

submitted at the meeting or mailed to the address below prior to the meeting.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries about the meeting should be sent to External Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, 222 W. 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Teresa McPherson at (907) 271-5555.
Date: July 10, 1997

Tom Allen,
State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-912-07-0777-52]

Notice of Meeting of the Utah Resource Advisory Council (RAC)

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting of the Utah Resource Advisory Council (RAC).

SUMMARY: On August 18 and 19, 1997, Utah's Resource Advisory Council will take a first-hand look at the agency effort to rehabilitate the fire-scarred areas of Cove Fort and the Little Sahara Recreation Area. The Council will discuss the issue of fire rehab within the State. The RAC will receive a preliminary report, from the subgroup of the RAC, of their initial findings during this meeting.

A public comment period is scheduled for August 19, from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. in the Fillmore Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 35 East 500 North, Fillmore, Utah. RAC meetings are open to the public; however, transportation, meals, and overnight accommodations are the responsibility of the participating public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public interested in attending the fire rehabilitation tour or desiring an opportunity to address the Council should contact Sherry Foot, Special Programs Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, 324 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84111; phone (801) 539-4195.

Date: July 17, 1997.

G. William Lamb,
Utah BLM State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-020-07-1610-00]

Availability of Proposed Plan Amendment Regarding Areas of Critical Environmental Concern for the Box Elder Resource Management Plan, Salt Lake District, UT

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed plan amendment.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management, Salt Lake District, has completed an Environmental Analysis/Finding of No Significant Impact of the Proposed Plan Amendment to the Box Elder Resource Management Plan (RMP). This notice of availability addresses designation of two new Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) and proposes to amend two existing ACECs.

DATES: The protest period for the proposed ACECs will commence with the date of publication of this notice and last for 30 days. Protests must be received on or before August 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Protests must be addressed to the Director (WO-210), Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Brenda Williams, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alice Stephenson, Environmental Specialist/Planner, Salt Lake District Office, 2370 South 2300 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84119, (801) 977-4317. Copies of the Environmental Assessment and Proposed Plan Amendment are available for review at the Salt Lake District Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed plan amendment designates two new Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, Salt Wells Wildlife Habitat Area (WHA) and Blue Springs WHA, and amends two existing ACECs, Donner Creek/Bettridge Creek, and Central Pacific Railroad Grade. Salt Wells WHA, 5,389 public areas, and Blue Springs WHA, 5,715 public areas, provide crucial habitat for numerous wildlife species. The Donner/Bettridge Creek ACEC would be increased by a 40 acre parcel, and all current management decisions would apply to this parcel. The Central Pacific Railroad Grade ACEC would be modified to encompass the grade for a width of 400 feet, for 90 miles from Golden Spike National Historical Site (Golden Spike) to Lucin, from Golden Spike on the west to Stinky Springs on the east (13.5 miles), and 232

acres of land which involves the Union Pacific Railroad grade. This ACEC designation protects the historical integrity and associated values of the grades, townsites, and artifacts located in the vicinity of the grades.

The following management prescriptions are proposed for each ACEC.

Salt Wells ACEC Prescriptions

Grazing: The livestock grazing season of use would be changed to the winter period, if the permittee agrees to the change. If spring grazing continues, the area should be fenced to create pastures for the Salt Wells Allotments. If grazing permits are relinquished within the Salt Wells WHA, these areas would be closed to grazing to protect the wetland values.

Mineral Development: Oil & gas leasing would be subject to Category 3 (No Surface Occupancy) stipulation. A land withdrawal from the operation of the public land laws and location and entry under the United States Mining laws is proposed.

Off Highway Vehicle (OHV): The Salt Wells WHA (excluding the county roads) would be "closed" to OHV use.

Blue Springs ACEC Prescriptions

Land Tenure Adjustments: Acquired lands within the state managed Public Shooting Grounds Wildlife Management Area would only be available for disposal to the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources through an exchange where similar wildlife habitat or habitat of T&E or sensitive wildlife species is acquired by the BLM.

Grazing: Grazing would continue at current levels, class of livestock and season of use as that described in the Box Elder RMP for those lands located within the Blue Springs WHA. If grazing permits are relinquished within the Blue Springs WHA, these areas would be closed to grazing to protect the wetland values.

Mineral Development: Oil & gas leasing would be subject to Category 3 (No Surface Occupancy) stipulation. A land withdrawal from the operation of the public land laws and location and entry under the United States Mining laws is proposed.

Off Highway Vehicle (OHV): The Blue Springs WHA would be "closed" to OHV use.

Donner/Bettridge Creek ACEC Prescriptions

This parcel is located adjacent to the existing ACEC and would be managed according to the goals and objectives of the existing management plan, and have the same restrictions or limitations to

the use of those lands as described in the respective plan.

OHV Use: The parcel would be limited to OHV use on designated roads and trails year round.

Central Pacific Railroad Grade ACEC Prescriptions

The expansion of the ACEC would be managed according to the goals and objectives of the existing management plan, and have the same restrictions or limitations to the use of those lands as described in the respective plan.

Livestock: Livestock grazing would continue at current levels, class of livestock and season of use as that described in the Box Elder RMP for those lands located within the wetlands portions of the eastern CPR grade.

If spring grazing continues, the area should be fenced to create pastures for the Golden Spike Allotment. If grazing permits are relinquished within the wetland areas of the lands associated with the eastern and western portions of the CPRR/UPR grades, then these areas would be closed to grazing to protect the wetland values. Grazing would only then be authorized if the grazing could be used to achieve management objectives.

Mineral Development: Oil & gas leasing would be subject to Category 3 (No Surface Occupancy) stipulation. A land withdrawal from the operation of the public land laws and location and entry under the United States Mining laws is proposed.

Off Highway Vehicle (OHV): OHV use would be limited to existing roads and trails throughout the year on the east and west portions of the CPRRG which do not involve wetlands, while the wetland portions of the CPRRG would be "closed" to OHV use.

Dated: July 9, 1997.

Linda Colville,

Associate State Director, Utah.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-957-00-1420-00: G7-0236]

Filing of Plats of Survey: Oregon/ Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of the following described lands are scheduled to be officially filed in the Oregon State Office, Portland, Oregon, thirty (30)

calendar days from the date of this publication.

Williamette Meridian

Oregon

T. 11 S., R. 1 E., accepted April 28, 1997

T. 9 S., R. 3 E., accepted June 2, 1997

T. 6 S., R. 45 E., accepted July 7, 1997

T. 26 S., R. 2 W., accepted June 3, 1997

T. 38 S., R. 4 W., accepted July 7, 1997

T. 36 S., R. 7 W., accepted June 2, 1997

T. 24 S., R. 7 W., accepted June 2, 1997

Washington

T. 22 N., R. 4 W., accepted June 16, 1997

If protests against a survey, as shown on any of the above plat(s), are received prior to the date of official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest(s). A plat will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

The plat(s) will be placed in the open files of the Oregon State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1515 S.W. 5th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97201, and will be available to the public as a matter of information only. Copies of the plat(s) may be obtained from the above office upon required payment. A person or party who wishes to protest against a survey must file with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Portland, Oregon, a notice that they wish to protest prior to the proposed official filing date given above. A statement of reasons for a protest may be filed with the notice of protest to the State Director, or the statement of reasons must be filed with the State Director within thirty (30) days after the proposed official filing date.

The above-listed plats represent dependent resurveys, survey and subdivision.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, (1515 S.W. 5th Avenue) P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208.

Dated: July 11, 1997.

Robert D. DeViney, Jr.,

Chief, Branch of Realty and Records Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Outer Continental Shelf, Alaska Region, Beaufort Sea Lease Sale 170

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Extension of comment period for Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

On May 21, 1997, Minerals Management Service (MMS) announced in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 62, No. 98, pages 27774-5) the availability of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for proposed oil and gas lease sale 170 in the Beaufort Sea. That announcement indicated that comments on the draft EIS be submitted to MMS by July 18, 1997.

The MMS has received several inquiries requesting an extension of time to submit comments on this EIS. In response to these requests, MMS is extending the comment period for this EIS to July 31, 1997.

Dated: July 18, 1997.

Thomas A. Readinger,

Acting Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Greater Yellowstone Interagency Brucellosis Committee

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a scheduled meeting of the Greater Yellowstone Interagency Brucellosis Committee (GYIBC). Notice of this meeting is voluntary and is provided for the public and other Agency information.

MEETING DATE AND TIME: August 05-08, 1997. Information/Education and Technical Subcommittees to meet August 5, 1997, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., and August 6, 1997, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. The Executive Committee will meet August 7, 1997, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and August 8, 1997, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Holiday Inn-Westbank, 475 River Parkway, Idaho Falls, Idaho, (208) 523-8000.

SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE: Reports from the Technical and the Information/Education Subcommittees, findings of the recent Wyoming station review, discussion on the structure, role, and function of the recently approved Research Subcommittee, an update on the Yellowstone National Park/Montana Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) preferred alternative. The meeting will be open to the public. However,