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Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council Meeting Location and Time

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Resource Advisory Councils' Meeting Location and Time.

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 meetings will be held as indicated below. The agenda for each meeting includes approval of minutes of the previous meeting, continuation of Council orientation, discussion of Standards and Guidelines for management of the public lands within the jurisdiction of the Council and determination of the subject matter for future meetings.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. The public comment period for the Council meeting is listed below. 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 meeting, or need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the District Manager at the Elko District Office, 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89803, telephone 702-753-0200.

DATES, TIMES: The time and location of the meeting is as follows: Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council, BLM Office, 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89803; June 1, starting at 9:00 a.m.; public comments will be June 1 at 10:00 a.m. and at 1:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Weeks, Team Leader for the Northeastern Resource Advisory

Council, Battle Mountain Office, telephone 702-635-4000.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues, associated with the management of the public lands.

Dated: May 10, 1996.

Gerald M. Smith,

District Manager, Battle Mountain.

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Availability of the Final Sweet Grass Hills Resource Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement, Liberty and Toole Counties, MO

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the final Sweet Grass Hills resource management plan amendment and environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4327) the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Final EIS on the final amendment and environmental impacts statement (EIS) addresses future management options for land tenure adjustment, off-road vehicle use, oil and gas leasing, and locatable mineral development for lands and minerals administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in the Sweet Grass Hills in Toole and Liberty Counties, Montana, and amends the West HiLine Resource Management Plan (1988 and 1992). This includes approximately 7,717 surface acres, 19,765 acres of all mineral estate, and 1,644 acres of only oil and gas estate. These lands are administered by the BLM through the Great Falls Resource Area. The proposed alternative and three other alternatives have been developed to provide management options for the Sweet Grass Hills.

DATES: A record of decision will be prepared no earlier than 30 days after the Notice of Availability for the Final EIS is published in the Federal Register by the Environmental Protection Agency.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Final EIS are available from the Bureau of Land Management, Great Falls Resource Area, 812 14th Street North, Great Falls Montana 59401 or the Lewistown District Office, P.O. Box 1160,

Lewistown, Montana 59457-1160. Public reading copies will be available for review at the following locations: Bureau of Land Management, Office of External Affairs, Main Interior Building, Room 5600, 18th and C Streets NW, Washington, DC; Bureau of Land Management, External Affairs Office, Montana State Office, 222 North 32nd Street, Billings, Montana; Bureau of Land Management, Lewistown District Office, Airport Road, Lewistown, Montana; and Great Falls Resource Area, 812 14th Street North, Great Falls, Montana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tad Day, Team Leader, Great Falls Resource Area, 812 14th Street North, Great Falls, Montana 59401, (406) 727-0503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Sweet Grass Hills are significant because of their importance as a religious and cultural use area for Native Americans; they are an integral part of the peregrine falcon reintroduction area; they contain high value recreational lands; and they support diverse wildlife populations. In August 1993, the BLM segregated the Federal mineral estate in the Sweet Grass Hills for a two-year period which closed the area to the location of new mining claims until August 1995. The BLM also began amending the West HiLine Resource Management Plan to reevaluate current management decisions for the Sweet Grass Hills.

About 500 copies of the Draft EIS were distributed to the public and other federal and state agencies in February 1995. During the 90-day public comment period, the BLM held four public meetings to receive oral comments. In addition to oral comments, the BLM received 397 letters on the Draft EIS. All comments, written and oral, were reviewed and considered in preparation of the Final EIS. Comments that presented new data, questioned facts or analyses, or raised questions or issues bearing directly upon the alternatives or environmental analysis, are responded to in the Final EIS. The Final EIS incorporates comments and suggestions made on the Draft EIS during the public review period. Changes were made to the preferred alternative in the Draft EIS including: all Federal minerals (19,765 acres) would be recommended for a 20 year term withdrawal and all BLM land would remain in public ownership.

The amendment to the West HiLine Resource Management Plan will provide specific direction concerning locatable mineral development and will recommend whether all of the area should be closed to mining claim location. If the record of decision