

measures to be implemented under the umbrella of the company's "environmental principles." The measures would be developed under the following general categories:

1. Riparian Management Areas.

Conservation measures would be developed to regulate activities in riparian areas. Such measures would address habitat needs by providing adequate wood for habitat complexity, adequate canopy cover for temperature management, and adequate filtration for the prevention of sediment delivery to streams.

2. Forest Road Management.

Sediment from forest roads is recognized as having the potential to significantly impact fish habitat. Conservation measures would be developed to minimize the delivery of sediment from forest roads to streams.

3. Grazing. Livestock grazing (primarily cattle) occurs on over 40% of Plum Creek ownership in the planning area. Intensive grazing on many of these acres has occurred annually for decades, and for over a century in some locations. Conservation measures would be developed to manage riparian impacts resulting from grazing.

4. Land-Use Planning. Plum Creek owns property in the planning area that may ultimately have long-term uses other than forestry. Plum Creek also buys and sells land in the planning area. Land Use Planning measures would be developed to mitigate the impacts of future development or land ownership adjustments.

5. Legacy Management and Other Restoration Opportunities. On Plum Creek ownership, the legacy impacts of a variety of past management activities may have a greater bearing on fish habitat health than current practices under well-informed land-management policies and regulations. Restoration and legacy-management projects designed to remove threats to fish habitat may be identified as a part of this Plan.

6. Administration and Implementation. Plum Creek would initiate a program to monitor significant elements of the Plan and develop a program to inform and educate contractors and employees on standards and practices to be implemented.

Monitoring and Adaptive Management

As currently envisioned, the Plan would incorporate active adaptive management features, including watershed analysis. Research and monitoring would help determine the effectiveness of the Plan, validate models used to develop the Plan, and provide the basic information used to

implement "mid-course corrections" if necessary.

Dated: December 8, 1997.

Thomas Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

A request revising and extending the collection of information listed below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's Clearance Officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made within 30 days directly to the Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to the Bureau Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, Reston, VA 20192.

As required by OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the U.S. Geological Survey solicits specific public comments regarding the proposed information collection as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The utility, quality, and clarity of the information to be collected; and,
4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Lime.

Current OMB approval number: 1032-0038.

Abstract: Respondents supply the U.S. Geological Survey with domestic

production, values, end-use data, and capacity information on the domestic lime industry. This information will be published as an Annual Report for use by Government agencies, industry, and the general public.

Bureau form number: 6-1221-A.

Frequency: Annual.

Description of respondents:

Commercial and captive producers of quicklime, hydrated lime, and dead-burned dolomite.

Annual Responses: 110.

Annual burden hours: 165.

Bureau clearance officer: John E. Cordyack, Jr., 703-648-7313.

John H. DeYoung, Jr.,

Acting Chief Scientist, Minerals Information Team.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Title: Portland and Masonry Cement.

OMB approval number: 1028-0058.

Abstract: Respondents supply the U.S. Geological Survey with data on cement shipments to final customers. This information will be published as monthly reports for use by Government agencies, industry, and the general public.

Bureau form number: 9-3079.

Frequency: Monthly.

Description of respondents:

Manufacturers and importers of portland and masonry cement.

Annual responses: 600.

Annual burden hours: 300.

Bureau clearance officer: John E. Cordyack, Jr., 703-648-7313.

John H. DeYoung, Jr.,

Chief Scientist, Minerals Information Team.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-990-1020-01]

Call for Nominations for Upper Snake River District, Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Resource Advisory Council Call for Nominations.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to solicit public nominations for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Upper Snake River District (USRD), Resource Advisory Council that have two vacant positions, which expire August 1998. This Council provides advice and recommendations to the BLM USRD on land use planning and management of the public lands within central and eastern Idaho. Public nominations will be considered for 30 days after the publication date of this notice.

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) 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 members appointed to the council must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands. The two vacant categories are in Category 1 and Category 2. Category 1 includes holders of federal grazing permits, representatives of energy and mining development, timber industry, off-road vehicle use and developed recreation; Category 2 includes representatives of environmental and resource conservation organizations,

archaeological and historic interests, and wild horse and burro groups. Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees must be residents of the State of Idaho in which the council has jurisdiction. Nominees will be evaluated based on their education, training, and experience of the issues and knowledge of the geographical area of the Council. Nominees should 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.

Simultaneous with this notice, BLM Upper Snake River District will issue press releases providing additional information for submitting nominations and with specifics about the positions available for this council. Nominations for Upper Snake River District Resource Advisory Council should be sent to Debra Kovar, BLM Shoshone Resource Area Office, 400 West F Street, P O Box 2-B, Shoshone, Idaho 83352-1522.

Dated: December 5, 1997.

Tom Dyer,

Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Northeast National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska Draft Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice of availability and announcement of public subsistence-related hearing schedule

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management announces the availability

of Northeast National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska Draft Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (IAP/EIS). The planning area is roughly bounded by the Colville River to the east and south, the Ikpikpuk River to the west and the Beaufort Sea to the north. The IAP/EIS contains five alternatives for a land management plan for the 4.6 million-acre planning area and assessments of each plan's impacts on the surface resources present there. These alternatives provide varying answers to two primary questions. First, will BLM conduct oil and gas lease sales in the planning area and, if so, what lands will be made available for leasing? Second, what protections and enhancements will be implemented for natural and cultural resources and the activities that are based on these resources?

Alternative A calls for no action, or no change from the status quo, and under it no leasing would occur. Alternatives B through E make progressively more land, and more environmentally sensitive land, available to possible leasing. Alternative B makes 43 percent available, Alternative C makes 74 percent available, Alternative D makes 89 percent available and Alternative E makes the entire planning area available. Restrictive stipulations would provide protections for natural and cultural resources under all alternatives, but their number and scope would vary between alternatives.

Alternative A contains the fewest stipulations because it authorizes the fewest activities and entirely precludes leasing. As alternatives B through E make progressively more sensitive lands available for leasing, they also include increasing numbers of protective stipulations. Thus, while Alternative E opens the entire planning area to leasing it also has many specific stipulations whose intent is to ensure that sensitive natural resources are protected.

Some alternatives contain proposals for specially designated areas that would enhance recognition of their values. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to identify specific lands in the NPR-A as "Special Areas", and there are two previously designated Special Areas within the planning area. Some alternatives recommend that the Pik Dunes, an unusual geologic feature in the planning area with importance for caribou, be added to the existing Teshekpuk Lake Special Area. Some alternatives also contain recommendations that lands along the Ikpikpuk River be designated as a Special Area for their paleontological values.