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Public participation has occurred throughout the RMP Amendment process. A Notice of Intent was filed in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 59, No. 73, Page 18151-18152) on April 15, 1994. Since that time, several public meetings, mail-outs, and group briefings were conducted to solicit comments and ideas, or familiarize various groups with the proposal and the BLM planning process. A notice of a 60-day comment period on the designation of the ACECs and a Notice of Availability of the draft RMP Amendment/preliminary FONSI and supporting EA was published in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 61, No. 102, page 26203-26204) on May 24, 1996. Comments received during the 60-day comment period were considered in preparation of the Proposed RMP Amendment and supporting EA. Single copies of the Proposed RMP Amendment/FONSI and supporting EA for the Otero County ACECs may be obtained from the BLM Las Cruces District Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005. Public reading copies are available for review at the BLM State Office, 1474 Rodeo Rd., Santa Fe, New Mexico, and public and university libraries in Las Cruces, Santa Fe, and Albuquerque, New Mexico, and El Paso, Texas.

Dated: August 13, 1997.

**Stephanie Hargrove,**

*Acting District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-040-1020-001]

#### Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council—Notice of Meeting Locations and Times

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management.

**ACTION:** Resource Advisory Council Meeting Locations and Times.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C., the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), council meeting of the Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will be held as indicated below. The agenda includes a public comment period, and discussion of public land issues.

The Resource Advisory Council develops recommendations for BLM regarding the preparation, amendment, and implementation of land use plans for the public lands and resources within the jurisdiction of the council. For the Mojave-Great Basin RAC this jurisdiction is Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln and Nye counties in Nevada. Except for the purposes of long-range planning and the establishment of resource management priorities, the RAC shall not provide advice on the allocation and expenditure of Federal funds, or on personnel issues.

The RAC may develop recommendation for implementation of ecosystem management concepts, principles and programs, and assist the BLM to establish landscape goals and objectives.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the council. Public comments should be limited to issues for which the RAC may make recommendations within its area of jurisdiction. 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 further information about the meetings, or need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Michael Dwyer at the Las Vegas District Office, 4765 Vegas Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89108, telephone, (702) 647-5000.

**DATES, TIMES:** Date is September 11, 1997, from 1:00 p.m., to approximately 4:30 p.m. and will reconvene on June 17, 1997 and meet from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The council will meet at the Las Vegas District Office, 4765 West Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, NV. The public comment period will begin at 11:30 a.m. on September 12.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dan Netcher, District Minerals Specialist, Ely, NV, telephone: (702) 289-1872.

Dated: August 6, 1997.

**Timothy B. Reuwsaat,**

*Acting Ely District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[MT-960-1990-00-CCAM; MTM 84500]

#### Public Land Order No. 7282; Withdrawal of Federal Lands and Minerals for Watershed Protection; Montana

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

**ACTION:** Public Land Order.

**SUMMARY:** This order withdraws approximately 22,065 acres of Federal lands from location and entry under the mining laws and the mineral leasing laws, except oil and gas, for a period of 20 years to protect watersheds, water quality, and fresh water fishery resources. In addition, approximately 4,158 acres of non-Federal lands, if acquired by the United States, would be withdrawn by this order. The lands have been and remain open to surface uses authorized by the Forest Service.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 19, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cooke City Area Mineral Withdrawal Team, PO Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107, 406-255-0322.

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 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, Federal lands within the following described area are hereby withdrawn from location and entry under the United States mining laws and the mineral leasing laws, except oil and gas, 30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1994), to protect watersheds within the drainages of the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone, Soda Butte Creek, and the Stillwater River, and the water quality and fresh water fishery resources within Yellowstone National Park:

#### Principal Meridian, Montana

*Custer and Gallatin National Forests*

T. 8 S., R. 14 E.,

Sec. 25 and secs. 33 to 36, inclusive, those portions lying outside of the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Boundary, partly unsurveyed.

T. 9 S., R. 14 E.,

Secs. 1 to 5, inclusive, secs. 8 to 17, inclusive, secs. 21 to 28, inclusive, and secs. 33 to 36, inclusive, those portions

lying outside of the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness and Yellowstone National Park boundaries.

T. 8 S., R. 15 E.,

Secs. 30 to 32, those portions lying outside of the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Boundary.

T. 9 S., R. 15 E.,

Sec. 5, that portion lying outside of the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Boundary;

Secs. 6 and 7;

Secs. 8 and 17, those portions lying outside of the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Boundary;

Secs. 18 to 21, inclusive;

Sec. 22, lots 1, 2, and 3, N $\frac{1}{2}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and bed of Kersey Lake riparian to lots 1, 2, and 3;

Sec. 23, lots 2 and 3, N $\frac{1}{2}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and bed of Kersey Lake riparian to lots 2 and 3;

Sec. 26, bed of Kersey Lake riparian to the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 27, lots 1 and 2, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and bed of Kersey Lake riparian to lots 1 and 2;

Sec. 28, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, lots 6 to 9 inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and those portions of lot 5 and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  lying outside of the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Boundary;

Secs. 29 to 32, inclusive;

Secs. 33 and 34, those portions lying outside of the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Boundary.

The areas described aggregate approximately 22,065 acres in Park County.

2. All non-Federal lands lying within the area described in paragraph 1, if subsequently acquired by the United States, will be subject to the terms and conditions of this withdrawal. The areas aggregate approximately 4,158 acres in Park County.

3. The withdrawal made by this order does not alter the applicability of those public land laws governing the use of lands under lease, license, or permit, or governing the disposal of their mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining and mineral leasing laws, except oil and gas.

4. This withdrawal will expire 20 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) (1994), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

Dated: August 14, 1997.

**Bob Armstrong,**

*Assistant Secretary of the Interior.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Scoping; Fort Baker Comprehensive Plan, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, San Francisco County, California

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et. seq.) that a public scoping process has been initiated to prepare a comprehensive plan-environmental document for the developed area at Fort Baker. The purpose of the scoping process is to elicit advance public comment regarding pertinent issues and concerns, suitable range of alternatives, nature and extent of potential environmental impacts, and other factors which should be addressed.

The responsible official is John J. Reynolds, Regional Director, Pacific West Region, National Park Service. At this time, it is anticipated the draft comprehensive plan-environmental document will be available for public review in spring, 1998, and that the final comprehensive plan-environmental document will be completed in summer, 1998.

#### Background

Fort Baker is a site within the boundary of Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), a unit of the National Park System. Portions of the site, including over 70 acres of land and 50 historic buildings currently under the jurisdiction of the Army, will be transferred to the National Park Service (NPS) by 2001.

Current concepts for use of this area which were approved in the 1980 General Management Plan (GMP) include: use of the historic buildings as a conference center; removal of a wooden bulkhead to restore a portion of beach; and waterfront landscape improvements to better accommodate park visitors. The GMP also envisioned removing non-historic buildings and providing parking.

As one of the initial steps in this comprehensive plan-environmental analysis process, a Scoping Document will be distributed on August 13, 1997. The main topics addressed in the document are: pertinent background information; identification of issues related to the planning process (such as reuse options for historic buildings which will be transferred); possible site improvements in a 6 (six) acre waterfront area; and re-evaluation of key Fort Baker concepts set forth in the 1980 GMP.

## Comments

As noted, the NPS will undertake a Fort Baker area environmental analysis effort to address new building uses, possible site improvements, and potential impacts. At this time, it has not been determined whether an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement shall subsequently be prepared. However, this scoping process will aid in the preparation of either document.

Interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to provide comments or suggestions. Written comments about the Scoping Document must be postmarked no later than September 13, 1997. To request a copy of the document or to provide comments, please contact: General Superintendent, GGNRA at Fort Mason, Building 201, San Francisco, California 94123 (telephone (415) 561-4844 or email fortbaker@NPS.gov.)

Dated: August 1, 1997.

**Sondra S. Humphries,**

*Acting Regional Director, Pacific West.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare; Environmental Impact Statement & General Management Plan; Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area; Los Angeles & Ventura Counties, CA

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service (NPS) in partnership with the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) is initiating a conservation planning and impact analysis process to identify strategies for future management of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. As part of this process and in accordance with § 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (Pub. L. 91-90, as amended), the NPS will be preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and General Management Plan (GMP) to present information on the natural, cultural, and socioeconomic resources in the park, to outline alternative management strategies, to analyze potential impacts that may result from implementing these strategies, and to identify appropriate mitigation measures.

The GMP will establish a framework for how natural and cultural resources,