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#### Collection No. 2

*Title:* General Public Knowledge of Natural Resource Policy in S.E. Utah.

*OMB Approval Number:* New Collection.

*Abstract:* Understanding institutional processes is an important component of ecosystem management. The authorities, policies, and practices of local, state and federal agencies and how those policies are perceived by the public greatly affects the way people interact with ecosystems. Yet, for most ecosystems there is no comprehensive understanding of the numbers, functions or effects of these factors. This is particularly true of southeastern Utah which is undergoing rapid and extensive change. A survey will be administered to a stratified random sample of citizens living in Grand, Wayne, Carbon, Emery and San Juan counties in southeastern, Utah. Natural resource land managers and county government officials in these five counties need to understand citizen knowledge of natural resource policies—particularly regarding recreation management—in order to develop adequate management practices. The intended effect is to better inform managers and assist with development of citizen involvement programs.

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**Dennis B. Fenn,**

*Chief Biologist.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[MT-962-1020-00]

#### Notice of Availability for the Montana/Dakotas Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management Final Environmental Impact Statement

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The final environmental impact statement (EIS) describes the environmental impacts of adopting regional standards for rangeland health and guidelines for livestock grazing management (standards and guidelines) on BLM-administered lands in Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota. The proposed standards and guidelines would be incorporated into 10 BLM land use plans that cover about 8.4 million acres of BLM-administered land in Montana and the Dakotas. This action is proposed in accordance with revised regulations for livestock grazing on BLM-administered lands (43 CFR 4100). The proposed standards and guidelines were developed in coordination with four Resource Advisory Councils and other public input.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sandy Brooks, Project Manager, BLM Montana State Office, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800, or 406-255-2929.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Preferred Alternative described in the final EIS is the Proposed Action (Alternative Two) analyzed in the draft and supplement to the draft EIS, with changes set forth in the final EIS. Modifications to the Preferred Alternative were based on public comment, Resource Advisory Council (RAC) input, and internal agency review. The modifications included in the Preferred Alternative neither change the scope of the final EIS nor alter the analysis of the environmental impacts. The final EIS incorporates by reference the draft EIS and the supplement to the draft EIS, except as noted.

Three alternatives were considered in detail in the final EIS for standards and

guidelines. The no action alternative (continuation of current management direction) provides a baseline for comparison with other alternatives. The preferred alternative (which was the proposed action in the draft) analyzes the impacts of incorporating regional standards and guidelines into affected land use plans. The third alternative analyzes the impacts of implementing the fallback standards and guidelines defined in BLM's grazing regulations. Several alternatives were considered, but dismissed from detailed analysis. These included a no grazing alternative; designating areas of critical environmental concern (ACECs) and research natural areas (RNAs); reintroduction of bison on public rangelands to achieve standards and guidelines; and developing guidelines for uses other than livestock grazing.

Dated: May 28, 1997.

**Thomas P. Lonnie,**

*Deputy State Director, Division of Resources.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WO-300-1990-00]

#### Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Revision of the Surface Management Regulations—43 CFR 3809 for Operations Under the Mining Law of 1872, as Amended

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent and scoping, extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is extending to June 23, 1997, the comment period for its notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the revision of its surface management regulations. BLM published the notice of intent on April 4, 1997. The extension is in response to several requests from interested parties for additional time to prepare and submit information.

**DATES:** In order to be considered for preparation of the draft EIS, scoping comments are most useful if received on or before June 23, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or hand-deliver written comments to Paul McNutt, 3809/EIS Team Leader, Bureau of Land Management, Nevada State Office, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, NV 89520-0006. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section

for the electronic access and filing address. Comments will be available for public review at 850 Harvard Way, Reno, Nevada, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pacific time, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul McNutt, (702) 785-6400 or via e-mail: pmcnutt@nv.blm.gov. An alternate contact is Scott Haight, (406) 538-7461 or via e-mail: shaight@mt1353.lido.mt.blm.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Electronic Access and Filing Address**

Commenters may transmit comments electronically via the Internet to: 3809EIS@wo.blm.gov. Please submit comments as an ASCII file and avoid the use of special characters or encryption. Please include your name and address in your message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact Mr. McNutt directly at (702) 785-6400.

On April 4, 1997, BLM announced its intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed revision of its surface management regulations. In the notice, BLM invited comments and suggestions on the scope of the rulemaking and analysis and informed the public that BLM will hold public meetings in seven cities during May 1997 to facilitate the public comment process. The notice gave interested parties 60 days, until June 3, 1997, to submit comments. See 62 FR 16177-16178 for information about the areas of concern with the existing surface management regulations and public comment procedures. On April 29, 1997, BLM amended the notice of intent to add public meetings in San Francisco, California. See 62 FR 23264.

BLM has received several requests to extend the public comment period to allow interested parties additional time to prepare and submit written comments. After careful consideration of these requests, we are extending the comment period until June 23, 1997.

Dated: May 28, 1997.

**Bob Armstrong,**

*Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Bureau of Land Management**

[CA-930-1430-01; CACA 7021 et al.]

#### **Public Land Order No. 7262; Modification and Revocation of 19 Secretarial Orders, 3 Public Land Orders, and 2 Bureau of Land Management Orders, which withdrew lands for the Bureau of Reclamation; California**

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

**ACTION:** Public Land Order.

**SUMMARY:** This order modifies 10 Secretarial orders, 2 Public Land Orders, and 1 Bureau of Land Management Order to establish a 25-year term as to 133,310.80 acres of lands withdrawn for the Bureau of Reclamation. These lands have been and will remain closed to surface entry and mining, but have been and will remain open to mineral leasing. This order also revokes 18 Secretarial Orders, 1 Public Land Order, and 1 Bureau of Land Management Order insofar as they affect 482,797.32 acres of lands withdrawn for the Bureau of Reclamation. All of the lands are located in the California Desert Conservation Area as defined by Section 601 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1781(c) (1988). Of the 482,797.32 acres being revoked, 468,051.40 acres will be opened to surface entry and mining unless closed by overlapping withdrawals or temporary segregations of record. The remaining 14,745.92 acres have been and will remain closed to surface entry and mining because those lands are included in necessary, overlapping withdrawals for the Bureau of Reclamation that are being modified by this order. The lands being opened to mining by this order are located in the California Desert Conservation Area and will be administered in accordance with the Guidelines for Mineral Exploration and Development contained in the Bureau of Land Management's California Desert Conservation Area Plan, as amended, and 43 CFR 3802 and 3809.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 7, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Duane Marti, BLM California State Office (CA-931.4), 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, California 95825; 916-979-2858.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1988), it is ordered as follows:

1. The following 10 Secretarial orders, 2 Public Land Orders, and 1 Bureau of Land Management Order are hereby modified to expire 25 years from the effective date of this order, unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (1988), the Secretary determines that the withdrawals shall be extended insofar as they affect the lands described in a public notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 3, 1992 (57 FR 7599), as corrected by three correction notices published on May 4, 1992 (57 FR 19135 and 57 FR 19163) and May 26, 1993 (58 FR 30181):

- (a) Secretarial Order dated October 24, 1944 (CACA 7074);
- (b) Secretarial Order dated October 16, 1931 (CACA 7101);
- (c) Secretarial Order dated February 19, 1929 (CACA 7103);
- (d) Secretarial Order dated January 31, 1903 (CACA 7231);
- (e) Secretarial Order dated April 2, 1909 (CACA 7232);
- (f) Secretarial Order dated February 28, 1918 (CACA 7234);
- (g) Secretarial Order dated March 15, 1919 (CACA 7235);
- (h) Secretarial Order dated October 19, 1920 (CACA 7236);
- (i) Secretarial Order dated July 26, 1929 (CACA 7238);
- (j) Secretarial Order dated June 4, 1930 (CACA 7239);
- (k) Public Land Order 3262 dated October 29, 1963 (CARI 01051);
- (l) Public Land Order 4690 dated September 15, 1969 (CARI 07752);
- (m) Bureau of Land Management Order dated July 23, 1947 (CACA 7073).

The areas described within the above Secretarial orders, public land orders, and the Bureau of Land Management order aggregate 133,310.80 acres in Imperial, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties, California.

The lands referenced above continue to be withdrawn from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, to protect the Bureau of Reclamation's Colorado River Storage Project, All American Canal Project, Senator Wash Pump Storage Project, and Yuma Reclamation Project. These lands have been and will remain open to leasing under the mineral leasing laws.

2. The following 18 Secretarial Orders, 1 Public Land Order, and 1 Bureau of Land Management Order are hereby revoked insofar as they affect the lands located in the California Desert Conservation Area, as defined by Section 601 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C.