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Call for Nominations for Resource Advisory Councils

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Resource Advisory Council Call for Nominations.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to solicit public nominations for each of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Advisory Councils that have member terms expiring this year. The Councils provide advice and recommendations to BLM on land use planning and management of the public lands within their geographic areas. Public nominations will be considered for 45 days after the publication date of this notice.

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of lands administered by BLM. Section 309 of FLPMA directs the Secretary to select 10 to 15 member citizen-based advisory councils that are established and authorized consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). As required by the FACA, Resource Advisory Council members appointed to the council must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands. These include three categories:

Category One—holders of federal grazing permits, representatives of energy and mining development, timber industry, off-road vehicle use and developed recreation;

Category Two—representatives of environmental and resource conservation organizations, archaeological and historic interests, and wild horse and burro groups;

Category Three—representatives of State and Local government, Native American tribes, academicians involved in natural sciences, and the public-at-large.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees must be residents of the State or States in which the council has jurisdiction. Nominees will be evaluated based on their education,

training, and experience of the issues and knowledge of the geographical area of the Council. Nominees should have demonstrated a commitment to collaborative resource decision making. All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from represented interests or organizations, a completed background information nomination form, as well as any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

Simultaneous with this notice, BLM State Offices will issue press releases providing additional information for submitting nominations, with specifics about the number and categories of member positions available for each council in the State. Nominations for Resource Advisory Councils should be sent to the appropriate BLM offices listed below.

Alaska

Alaska Resource Advisory Council
Theresa McPherson, Alaska State Office, BLM, 222 West 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599, (907) 271-3322

Arizona

Arizona Resource Advisory Council
Deborah Stevens, Arizona State Office, BLM, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2203, (602) 417-9215

California

Bakersfield Resource Advisory Council
Ron Fellows, Bakersfield District Manager, 3801 Pegasus Avenue, Bakersfield, California 93308, (805) 391-6000

Susanville Resource Advisory Council
Linda Hansen, Area Manager, Eagle Lake Resource Area, 2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville, California 96130, (916) 257-0456

Ukiah Resource Advisory Council
Renee Snyder, Area Manager, Clear Lake Resource Area, 2550 North State Street, Ukiah, California 95482-3023, (707) 468-4000

Colorado

Front Range Resource Advisory Council;
Southwest Resource Advisory Council; Northwest Resource Advisory Council

Sheri Bell, Colorado State Office, BLM, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215-7093, (303) 239-3671

Idaho

Upper Columbia Resource Advisory Council; Upper Snake Resource Advisory Council; Lower Snake Resource Advisory Council

Glenda Hawkins, Idaho State Office, BLM, 1387 Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709-2500, (208) 373-4013

Montana and Dakotas

Butte Resource Advisory Council; Dakotas Resource Advisory Council; Lewistown Resource Advisory Council; Miles City Resource Advisory Council

Jody Weil, Montana State Office, BLM, Granite Tower, 222 N. 32nd Street, Billings, Montana 59107-6800, (406) 255-2913

Nevada

Mojave-Southern Resource Advisory Council; Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council; Sierra Front Northwestern Resource Advisory Council

Daniel Rathbun, Nevada State Office, BLM 850 Harvard Way, Reno, Nevada 89520-0006, (702) 785-6767

New Mexico

New Mexico Resource Advisory Council

Rem Hawes, New Mexico State Office, BLM, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115, (505) 438-7507

Oregon/Washington

Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council; John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council; Southeastern Resource Advisory Council

Brenda Lincoln, Oregon State Office, BLM, 1515 S.W. 5th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97208-2965, (503) 952-6437

Utah

Utah Resource Advisory Council

Sherry Foote, Utah State Office, BLM, 324 South State Street, Suite 301, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155, (801) 539-4195

DATES: All Nominations should be received by the appropriate State Office by May 8, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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