**

**AGENCY:** Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to solicit public nominations for an academician and commercial timber representative for the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council,

established and authorized in 1995 by the Secretary of the Interior to provide advice and recommendations to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Forest Service on management of public lands.

The Council, which was established in August, 1995, is made up of 15 members. This notice requests nominations to fill the vacant academican and commercial timber positions for the balance of their terms which expire in August of 1998.

The Council, which covers eastern Washington, has worked closely with the BLM on the development of standards for rangeland health and guidelines for grazing management, and in providing comments on the draft environmental impact statements for the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project.

This council is authorized under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), which directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of lands administered by BLM. Section 309 of FLPMA directs the Secretary to select 10 to 15 member citizen-based advisory councils that are established and authorized consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). As required by the FACA, Resource Advisory Council membership must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of public lands. These include three categories:

*Category One:* Holders of federal grazing permits, representatives of energy and mining development, timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-road vehicle use and developed recreation.

*Category Two:* Representatives of environmental and resource conservation organizations, dispersed recreation, archeological and historic interests, and wild horse and burro groups.

*Category Three:* Representatives of State and local government, Native American Tribes, academicians involved in natural sciences, employees of State agencies responsible for the management of natural resources, land, or water, and the public at large.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees must be residents of the State of Washington. The Eastern Washington Council covers eastern Washington (with the exception of the area south of the Snake River drainages).

Nominees for the academican position will be evaluated based on their experience as an academican in a natural resource related field and their

knowledge of the geographic area covered by the Council. Nominees for the commercial timber position will be evaluated based on their experience working in the commercial timber industry and their knowledge of the geographic area covered by the Council. Nominees must also have demonstrated a commitment to collaborative resource decision making. All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from represented interests or organizations, a completed background information nomination form, as well as any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications. The BLM Oregon/Washington State Director, the Forest Service Regional Forester, and the Washington Governor's Office will forward the nominations to the Secretary of Interior, who will make the appointment to the Council.

This nomination period will also be announced through press releases issued by the BLM Oregon/Washington State Office. Nominations for Resource Advisory Councils should be sent to: Elaine Zielinski, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon/Washington State Director, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, OR, 97208-2965.

**DATES:** All nominations must be received by the BLM Oregon/Washington State Office on or before September 25, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brenda Lincoln Wojtanik, OR 912, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon/Washington State Office, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon, 97208-2965; or call 503-952-6437.

Dated August 19, 1997.

**Joseph K. Buesing,**  
District Manager.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[OR-020-07-1060-04: GP 7-273]

### Oregon: Wild Horse Gathering Schedule Meeting Notice

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), DOI.

**ACTION:** Burns District Office: Statewide wild horse gathering schedule public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Pub. L. 92-195, this notice sets forth the public meeting date to discuss the use of helicopters in gathering wild horses and the proposed gathering schedule in Oregon for FY97.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 15, 1997—2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the BLM Burns District Office in Hines, Oregon.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael T. Green, District Manager, Burns District, Bureau of Land Management, HC 74-12533 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738, Telephone (503) 573-4400.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The use of helicopters to gather wild horses throughout southeastern Oregon in FY97 will be discussed along with other aspects of the program and adoption process. Information concerning the gathering of several Oregon wild horse herds will be presented at the meeting. The total number of horses expected to be gathered will be between 300 and 600 depending on the availability of funds and the capability of the Burns District to process and adopt out the horses gathered.

This meeting is open to the public. Persons interested in making an oral statement at this meeting are asked to notify the District Manager, Burns District Office, HC 74-12533 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738 by September 8, 1997. Written statements must be received by this date.

Summary minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection and duplication within 30 days following the meeting.

Dated: August 8, 1997.

**Jerome A. Petzold,**

Assistant District Manager for Operations.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[OR-094-07-1430-01: GP7-0270; OR 53849]

### Realty Action; Noncompetitive Lease of Public Land; Lane County, Oregon

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of realty action—noncompetitive lease of public land in Lane County, Oregon.

**SUMMARY:** The following described parcel of public land is being considered for lease under Section 302 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1732), at no less than the appraised fair market value:

**Willamette Meridian, Oregon**

T. 18 S., R. 12 W.