

suspended further development of the river plan in order to focus its limited resources on allotment-specific evaluation and improvement of grazing management in the John Day basin. This effort has continued under the joint BLM/U.S. Forest Service's 1995 "Interim Strategies for Managing Anadromous Fish-producing Watersheds in Eastern Oregon and Washington, Idaho, and portions of California" (known as PACFISH), and has resulted in a number of changes in grazing management and reductions in authorized grazing use on public lands along the John Day River.

The BLM is now re-initiating development of the John Day River management plan. In light of comments on the 1993 draft plan, the BLM intends to address all significant resource uses in the revised draft plan, including grazing and agricultural leasing.

Preliminary future management strategies (alternatives) to be addressed are (1) Baseline/Current Use, Development and Management (No Action), (2) Maximum Enhancement of Natural Values With Minimal Development, (3) Required Protection and System Restoration with Moderate Use and Development, (4) Increased Use and Development to Enhance Local Economic Activity and Developed Recreation Consistent with River Resource Protection and (5) a Preferred Alternative (to be developed from elements of the other alternatives with public input). Any decisions which are inconsistent with the current Two Rivers or John Day RMPs would result in amendments to the applicable plans as a result of the Oregon State Director approval of the Record of Decision. A team of interdisciplinary specialists, whose backgrounds are in the resources to be affected, will be involved in the review and development of the description of the affected environment, development of alternatives and impact analysis. Disciplines to be represented on the team preparing the plan amendment and EIS include, but are not limited to: Archeology, anthropology, economics, lands and minerals, recreation, forestry, fisheries, hydrology, botanical, soils, wildlife, geology and hazardous materials.

The Prineville District's Two Rivers (1986) and John Day (1985, 1995) Resource Management Plans (RMPs) currently provide general management for the river corridors and known river related values as well as overall land resource use allocations and resource protection or enhancement. Although it is anticipated that the final decisions for river management considered through this analysis could be in full

conformance with the applicable RMPs, it is possible that portions of some actions under some alternatives may not be in full conformance with the approved RMPs, as required by 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Subpart 1610.5-3, "Conformity and Implementation". The environmental analysis and public and interagency review process anticipated for this analysis are expected to fully comply with the Bureau's regulations for land use planning, including land use plan amendments, public involvement and coordination with other Federal agencies, State and local governments and Indian tribes (43 CFR 1610.2, 1610.3 and 1610.5-5). This will allow the analysis to consider river corridor and value strategies which are inconsistent with the current direction or substantially affect other resource uses and allocations in one or more of the subject approved RMPs. Any approved decisions which amend the applicable plans will be incorporated into the plans and become part of the permanent planning record. Any refinements or clarifications or management direction, priority of river resource allocations and use of final river corridor boundaries will be incorporated into the applicable plans and documented through published plan maintenance reports, as provided under 43 CFR 1610.5-4. Copies of the two existing approved plans (as amended) will be available in the same locations as the other elements of the supporting record, as noted elsewhere in this notice.

The decisions made through this analysis are expected to be implemented in a series of actions over a period of several years. While the BLM intends to implement most of the final river plan within approximately two years of the approval of the decision(s), some actions that are in conformance with the analysis and decisions and associated approved RMPs may occur over a period of ten or more years. This analysis will serve to facilitate the immediate need for a comprehensive river plan and some immediate changes in resource use, resource allocations, vegetation remediation or recreational facility projects. It will also provide for future long-term actions that fall under the programmatic nature of this analysis dealing with "desired future conditions". Future site developments, land use allocation changes and projects would be subject to appropriate environmental analyses, public and interagency reviews and will be reported in the applicable District periodic planning update reports which

are distributed to known interested parties.

Dated: September 4, 1997.

James G. Kenna,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Land Use Plan Amendment, Jefferson County, ID

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a plan amendment for the medicine lodge Resource Management Plan (RMP), approved in April of 1985, to provide for the adjustment of the Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area (WSA) Boundary and a proposed direct land sale.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the regulations found at 43 CFR 1600, the Idaho Falls District Office of the Bureau of Land Management proposes to amend the Medicine Lodge Resource Management Plan in order to adjust a Wilderness Study Area boundary. The amendment would also provide for the direct sale of approximately 10 acres of public land.

DATES: Comments regarding the proposed plan amendment must be received by October 27, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Joe Kraayenbrink, BLM Area Manager, Medicine Lodge Resource Area, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information concerning the proposed plan amendment may be obtained by contacting Bruce Bash, Realty Specialist, at the above address or by calling (208) 524-7521.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed plan amendment would adjust the boundary of the Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area to exclude existing developments which were included in error within the WSA boundary. These developments consist of powerlines, roads and trails, numerous dispersed recreational sites, and a parcel of privately-owned land. The developments impair the naturalness of the WSA and should not have been included within the WSA boundary during the original inventory process. The amendment would also allow the BLM to sell approximately 10 acres of public land to resolve an encroachment problem.

The following resources will be considered in preparation of the amendment: lands, wildlife, recreation, wilderness, range, minerals, cultural resources, watershed/soils, threatened/endangered species, and hazardous materials. Staff specialists representing each resource will make up the planning team. Planning issues will include the same planning criteria originally considered for the Medicine Lodge RMP; however, issues for this amendment are expected to primarily involve the proposed WSA boundary adjustment and the minor change in land ownership. This action is not expected to be controversial.

No public meetings are scheduled.

Current land use planning information is available at the Idaho Falls BLM office. Office hours are 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday except holidays.

Dated: September 3, 1997.

Joe Kraayenbrink,

Area Manager, Medicine Lodge Resource Area.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-020-1430-01]

Notice of Realty Action, Sale of Public Land in Minidoka County, ID

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Sale of public land in Minidoka County.

SUMMARY: The following-described public land has been examined and through the public-supported land use planning process has been determined to be suitable for disposal by direct sale pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended. The land will not be offered for sale until at least 60 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Boise Meridian, Idaho

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Sec. 2: Lots 10, 11, 16, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Comprising 39.89 acres of public land, more or less.

The patent, when issued, will contain a reservation to the United States for ditches and canals and will be subject to existing rights-of-way for two buried telephone cables, a railroad, and a county road.

DATES: Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land

described above will be segregated from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, except the sale provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. The segregative effect will end upon issuance of patent or 270 days from the date of publication, whichever occurs first.

ADDRESSES: Any comments on this notice should be mailed by close of business on October 15, 1997 to the Bureau of Land Management, Snake River Resource Area, Attention: Scott Barker, 15 East 200 South, Burley, ID 83318.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott D. Barker, Realty Specialist, (208) 677-6678.

Dated: August 29, 1997.

Tom Dyer,

Snake River Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decrees Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as Amended

Notice is hereby given that on September 3, 1997, a proposed partial consent decree in *United States v. Barrier Industries, Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 95 Civ. 9114 (JSR), was lodged with the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

In this action, the United States sought the recovery of response costs incurred by the United States with respect to the Barrier Industries Superfund Site (the "Site") in Port Jervis, New York. The proposed partial consent decree resolves the United States' claims under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, and the Federal Debt Collection Procedures Act of 1990, 28 U.S.C. 3301 *et seq.*, against defendants Harvey Wasserman and Linda Wasserman ("the Wassermans") relating to the Site. Under the terms of the proposed partial consent decree, the Wassermans will pay \$120,000 in satisfaction of the United States' claims.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the proposed partial consent decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the

Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Barrier Industries, Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 95 Civ. 9114 (JSR), D.J. Ref. 90-11-2-1132.

The proposed partial consent decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, 100 Church Street, New York, New York 10007, at U.S. EPA Region II, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007, and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 624-0892. A copy of the proposed partial consent decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check in the amount of \$10.75 (25 cent per page reproduction cost).

Joel M. Gross,

Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Undergraduate Education; Notice of Meetings

This notice is being published in accord with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended). During the periods September and October, 1997, the Special Emphasis Panel will be holding panel meetings to review and evaluate research proposals. The dates, contact person, and types of proposals are as follows:

Special Emphasis Panel in Undergraduate Education (1214)

1. *Date:* September 17-20, 1997.

Contact: Frank Settle, Program Director, Room 835, 703-306-1666.

Times: 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (September 17); 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (September 18-19); 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (September 20).

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Type of Proposal: Course and Curriculum Development Program.

Reason for Late Notice: Determination that a Phase II panel was needed was not made until the time requirement for the meeting notice had passed. Conducting this review was essential this FY.

2. *Date:* October 15-17, 1997.

Contact: Terry Woodin, Program Director, Room 835, 703-306-1666.

Times: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.