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Authority

We provide this notice under Section 10 of the Act and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: September 22, 2016.

Jay B. Herrington,

Field Supervisor, Jacksonville Field Office, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Postponement of Utah Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Postponement of October 2016 Utah Resource Advisory Council meeting.

SUMMARY: The October 2016 Utah Resource Advisory Council meeting has been postponed.

DATES: The meeting was scheduled for Oct. 17-18, 2016, in Green River, Utah and will be rescheduled at a later date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lola Bird, Public Affairs Specialist, Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101; phone (801) 539-4033; or, lbird@blm.gov.

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Authority: 43 CFR 1784.4-1.

Jenna Whitlock,

Acting State Director.

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Notice of Amended Proposed Withdrawal and Notice of Public Meetings; Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management has approved an amendment to a previously filed application to withdraw public domain and Revested Oregon California Railroad lands (O&C) managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and National Forest System (NFS) lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service (Forest Service) while Congress considers legislation to permanently withdraw those lands. Such legislation is currently pending in the 114th Congress as S. 346 and H.R. 682 and identified as the "Southwestern Oregon Watershed and Salmon Protection Act of 2015." This Notice amends the prior proposal notice of which was published in the **Federal Register** on June 29, 2015, to increase the proposed withdrawal term from 5 years to 20 years, and to add that the withdrawal is also being proposed at the request of the BLM and the Forest Service, to protect the Southwestern Oregon watershed from possible adverse effects of mineral development. This notice gives the public an opportunity to comment on the amended application and announces the dates, times, and locations of public meetings.

DATES: Comments must be received by December 29, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jacob Childers, Oregon State Office, Bureau of Land Management, at 503-808-6225 or by email jcchilders@blm.gov, or Candice Polisky, USFS Pacific Northwest Region, at 503-808-2479. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to reach either of the above individuals. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individuals. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, Oregon State Office (OR936), P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208-2965.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM and Forest Service amended petition/application requests the Secretary to withdraw, subject to valid existing rights, approximately 5,216.18 acres of BLM-managed public domain and O&C lands and 95,805.53 acres of Forest Service-managed NFS lands from settlement, sale, location, and entry under the public land laws; location and entry under the United States mining laws, and operation of the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, for a period of 20 years while Congress considers legislation to permanently withdraw those areas and, at the request of the BLM and the Forest Service, to protect the Southwestern Oregon watershed from possible adverse effects of mineral development. The lands identified by notice in the **Federal Register** on June 29, 2015 (80 FR 37015), are incorporated by reference. The areas described aggregate 101,021.71 acres in Josephine and Curry Counties.

The approved petition/application constitutes a withdrawal proposal of the Secretary of the Interior (43 CFR 2310.1-3(e)).

Records relating to the application may be examined by contacting the BLM at the above address and phone number.

For a period until December 29, 2016, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the amended withdrawal application may present their views in writing to the Oregon State Director, BLM, at the above address or by email at blm_or_wa_withdrawals@blm.gov. Information regarding the amended withdrawal application will be available for public review at the BLM Oregon State Office during regular business hours, 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. Individuals who submit written comments may request confidentiality by asking us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review; however, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Notice is hereby given that public meetings will be held in connection with the amended proposed withdrawal. A notice of the times and places of the public meetings will be announced at least 30 days in advance in the **Federal Register** and through

local media, newspapers, and the BLM and the USFS Web sites.

The amended application does not affect the current segregation, which expires June 28, 2017, unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

Leslie A. Frewing,

Chief, Branch of Land, Minerals, and Energy Resources, Acting.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Draft Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement, Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Monument Management Plan (MMP) Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve (Monument) and by this notice is announcing the opening of the public comment period.

DATES: To ensure that comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Draft MMP Amendment/Draft EIS by December 29, 2016. The BLM will announce future meetings or hearings and any other public participation activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media releases, and/or mailings.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments related to the Draft MMP Amendment/Draft EIS by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/prog/nepa_register/Craters-plan-amdt_2013.html.

- *email:* BLM_ID_CRMO@blm.gov.

- *fax:* 208-732-7317.

- *mail:* BLM Shoshone FO, 400 West F Street, Shoshone, ID 83352.

Copies of the Draft MMP Amendment/Draft EIS are available in the Shoshone Field Office at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Cresswell, Planning Team Lead, telephone 208-732-7200; BLM Shoshone Field Office, 400 West F Street Shoshone, ID 83352; email BLM_ID_CRMO@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact Ms. Cresswell. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question for Ms. Cresswell. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Draft MMP Amendment/Draft EIS for the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve (Monument) is now available. The BLM prepared this document in consultation with cooperating agencies and in accordance with NEPA, FLPMA, implementing regulations, the BLM's Land Use Planning Handbook (H-1601-1) and National Environmental Policy Handbook (H-1790-1), and other applicable law and policy, including BLM Instruction Memorandum No. 2016-105, Land Use Planning and Environmental Policy Act Compliance within Greater Sage-Grouse Approved Resource Management Plans and Plan Amendments Decision Area.

The original Monument was created in 1924 by President Calvin Coolidge and was expanded in 2000 by President Bill Clinton. The Monument is part of the BLM's National Conservation Lands and one of two BLM national monuments jointly managed with the National Park Service. The MMP covers the approximately 275,100 BLM-managed acres of the 753,200-acre Monument.

In 2011, the U.S. District Court for the District of Idaho found that the 2007 MMP/EIS did not adequately consider current science and agency policies designed to protect Greater Sage-Grouse (GRSG) habitat, particularly with regard to managing livestock grazing in the Monument. The court also found that BLM violated NEPA by failing to analyze a sufficient range of livestock grazing alternatives. In September 2015, the BLM issued a decision amending BLM land use plans in Idaho and Southwestern Montana to address GRSG conservation, including the 2007 Craters of the Moon MMP. The 2015 decision and supporting analysis addressed several of the deficiencies identified by the Court with regard to GRSG conservation in the Monument, but the

BLM determined that issues such as the location and amount of livestock grazing and protection of Monument values required additional analysis, which is addressed in this Draft MMP Amendment/Draft EIS.

The Draft MMP Amendment/Draft EIS analyzes management options for the BLM-managed portions of the Monument that were not evaluated in the EIS for the 2007 MMP, as amended by the 2015 Sage-Grouse Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment (ARMPA). This Draft MMPA/EIS will amend the 2007 plan, but will not change decisions from the 2015 Sage-Grouse ARMPA. Its purpose is to consider a range of reasonable alternatives for managing livestock grazing and GRSG on BLM-managed lands in the Monument in a manner that maintains the values identified in the Presidential Proclamations that established and expanded it. The range of alternatives is broad, from those that would reduce the area available for grazing to those that would make the entire planning area unavailable for grazing.

The Draft MMP Amendment/Draft EIS analyzes five alternatives that provide a range of livestock grazing levels and availability. Alternative C is the BLM's preferred alternative. Alternative A, the no action alternative, would continue the management established in the 2007 MMP as amended by the 2015 Sage-Grouse ARMPA. Under the No Action Alternative, 273,900 acres would be available for livestock grazing, with 38,187 animal unit months (AUMs).

Alternative B would reduce AUMs available for livestock grazing by 75 percent (making 9,432 AUMs available) and close five areas to grazing: Little Park kipuka, the North Pasture of Laidlaw Park Allotment, Larkspur Park kipuka, the North Pasture of Bowl Crater Allotment, and Park Field kipuka. This alternative would adjust two allotment boundaries to make 21,000 acres unavailable for livestock grazing and for the protection of GRSG and other Monument values. A total of 254,100 acres would be available for livestock grazing.

Alternative C, the agency-preferred alternative, would make 273,600 acres available for livestock grazing and adjust two allotment boundaries, which would set the maximum number of AUMs at 37,792. Where appropriate, livestock grazing would be used as a tool to improve and/or protect wildlife habitat. Guidelines for livestock grazing management would be set based on vegetation and wildlife habitat conditions and needs, consistent with the 2015 Sage-Grouse ARMPA.