

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management****[NV-930-1430-ER]****Notice of Intent; NV**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Amended notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to consider the Toquop Energy Project/Lincoln County well field, water pipeline, power plant site, and access road rights-of-way in southeastern Lincoln County, Nevada and related exchange of public land in Lincoln County, Nevada for private land in Washoe County, Nevada and to amend the Caliente Management Framework Plan to address the proposed exchange of public land in Lincoln County, Nevada (to be used in part as the site of the Toquop Energy Project) for private land in Washoe County, Nevada.

SUMMARY: On July 27, 2001, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (Volume 66, Number 145, Page 39193) announcing the intent of the Bureau of Land Management to prepare an EIS to consider the Toquop Energy Project/Lincoln County well field, water pipeline, and access road rights-of-way in southeastern Lincoln County, Nevada. The public comment period on the scope of the EIS closed on September 10, 2001. As a result of public comments received during the scoping period, the Bureau of Land Management intends to incorporate a proposed exchange of public land in Lincoln County, Nevada (to be used in part as the site of the Toquop Energy Project) for private land in Washoe County, Nevada within the scope of the EIS. Previously, the land exchange was being considered in a separate environmental assessment. In addition, the Bureau of Land Management will prepare an amendment to the Caliente Management Framework to address the proposed land exchange.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Bureau of Land Management, Gene A. Kolkman, Ely Field Manager, HC 33, Box 33500, Ely, Nevada 89301-9408.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Daniel R. Netcher, Team Leader for Lands and Minerals, at the above address or telephone (775) 289-1872.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Toquop Energy has proposed an 1100 megawatt electrical generation facility fueled by natural gas from the Kern River gas pipeline. The facility is proposed to be

located at T. 11 S., R. 69 E., Section 36, Mount Diablo Meridian. The facility would be located on lands which are currently public lands and would be the subject of a land exchange. Nevada Land and Resource Company has proposed to exchange private land in Washoe County, Nevada for public land in Lincoln County, Nevada, a portion of which will be used as the site for the power plant. Toquop Energy has submitted an application for a Federal Land Policy and Management Act right-of-way for the power plant site, road access, well field, and water pipeline access to the facility. The Bureau of Land Management will prepare a proposed amendment to the Caliente Management Framework Plan to address the land exchange. This EIS will evaluate the proposed Management Framework Plan amendment, the proposed land exchange and the proposed right-of-way action. The EIS will consider a No Action alternative and other alternatives including alternate locations and alignment of the well field, water pipelines, power plant site, and access road.

Public Involvement: Public informational meetings for the Toquop Energy Project EIS were held July 11, 2001, in Caliente, Nevada and July 12, 2001, in Mesquite, Nevada. A scoping meeting for the Toquop Energy Project EIS was held August 15, 2001, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Public scoping meetings for the Pah Rah/Toquop Land Exchange were held July 11, 2001, in Mesquite, Nevada and July 12, 2001, in Reno, Nevada. The public is encouraged to provide additional written comments on the Bureau of Land Management's intent to prepare a proposed amendment to the Caliente Management Framework plan and to address the proposed amendment and related land exchange in the EIS for the Toquop Energy Project. The comment period for the scoping of the EIS will commence with the publication of the Notice. Those who have comments on the EIS should respond in writing within 30 days from the date of publication of the Notice. The Notice will be distributed by mail on or about the date of publication of the Notice in the Notice publication. Release of the draft amendment to the Caliente Management Framework Plan and the draft EIS regarding the amendment, the related land exchange and the Toquop Energy Project will be announced in the local news media, as these dates are established.

Dated: October 4, 2001.

Eric K. Luse,

Associate Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management****[CO-600-00-1040-PG-241A]****Southwest Colorado and Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council Meetings**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the Southwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will be held December 6, 2001, at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Office located at 2465 South Townsend in Montrose, Colorado. Notice is also given that the next meeting of the Northwest Colorado RAC will be held on December 13, 2001, at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Office located at 2815 H Road in Grand Junction, Colorado.

DATES: Southwest RAC meeting: December 6, 2001; Northwest RAC meeting: December 13, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry J. Porter, Bureau of Land Management, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506; Telephone (970) 244-3012.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Southwest Colorado RAC will meet on Thursday, December 6, 2001, in the main conference room of the Montrose BLM Office located at 2465 South Townsend in Montrose, Colorado. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m., and will adjourn upon completion of the agenda, approximately 4 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to provide orientation to newly-appointed council members and to consider several resource management topics including travel management, oil and gas program, weed management, and coordination with other advisory councils.

The Northwest Colorado RAC will meet on Thursday, December 13, 2001, in the main conference room of the Grand Junction BLM Office located at 2815 H Road in Grand Junction, Colorado. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m., and will adjourn upon completion of the agenda, approximately 4 p.m.. The purpose of the meeting is to provide orientation to newly-appointed council members, to receive updates on recent

land use planning activities, and to receive RAC subcommittee updates.

These meetings are open to the public. Interested members of the public may present written or oral comments to either of the RACs at 9:30 a.m. on their respective meeting dates. Per-person time limits for oral statements may be set to allow all interested individuals an opportunity to speak. Subject to the time available, individuals may also be allowed to provide input to the councils during the discussion of specific agenda topics.

Summary minutes of RAC meetings are maintained in the BLM Western Slope Center Office located at 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, CO 81506, phone (970) 244-3000. Minutes are available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting.

Dated: October 17, 2001.

Mark W. Stiles,

Western Slope Center Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-070-1020-PG]

Upper Snake River District Resource Advisory Council; Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Upper Snake River District Resource Advisory Council Meeting; Locations and times.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C., the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) meeting of the Upper Snake River District Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will be held as indicated below. The agenda for this two-day meeting will largely cover planning issues in the Upper Snake River District, principally the Pocatello Resource Management Plan and the Craters of the Moon National Monument Plan. The agenda may change as issues warrant between publication of this notice and the meeting.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written or oral comments to the council. Each formal council meeting will have a time allocated for hearing public comments. Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the

meetings, or need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations should contact David Howell at the Upper Snake River District Office, 1405 Hollipark Dr., Idaho Falls, ID 83401, or telephone (208) 524-7559.

DATES AND TIMES: The meeting will be held November 28-29, 2001 at the BLM office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, in Idaho Falls. An executive session of the RAC will begin at 1 p.m., and the full RAC meeting will begin at 2 p.m. The meeting will conclude no later than 3 p.m. the following day. Public comments, if any, will be scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. on November 29.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Resource Advisory Council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with the management of the of the public lands.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Howell, Upper Snake River District, 1405 Hollipark Dr., Idaho Falls, ID 83401, (208) 524-7559.

Dated: October 4, 2001.

Joe Kraayenbrink,

Idaho Falls Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Lower Snake River District Resource Advisory Council; Meeting

AGENCY: Lower Snake River District, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lower Snake River District Resource Advisory Council will meet in Boise. Agenda topics include subgroup reports on the OHV initiative, sage grouse and river recreation, as well as an update on the two new Resource Management Plans and other land management issues.

DATES: December 6, 2001. The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. Public comment periods will be held after each topic. The meeting is expected to adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Lower Snake River District Office, located at 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Jones, Lower Snake River District Office (208-384-3305).

Dated: September 21, 2001.

Katherine Kitchell,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-500-1310-PB-252Z]

Front Range Resource Advisory Council (Colorado); Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix, notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the Front Range Resource Advisory Council (Colorado) will be held on January 10, 2002 in Canon City, Colorado.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:15 a.m. at the Holy Cross Abbey Community Center, 2951 E. Highway 50, Canon City, Colorado. Topics will include an update on current public land issues and an update on the Bureau of Land Management minerals program.

All Resource Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to the Council at 9:30 a.m. or written statements may be submitted for the Council's consideration. The Center Manager may limit the length of oral presentations depending on the number of people wishing to speak.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2002 from 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Front Range Center Office, 3170 East Main Street, Canon City, Colorado 81212.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information contact Ken Smith at (719)269-8500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Summary minutes for the Council meeting will be maintained in the Front Range Center Office and will be available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting.

Dated: October 4, 2001.

Roy L. Masinton,

Royal Gorge Field Manager.

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