

parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns. The public scoping process will identify planning issues and develop planning criteria.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process. Comments on preliminary issues and suggestions for potential planning criteria can be submitted in writing to the address listed below and will be accepted for 30 days following the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Public meetings will be held throughout the plan scoping and preparation period. In order to ensure local community participation and input, open houses will be held in locations most closely affiliated with the public lands in the planning area. Probable locations include: Cedarville, CA; Alturas, CA; Susanville, CA; Reno, NV; and Redding, CA. These public meetings are scheduled to be held throughout the month of August 2003. Specific dates and meeting locations will be announced by BLM through news releases, direct mailings or other applicable means of public notification within 15 days of the event.

ADDRESSES: Scoping comments should be sent to Jeff Fontana, Public Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Eagle Lake Field Office, 2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville, California 96130; FAX 530.257.4831. BLM will maintain a record of public documents related to the development of the RMPs at the Eagle Lake Field Office at the address listed above. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents will be available for public review at the Eagle Lake Field Office in Susanville, California during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays, and may be published as part of the EIS. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. Individuals who wish to withhold their name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act must state this prominently at the beginning of their 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: Jeff Fontana, Public Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Eagle Lake Field Office,

2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville, California 96130, (530) 252-5332.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Preliminary issue areas and management concerns have been identified by BLM personnel in consultation with other agencies, individuals, and organizations and include: Management of special areas, riparian/wetlands health, upland ecosystems health, water quality and quantity, management and protection of sensitive, rare, threatened or endangered species, fire and fuels management, access and transportation management including OHV uses, Native American traditions and practices, social/economic considerations, acquisition/disposal of public lands, mineral extraction and energy development, communication and utility facility locations, and recreation use and visitor safety.

Disciplines involved in the planning process include specialists with expertise in wildlife and fisheries management, forestry, botany and vegetation community ecology, fire/fuels management and ecology, hydrology and watershed management, archeology, lands and realty, minerals and geology, grazing management, recreation management, sociology and economics.

Dated: June 17, 2003.

Timothy J. Burke,

Alturas Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting, Upper Snake River Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Upper Snake River Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held August 27 and 28, 2003 at the office of the BLM Upper Snake River District, 1405 Hollipark Drive, in Idaho Falls, Idaho. The meeting will start August 27 at 2 p.m., with the public comment period

beginning at approximately 2:10 p.m. The meeting will adjourn on August 28 at about 5 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in the BLM Upper Snake River District (USRD), which covers south-central and southeast Idaho. At this meeting, topics we plan to discuss include: Updates on major planning projects in the USRD, including coordination of subgroups. A half-day discussion on the Director's Sustaining Working Landscapes policy initiative. Review of RAC feedback on BLM Idaho's statewide Off-Highway initiative. Review of Standards and Guidelines consistency. Other items of interest raised by the Council.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, tour transportation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided below.

A final USRD RAC meeting has been planned for November 2003, and will be announced in a future **Federal Register** Notice and through local media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Howell, RAC Coordinator, Upper Snake River District, 1405 Hollipark Dr., Idaho Falls, ID 83401. Telephone (208) 524-7559.

Dated: July 16, 2003.

David O. Howell,

Public Affairs Specialist.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Public Meeting: Resource Advisory Council to the Lower Snake River District

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S.

Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Lower Snake River District Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held August 26, 2003, beginning 9 a.m. at the Bureau of Land Management, Idaho State Office in the first floor Ponderosa-Sagebrush Conference Rooms, located at 11387 South Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83703. Public comment periods will be held after each topic on the agenda. The meeting will adjourn at 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: MJ Byrne, Public Affairs Officer and RAC Coordinator, Lower Snake River District, 3948 Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705, Telephone (208) 384-3393.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in southwestern Idaho. At this meeting, the following topics will be discussed:

- Subcommittee reports on Rangeland Standards and Guidelines, Sage Grouse Habitat Management, OHV and Transportation Management, River Recreation and Resource Management Plans, and Fire and Fuels Management;
 - Two Resource Management Plans under development in the District—workshops for Alternatives development;
 - Rangeland Standards and Guidelines analysis update;
 - District wildfire activity for 2003, and District Fire Management Plan;
 - Owyhee Initiative—General Overview and Progress Update;
 - RAC Members will discuss what they heard from individuals at community and interest group meetings in August where the Department's Sustaining Working Landscapes Initiative (SWI), was added to agendas by the RAC's Rangeland Standards and Guidelines Subcommittee. The RAC is reserving at least two hours of their afternoon's agenda for all interested stakeholders, including Tribes, and the public, inviting their comments and participation in the discussion regarding SWI policy options and strategy for developing policy;
 - Three Field Office Managers and the District Fire Manager provide updates on current activities and issues in their field office and the District.
 - Idaho's Noxious Weed Program
- All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time

allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, tour transportation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided below. Expedited publication is requested to give the public adequate notice.

Dated: July 16, 2003.

Glen M. Secrist,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Closure Order for Motorized Vehicle Use, Popcorn Area of Lava Wilderness Study Area, Shasta County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of vehicle closure on Popcorn Campground access road in the Lava Wilderness Study Area, Shasta County, California.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the BLM route within the Popcorn Area is closed to motorized vehicle use within the Lava Wilderness Study Area (WSA). Approximately three tenths of a mile of road will be closed to all motorized vehicle use. The purpose of this road closure is to protect WSA values, protect sensitive species habitat, reduce vandalism, and improve public safety.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This closure is effective on July 22, 2003, and will remain in effect until this notice is rescinded.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lands in this closure are located within the Mt. Diablo Meridian, Sections 15 and 22, T. 36 N., R. 5 E. This closure is made under the authority of 43 CFR 8341.2(a) and 8364.1. Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this closure order may be subject to the penalties provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Claude Singleton at the BLM Alturas Field Office at (530) 233-4666, or by e-mail at csingleton@ca.blm.gov.

Dated: April 22, 2003.

Michael P. Dolan,

Acting Alturas Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-030-1610-DO]

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Combined Amendment to the Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan and a Revision to the Naval Air Station Fallon Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan, Known as the Churchill County Plan, and Associated Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Carson City Field Office in partnership with the Department of Defense, U.S. Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a combined amendment to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Carson City Field Office (CCFO) Consolidated Resource Management Plan (CRMP) and a revision to the Naval Air Station Fallon (Navy) Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) and associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: This document provides notice that the BLM intends to prepare an amendment to the CRMP with an associated EIS for the Carson City Field Office to address energy resources, fire management, off-highway vehicle (OHV) use and designations, and Churchill County open space needs. The Navy intends to revise their INRMP in this plan to address the same issues stated for the BLM and new issues at the Fallon Naval Air Station related to National Security. The planning area is primarily limited to Churchill County, Nevada for all issues with the exception of energy resources, which will be addressed for all lands managed by the CCFO. The BLM and Navy will work collaboratively and cooperatively with interested parties to identify management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process. Comments can be submitted in writing to the address listed below and will be accepted throughout the preparation of the Draft CRMP/Draft EIS. All public meetings will be announced through the local news media, newsletters, scoping