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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 establishes a five-year payment schedule to local counties in lieu of funds formerly derived from the harvest of timber on federal lands. Pursuant to the Act, BLM established five Committees for western Oregon BLM districts that contain O&C grant lands and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands. Committees consist of 15 local citizens, plus 6 alternates, representing a wide array of interests.

The Act creates a new mechanism for local community collaboration with federal land management activities in the selection of projects to be conducted on federal lands or that will benefit resources on federal lands using funds under Title II of the Act. Committee members review proposed projects and transmit their recommendations on those projects to the agency.

Committee membership must be balanced in terms of the categories of interest represented. Members serve without monetary compensation, but will be reimbursed for travel and per diem when on Committee business, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5703. Prospective members and alternates are advised that serving on a Resource Advisory Committee calls for a substantial commitment of time and energy.

Any individual or organization may nominate one or more persons to serve on the Committees. Individuals may also nominate themselves or others. Nominees must reside within one of the counties that are (in whole or part) within the BLM District boundaries of the Committee(s) on which membership is sought. A person may apply for and serve on more than one Committee. Nominees will be evaluated based on their education, training, and experience relating to land use issues and knowledge of the geographical area of the Committee. Nominees must also demonstrate a commitment to collaborative resource decision-making.

You may make nominations for the following categories of interest:

*Category One*—representatives of organized labor; developed outdoor recreation; off-highway vehicle use; energy and/or mining development;

timber industry; or holders of federal grazing permits.

*Category Two*—representatives of nationally, regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations; dispersed recreation, archaeological and historic interests; or wild horse and burro groups.

*Category Three*—State, county or local elected officials; representatives of Native American Tribes; school officials or teachers, or the public-at-large.

The BLM Resource Advisory Committees are based on western Oregon BLM District boundaries. Specifically, the BLM Committees are as follows:

*Salem District Resource Advisory Committee* advises officials on projects associated with federal lands within the Salem District boundary which includes Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington, and Yamhill Counties.

*Eugene District Resource Advisory Committee* advises federal officials on projects associated with federal lands within the Eugene District boundary. The area covers Benton, Douglas, Lane, and Linn Counties.

*Roseburg District Resource Advisory Committee* advises federal officials on projects associated with federal lands within the Roseburg District boundary which includes Douglas, Lane, and Jackson Counties.

*Medford District Resource Advisory Committee* advises federal officials on projects associated with federal lands within the Medford District and Klamath Falls Resource Area in the Lakeview District. The area covers Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, and Josephine Counties, and small portions of west Klamath County.

*Coos Bay District Resource Advisory Committee* advises federal officials on projects associated with federal lands within the Coos Bay District which includes Coos, Curry, Douglas, and Lane Counties.

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**Ron Wenker,**

*Medford District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-030-1610-DO-033F]

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Amendment to the Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to conduct public scoping meetings and solicit scoping comments in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement and an amendment to the Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Carson City Field Office, the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, the Yerington Paiute Tribe, Douglas County, Lyon County, Carson City, other State and Federal agencies, and interested citizens and organizations will jointly prepare an amendment to the Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan. The planning area is composed of approximately 400,000 acres of BLM-managed public land, Public Domain Individual Indian Allotments, and intermingled private lands in the Pine Nut Mountains, east of Carson City, Nevada. The Environmental Impact Statement, will analyze the impacts of the proposed plan amendment and alternatives.

Issues identified during preliminary internal BLM scoping include:

(1) Urban Interface Management, (2) Off Highway Vehicle Use and Management, (3) Recreation/Visual and Scenic Resources, (4) Lands and Land Tenure Issues, (5) Wildlife and Threatened and Endangered Species Management, (6) Livestock Management, (7) Wild Horse Population Management, (8) Fire Management, (9) Cultural Resource Management, (10) Native American Issues, (11) Minerals, (12) Air Quality, (13) Water Resources, (14) Soils and Noxious Weeds, (15) Special Areas, (16) Hazardous Wastes/Materials. State and Federal Agency resource specialists, Native Americans, and individuals with expertise in the disciplines and issues listed above will participate in preparation of this plan amendment.

**DATES:** Public participation opportunities will be provided by the collaborative nature of this planning process in addition to those prescribed by BLM planning and NEPA regulations. BLM has engaged a diverse

group of local government representatives, State agency personnel, other Federal agencies, members of the Washoe Tribe and the Yerington Paiute Tribe, organizations, and interested citizens to jointly prepare the Pine Nut Mountain Plan Amendment. Public scoping meetings will be held in conjunction with the Douglas and Lyon County regularly scheduled County Commissioner meetings and the Carson City Board of Supervisors meetings. Public participation activities, including scoping meetings to identify issues and planning criteria, will be announced at least 15 days before the scheduled meeting in the local news media and notices sent to persons and parties on the mailing list. These meetings will be held in order to allow the public an opportunity to identify issues and concerns to be addressed in the plan amendment and environmental analysis. Scoping comments will be accepted until March 31, 2002, or 60 days from the publication of this notice, whichever is later. Scoping comments may be submitted during the public meetings or sent to: Field Office Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701.

If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information, write to the Field Manager of the Carson City Field Office at the address listed in the **DATES** section of this notice, call or email Tom Crawford (BLM Team Leader) at (775) 885-6169, or Mike McQueen (BLM NEPA Coordinator) at (775) 885-6120.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed plan amendment schedule is as follows:

Begin Public Scoping and Planning Criteria Review—January, 2002  
Release Draft Plan Amendment/EIS for 90-day Public Review—April, 2003  
Release Proposed Plan Amendment and Final EIS for 60-day Governor's Consistency Review and concurrent 30-day public protest period—April, 2004  
Issue Plan Amendment and Record of Decision—June, 2004

The Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan and the Pre-Plan Analysis and Project Management Plan for the Pine Nut mountains Plan Amendment are available at the Carson City Field Office.

#### Preliminary Planning Criteria

Preliminary planning criteria have been developed to ensure that the plan amendment is tailored to the issues identified and ensure that unnecessary data collection and analysis would be avoided. These criteria may change in response to public comment and coordination with State and local governments or other Federal agencies. The criteria developed for the Pine Nut Mountains Plan Amendment are described below.

1. Any lands located within the Pine Nut Mountains Planning Area administrative boundary, which are acquired by the BLM, will be managed in a manner consistent with the plan subject to any constraints associated with the acquisition.
2. The plan will recognize the State's responsibility to manage wildlife.
3. The plan will address transportation and access.
4. The planning process will involve Native American tribal governments and will provide strategies for the consideration of recognized traditional uses.
5. Decisions in the plan will strive to be consistent with the existing plans and policies of adjacent local, State, Tribal and Federal agencies, to the extent consistent with Federal law.
6. Plan will support BLM's noxious weed policy as outlined in the Partners Against Weeds document (January 1996) and the CCFO's Weed Prevention Schedule (1997).
7. GIS and metadata information will meet FGDC EO 12906 (June 8, 1994) standards.

Dated: December 11, 2001.

**John O. Singlaub,**

*Field Office Manager.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Bureau of Land Management

**[WY-920-1320-EL]**

#### **Powder River Regional Coal Team Activities: Notice of Public Meeting in Casper, WY**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Powder River Regional Coal Team (RCT) has scheduled a public meeting for May 30, 2002, to review current and proposed activities in the Powder River Coal Region and to review pending coal lease applications (LBA).

**DATES:** The RCT meeting will begin at 9 a.m. MDT on May 30, 2002. The meeting is open to the public.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Building, 777 West First Street, Casper, Wyoming 82602.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bob Janssen, Regional Coal Coordinator, BLM Wyoming State Office, Division of Minerals and Lands, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009; telephone 307-775-6206.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The primary purpose of the meeting is to discuss pending coal lease by applications (LBA's) in the Powder River Basin. Specific applications for the RCT to consider include:

1. *Mt. Logan LBA.* This new LBA, filed by Cordero Mining Co., is for 7,247.01 acres with approximately 614.4 million tons of Federal coal. The RCT needs to consider the processing schedule for the Mt. Logan LBA.
2. *West Extension-Eagle Butte LBA.* This new LBA, filed by RAG Wyoming Land Co., is adjacent to the Eagle Butte Mine. Approximately 1656.62 acres and 200 million tons of Federal coal are involved. The RCT needs to consider the processing schedule for the West Extension-Eagle Butte LBA.
3. *Big Thunder LBA.* This new LBA, filed by Jacob's Ranch Coal Co. is adjacent to the Black Thunder and Jacob's Ranch mines. Approximately 5634.00 acres and 715.0 million tons of Federal coal are involved. This application overlaps the Little Thunder LBA which is presently being processed. The RCT needs to consider the processing schedule for the Big Thunder LBA and also the overlap with the Little Thunder LBA.

4. Any other LBAs filed before the May 30, 2002, meeting. The RCT may generate recommendation(s) for any or all of these topics.

The meeting will serve as a forum for public discussion on Federal coal management issues of concern in the Powder River Basin region. Any party interested in providing comments or data related to the above pending applications may either do so in writing to the State Director (925), BLM Wyoming State Office, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003, no later than May 15, 2002, or by addressing the RCT with his/her concerns at the meeting on May 30, 2002.