

meeting to receive input on federal paleontology policies.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, June 21, 1999, beginning at 8:30 A.M. Persons wishing to make a presentation have up to five minutes to make a statement and will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis.

**ADDRESSES:** The U.S. Geological Survey is located at 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, and parking is generally available at the USGS visitor lot. Written comments will be accepted at the meeting or may be sent to Sara Pena, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C. St., N.W., LS-204, Washington, D.C., 20240, by July 15, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sara Pena, Bureau of Land Management at (202) 452-5040.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The United States Senate (Senate Report 105-227) requested that the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with appropriate scientific, educational, and commercial entities, prepare a report assessing the need for a unified federal policy on the collection, storage, and preservation of fossils. The background document, "Collection, Storage, Preservation and Scientific Study of Fossils from Federal and Indian Lands," provides some information on current federal policies on paleontology. A copy of the background document is available on the Interior Department web site at <http://www.doi.gov>, or by contacting Sara Pena, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C. St., N.W., LS-204, Washington, D.C., 20240, telephone: (202) 452-5040.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Meeting of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, Vale District, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is given that a meeting of the Advisory Board for the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center will be held on Thursday, June 3, 1999 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at

the Best Western Sunridge Inn, One Sunridge Lane, Baker City, Oregon 97814.

At an appropriate time, the Board will recess for approximately one hour for lunch. Public comments will be received from 12:00 p.m. to 12:15 p.m., June 3, 1999. Topics to be discussed are the prioritizing of market segments, refinement of mission and goals, and reports from Coordinators of Subcommittees.

**DATES:** The meeting will be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. June 3, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David B. Hunsaker, Bureau of Land Management, National Historic Oregon Trail, Interpretive Center, P.O. Box 987, Baker City, OR 97814 (Telephone 541-523-1845).

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Recreation Use Restrictions and Regulations for Egin Lakes Access and Red Road Recreation Sites Adjacent and Within the Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area (WSA), Idaho

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

**ACTION:** Notice of recreation use restrictions for Egin Lakes Access and Red Road recreation sites adjacent and within the Sand Mountain WSA, Idaho.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given in accordance with Title 43 Group 8000-Recreation Programs, and in accordance with the principles established by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, that certain lands located in and adjacent to the Sand Mountain WSA which includes the area known as the St. Anthony Sand Dunes Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) in Fremont and Jefferson Counties, Idaho have recreation use restrictions placed upon them. Actions are implemented under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.

**DATES:** Effective date: May 26, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Bureau of Land Management, Upper Snake River District, Idaho Falls Field Office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401, telephone (208) 524-7500.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The WSA is 21,000 acres of public land that has current vehicle and recreation use restrictions within it that were established through the **Federal Register** on August 13, 1992. Both the WSA and SRMA are within the Egin-Hamer Winter Seasonal Closure Area established through the Federal Register on December 16, 1997.

Recreation use in the SRMA has increased nearly 1000% from an estimated 14,000 visits in FY84 to over 136,000 visits in FY 98. The Egin Lakes Access Site alone recorded over 72,000 visits in which over 20,000 visitors were campers using the undeveloped camping area or the developed parking lot to camp. Use along the Red Road where there are numerous undeveloped recreation sites recorded over 24,000 visits in which over 2000 visitors were overnight campers.

Open campfire sites inside the Sand Mountain WSA but outside the Red Road Open Sand Campfire Area have increased tremendously in the last few years, especially around major access routes onto the open sand and around Dry Lake Bed (Hidden Lake) causing degradation of the natural values of the area. The last few years have also had non-traditional dispersed recreation uses occur on Hidden Lake which is a dry lake bed in the winter but has water throughout the spring, summer, and fall seasons. Snowmobile and Personal Water Craft users have been using the lake in the summer for water craft skimming. This activity has created safety problems to other recreation users along the lake shore and in the water. These uses were not present at the time the roadless inventory for wilderness values was conducted by the BLM during 1970s and are not considered a type of primitive and unconfined recreation use for a wilderness characteristic.

To reduce the litter and debris left in open campfires causing safety problems to recreation users, the degrading of natural values of the area and prohibiting non-primitive type of recreation activities inside the WSA, the following restrictions will be implemented and apply to the Sand Mountain WSA: 1) Open campfires are prohibited inside the Sand Mountain WSA except in the designated Red Road Open Sand Campfire Area; 2) Use of personal water craft or any other motorized vehicle or craft is prohibited on any body of water inside the WSA.

Use in the developed and undeveloped recreation sites and areas surrounding and within the WSA have increased over 20% the last three years. The use has created public safety and