information collection requirement should direct them to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; Attention: Desk Officer for the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Dated: June 5, 1998.

**Kevin Gover,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

## Bureau of Land Management

**[UT–020–08–2811–00]**

## Salt Lake District Proposed Fire Management Plan

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management, Salt Lake District Office, has completed an Environmental Assessment (EA)/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for a Proposed Fire Management Plan which would amend the following plans: (1) Pony Express Resource Management Plan (1990); (2) Box Elder Resource Management Plan (1986); (3) Isolated Tract Planning Analysis (1985); (4) Park City Management Framework Plan (1982); and (5) Randolph Management Framework Plan (1980). The Proposed Fire Management Plan amends the plans by reintroducing fire as a critical natural process into the ecosystem and providing a comprehensive and consistent policy of how fires are handled for all public lands administered by the District.

**DATES:** The proposed plan amendment may be protested. The protest period will commence with the date of publication of this notice. Protests must be submitted on or before July 15, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Protests must be addressed to the Director (WO–210), Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Brenda Williams, Resource Planning Team, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice for the proposed planning amendment.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dan Washington, Bureau of Land Management, Salt Lake District Office, 2370 South 2300 West, telephone (801) 977–4346. Copies of the Proposed Plan Amendment are available for review at the Salt Lake District Office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Any person who participated in the planning process and has an interest which is or may be adversely affected by the Proposed Plan Amendment may protest to the Director of the Bureau of Land Management. The protest must be in writing and filed within 30 days of the date of publication of this Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The protest must be specific and contain the following information:

—The name, mailing address, telephone number and interest of the person filing the protest;

—A statement of the issue(s) being protested;

—A statement of the part(s) of the proposed amendment being protested;

—A copy of all documents addressing the issue(s) that were submitted by the protestor during the planning process; and

—A concise statement explaining why the BLM State Director's proposed decision is believed to be in error.

In the absence of timely objections, this proposal shall become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

**G. William Lamb,**

*State Director, Utah.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## Bureau of Land Management

**[CO–017–1610–00]**

## Notice of Intent To Prepare Environmental Impact Statement

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, Colorado Sodium Products Development Project.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Colorado Sodium Products Development Project (Project), located in Rio Blanco County and Garfield County, Colorado.

The BLM will evaluate the Commercial Mine Plan prepared for the Project. The EIS will assess the environmental consequences of Mine Plan approval and development of the Project.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the BLM will conduct public scoping meetings to solicit comments on potential environmental impacts associated with the project. These public scoping meetings will be held in two locations:

1. Bureau of Land Management, White River Resource Area Office, 73544 Highway 64, Meeker, Colorado, on June 24, 1998, at 7:00 p.m.
2. Town Hall Council Chambers, 222 Grand Valley Way, Parachute, Colorado, on June 25, 1998 at 7:00 p.m.

To familiarize the public and interested organizations with the likely scope of environmental issues that will be involved, the BLM has prepared a Scoping Document for the Colorado Sodium Products Development Project. This document includes a list of the various environmental/resource issues that will be addressed in the EIS. This list has been compiled based on experience gained to date with American Soda's test-phase operation in Rio Blanco County and consideration of likely environmental impact issues that would be encountered during construction and operation of the proposed commercial scale project. Copies of the Scoping Document are available at the White River Resource Area office in Meeker, Colorado, for public review. Alternatively, a copy of the Scoping Document can be requested by mail. Copies of the Scoping Document will also be available at the public scoping meetings described above. Comments received at the scoping meetings or by mail will supplement the issues identified in the Scoping Document.

**DATES:** Comments and recommendations on this Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS should be received on or before July 10, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments concerning this notice to Mr. Larry Shults, Natural Resource Specialist, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, White River Resource Area, 73544 Highway 64, Meeker, CO 81641.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Larry Shults, (970) 878–3601.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** American Soda, L.L.P. (American Soda) intends to construct and operate a commercial nahcolite solution mining operation at a site in the northcentral portion of the Piceance Creek Basin in Rio Blanco County, Colorado. Nahcolite is naturally occurring sodium bicarbonate that is found in association with oil shale deposits. After the nahcolite is removed from the ground, it would be processed into a sodium carbonate solution and transported by a 44-mile buried pipeline south to a processing operation to be located at an existing industrial site in