

HUD: (1) Its intention to make the property available for use to assist the homeless, (2) its intention to declare the property excess to the agency's needs, or (3) a statement of the reasons that the property cannot be declared excess or made available for use as facilities to assist the homeless.

Properties listed as suitable/available will be available exclusively for homeless use for a period of 60 days from the date of this Notice. Homeless assistance providers interested in any such property should send a written expression of interest to HHS, addressed to Brian Rooney, Division of Property Management, Program Support Center, HHS, room 5B-41, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857; (301) 443-2265. (This is not a toll-free number.) HHS will mail to the interested provider an application packet, which will include instructions for completing the application. In order to maximize the opportunity to utilize a suitable property, providers should submit their written expressions of interest as soon as possible. For complete details concerning the processing of applications, the reader is encouraged to refer to the interim rule governing this program, 24 CFR part 581.

For properties listed as suitable/to be excess, that property may, if subsequently accepted as excess by GSA, be made available for use by the homeless in accordance with applicable law, subject to screening for other Federal use. At the appropriate time, HUD will publish the property in a Notice showing it as either suitable/available or suitable/unavailable.

For properties listed as suitable/unavailable, the landholding agency has decided that the property cannot be declared excess or made available for use to assist the homeless, and the property will not be available.

Properties listed as unsuitable will not be made available for any other purpose for 20 days from the date of this Notice. Homeless assistance providers interested in a review by HUD of the determination of unsuitability should call the toll free information line at 1-800-927-7588 for detailed instructions or write a letter to Mark Johnston at the address listed at the beginning of this Notice. Included in the request for review should be the property address (including zip code), the date of publication in the **Federal Register**, the landholding agency, and the property number.

For more information regarding particular properties identified in this Notice (i.e., acreage, floor plan, existing sanitary facilities, exact street address), providers should contact the appropriate landholding agencies at the

following addresses: COE: Mr. Bob Swieconeck, Army Corps of Engineers, Management & Disposal Division, Pulaski Building, Room 4224, 20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20314-1000; (202) 761-1749; GSA: Mr. Brian K. Polly, Assistant Commissioner, General Services Administration, Office of Property Disposal, 18th and F Streets, NW, Washington, DC 20405; (202) 501-2059; NAVY: Mr. Charles C. Cocks, Department of the Navy, Director, Real Estate Policy Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Code 241A, 200 Stoval Street, Alexandria, VA 22332-2300; (703) 325-7342; (These are not toll-free numbers).

Dated: April 9, 1998.

Fred Karnas, Jr.,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development.

Correction

Property Nos. 219340254-219340256, 219430259 at Fort Hamilton, Belmore, NY were published in error on March 6, 1998 (63 FR 11280). The properties are part of the base closure process.

TITLE V, FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY PROGRAM FEDERAL REGISTER REPORT FOR 4/17/98

Suitable/Available Properties

Buildings (by State)

Ohio

Dwelling No. 2
Delaware Lake, Highway 23 North
Delaware OH 43015—

Landholding Agency: COE
Property Number: 319810005

Status: Excess

Comment: 2-story brick w/basement, most recent use—residential, presence of asbestos/lead paint, off-site use only
Pennsylvania

Sewage Treatment Plant
Allenwood Co: Union PA 17887—

Landholding Agency: GSA
Property Number: 549820001

Status: Excess

Comment: Concrete block, serves correctional complex GSA Number: 4-J-PA-402

West Virginia

Dwelling 1
Summersville Lake
Summersville Co: Nicholas WV 26651-9802

Landholding Agency: COE
Property Number: 319810003

Status: Excess

Comment: 1200 sq. ft., presence of asbestos/lead paint, most recent use—residential, off-site use only

Dwelling 2

Sutton Lake
Sutton Co: Braxton WV 26651-9802

Landholding Agency: COE
Property Number: 319810004

Status: Excess

Comment: 1100 sq. ft., most recent use—residential, off-site use only

Unsuitable Properties

Buildings (by State)

Virginia

Bldg. 2208
Naval Medical Clinic
Quantico VA
Landholding Agency: Navy
Property Number: 779820001
Status: Unutilized
Reason: Extensive deterioration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Science Advisory Board

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Science Advisory Board—notice of establishment.

SUMMARY: This notice is published in accordance with Section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92-463). Following consultation with the General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Interior has established the Science Advisory Board. The purpose of the Advisory Board will be to advise and assist the Director of the Bureau of Land Management on issues pertaining to science and the application of scientific information in the management of public lands and their resources.

The Advisory Board will be comprised of up to nine members from among the following categories: natural resource management, energy and minerals, conservation biology, and ecology and genetics.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under provisions of the Federal advisory committee management regulations (41 CFR Part 101-6.1015(a)(2)), the General Services Administration may waive the requirement that committee establishment notices appear 15 calendar days before the charter is filed. The General Services Administration has granted this waiver, at the request of the Department of the Interior, so that the Bureau of Land Management can meet commitments it made with regard to scheduling the first meeting of the Science Advisory Board.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Jauhola, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street, N.W., LSB-204, Washington, D.C. 20240, 202-452-7761, or Jack E. Williams, Bureau of Land Management, 1387 South Vinell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709, 208-373-4049.

Certification

I hereby certify that the establishment of the Science Advisory Board is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the Secretary of the Interior's responsibilities to manage the public lands and resources administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: April 15, 1998.

Bruce Babbitt,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[MT-060-08-1610-00, 1613P]

Notice of Intent to Prepare an Area of Critical Environmental Concern Plan Amendment for the Judith-Valley-Phillips Resource Management Plan

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will amend the Judith-Valley-Phillips Resource Management Plan (RMP). The Bureau of Land Management is amending the RMP to address special management for two potential Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC); Bitter Creek and Mountain Plover. The public land being considered is located in Valley County, Montana. An environmental assessment will be prepared by the Valley Resource Area to analyze the impacts of this proposal and any alternatives.

DATES: Comments and recommendations on this notice to amend the Judith-Valley-Phillips RMP should be received on or before May 18, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to Richard M. Hotaling, Area Manager, Valley Resource Area, RR1-4775, Glasgow, MT 59230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Majerus, 406-538-7461.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An ACEC is an area within the public lands where special management attention is required to protect important historic, cultural or scenic values, fish and wildlife resources or other natural systems, or to protect life and safety from natural hazards.

In November 1990, the BLM received the Mixed Grass Prairie ACEC nomination which encompasses

approximately 350,000 acres of public land in north Valley County. This area was nominated by several organizations for its natural integrity, scenic values, vegetation and on the basis that it is one of the largest and most intact sections of prairie remaining in the United States and a continuation of the Canadian Grasslands National Park. The BLM evaluated this nomination to determine it met both the relevance and importance criteria as outlined in the BLM's procedural guidance to ACECs (BLM Manual 1613). In summary, the entire nomination area was found to be relevant in terms of the scenic, cultural, and wildlife resources. In addition, two areas of approximately 100,000 acres in size were found relevant from a natural process or systems perspective. However, only the Bitter Creek Wilderness Study Area (WSA) (59,660 acres) was found to meet the importance criteria due to the scenic diversity and variety of vegetation types and wildlife habitats. The Bitter Creek WSA does qualify for further consideration as an ACEC.

In addition to the Mixed Grass Prairie nomination, the BLM previously evaluated the Mountain River (9,600 acres) nomination in south Valley County and determined it is a potential ACEC. This area was nominated for the mountain plover, a candidate species identified by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The area provides natural habitat for the mountain plover which is not associated with black-tailed prairie dogs. It is one of the last areas of native plover habitat and is more than locally significant.

The next step before either of these areas could become designated ACEC's is to determine if they require special management. Alternatives for special management will be considered through this plan amendment to the Judith-Valley-Phillips RMP. Meetings for the plan amendment are not yet scheduled. If meetings are scheduled, the public will be notified through an informational letter and/or local news releases.

The BLM is seeking comments from individuals, organizations, and agencies who may be interested or affected by the potential ACECs. Specifically, comments on nominations, issues, concerns or alternatives that should be addressed in the plan amendment.

This notice meets the requirements of 43 CFR 1610.7-2 for designation of ACECs.

(Authority: Sec. 202, Pub. L. 94-579, 90 Stat. 2747 (43 U.S.C. 1712))

Dated: April 9, 1998.

Scott Haight,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[WO-230-1110-00-24 1A]

Science Advisory Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces a meeting of its Science Advisory Board on Thursday, April 30, 1998, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 150 Anza Boulevard, Burlingame, California, telephone (650) 342-4600. Meeting hours will be 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The proposed agenda for the meeting is:

- Welcome by BLM Director Pat Shea;
- Existing needs and capabilities for inventory and monitoring within the BLM;
- Emerging research and assessment efforts;
- Inventory and monitoring assistance needed;
- Communication and coordination of needs and results;
- Suggestions for future action;
- Developing a coordinated inventory and monitoring strategy; and
- Public comment period.

All meetings of the Board are open to the public. Members of the public wishing to make oral statements to the Board will have an opportunity to do so beginning at 3:30 p.m. Persons wishing to make statements should register with the BLM by noon at the meeting location. Depending on the number of speakers, the Board may limit the length of presentations. Speakers should address specific issues listed on the agenda and provide a written copy of their statement.

DATES: Thursday, April 30, 1998. Science Advisory Board meeting.

ADDRESSES: The Board meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 150 Anza Boulevard, Burlingame, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Jauhola, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street, N.W., LSB-204, Washington, D.C. 20240, 202-452-7761, or Jack E. Williams, Bureau of Land Management, 1387 South Vinell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709, 208-373-4049.