Valley County, Montana. The proposed plan is to designate a Bitter Creek Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) and a Mountain Plover ACEC.

DATES: The proposed plan amendment may be protested. The 30-day protest period will commence with the date of publication of this notice. Protests must be submitted on or before February 21, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written protests must be sent to: Director, Bureau of Land Management, Attention: Ms Brenda Williams, Protests Coordinator, WO–210/LS–1075, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240. The overnight mail address is: Director, Bureau of Land Management, Attention: Ms Brenda Williams, Protests Coordinator (WO–210), 1620 L Street, NW., Rm. 1075, Washington, DC 20036 [Phone: 202/452–5510].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Fahlgren, Assistant Field Manager, BLM, Glasgow Field Station, RR1–4775, Glasgow, MT 59230. 406–228–3750.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This proposed plan amendment/EA addresses special management for two ACECs; Bitter Creek and Mountain Plover. The public land being considered is located in Valley County, Montana. This plan would amend the Judith-Valley-Phillips RMP. The Bitter Creek Wilderness Study Area (WSA) (59,660 acres) was found to meet the criteria as a potential ACEC due to the scenic diversity and variety of vegetation types and wildlife habitat. The proposed plan is to designate a Bitter Creek ACEC. If Congress released Bitter Creek from WSA status, a plan for management of the ACEC would be initiated within two years. Until an ACEC management plan is completed for Bitter Creek, management would be the same as the revised edition of the Interim Management Policy for Lands Under Wilderness Review (1998). The Mountain Plover area (24,730 acres) provides natural habitat for the mountain plover, a prairie bird. It is an area of native plover habitat which is not associated with black-tailed prairie dogs. The proposed plan is to designate a Mountain Plover ACEC. Management prescriptions limiting surface disturbing activities would apply within the ACEC to protect the mountain plover during the nesting period from April 1 to July 31. These management prescriptions include a seasonal restriction on oil and gas activities, mitigating measures considered in Plan of Operations, seasonal stipulation on right-of-way grants, and off-highway vehicle travel seasonally limited to designated roads and trails.

The BLM's resource management planning process includes an opportunity for administrative review via a plan protest to the BLM's Director. Any person who participated in the planning process and has an interest which is or may be adversely affected by the approval of an amendment to an RMP may protest such approval. Careful adherence to the following guidelines will assist in preparing a protest that will assure the greatest consideration to your point of view. Only those persons or organizations who participated in the planning process may protest. A protesting party may raise only those issues which were commented on during the planning process. New issues may be raised at any time but should be directed to the appropriate BLM field office for consideration in plan implementation, as potential plan amendments, or as otherwise appropriate. The protest period extends for 30 days. There is no provision for any extension of time. To be considered ''timely,'' your protest must be postmarked no later than the last day of the protest period. Also, although not a requirement, we suggest that you send your protest by certified mail, return receipt requested. In order to be considered complete, your protest must contain, at a minimum, the following information:

(1) The name, mailing address, telephone number and interest of the person filing the protest.

(2) A statement of the issue or issues being protested.

(3) A statement of the part or parts of the amendment being protested. To the extent possible, this should be done by reference to specific pages, paragraphs, sections, tables, maps, etc. included in the proposed amendment.

(4) A copy of all documents addressing the issue or issues submitted during the planning process by the protesting party or an indication of the discussion date of the issue(s) for the record.

(5) A concise statement explaining why the proposed decision is believed to be incorrect. This is a critical part of your protest. Take care to document all relevant facts. As much as possible, reference or cite the planning documents, environmental analysis documents, available planning records (*i.e.,* meeting minutes or summaries, correspondence, etc.). A protest which merely expresses disagreement with the proposed decision, without any data will not provide us with the benefit of your information and insight. In this case, the Director's review will be based on the existing analysis and supporting data.

At the end of the 30-day protest period, the BLM may issue a Decision Record, approving implementation of any portions of the proposed plan amendment not under protest. Approval will be withheld on any portion of the plan under protest until the protest has been resolved.

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

Dated: January 8, 2001.

John Fahlgren,

Assistant Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR–957–00–1420–BJ: GP01–0069]

Filing of Plats of Survey: Oregon/Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of the following described lands are scheduled to be officially filed in the Oregon State Office, Portland, Oregon, thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication.

Willamette Meridian

Oregon

T. 22 S., R. 8 W., accepted November 3, 2000
T. 19 S., R. 1 W., accepted November 13, 2000
T. 29 S., R. 10 W., accepted November 22, 2000
T. 31 S., R. 5 W., accepted December 18, 2000

Washington

T. 23 N., R. 10 W., accepted November 6, 2000

If protests against a survey, as shown on any of the above plat(s), are received prior to the date of official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest(s). A plat will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

The plat(s) will be placed in the open files of the Oregon State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1515 SW. 5th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97201, and will be available to the public as a matter of information only. Copies of the plat(s) may be obtained from the above office upon required payment. A person or party who wishes to protest against a survey must file with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management,

Portland, Oregon, a notice that they wish to protest prior to the proposed official filing date given above. A statement of reasons for a protest may be filed with the notice of protest to the State Director, or the statement of reasons must be filed with the State Director within thirty (30) days after the proposed official filing date.

The above-listed plats represent dependent resurveys, survey, and subdivision.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, (1515 SW. 5th Avenue) P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208.

Dated: January 3, 2001.

Robert D. DeViney, Jr.,

Branch of Realty and Record Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NMNM 103446]

Public Land Order No. 7479; Withdrawal of National Forest System Land for Guadalupe Cave Resource Protection Area; New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws 27,299.50 acres of National Forest System land from mining and mineral leasing, for 20 years to protect the Guadalupe Cave Resource Protection Area.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 22, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeanette Espinosa, BLM New Mexico State Office, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502–0115, 505–438–7597.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described National Forest System land is hereby withdrawn from location and entry under the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1994)), and from leasing under the mineral leasing laws (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.* and 30 U.S.C. 351 *et seq.* (1994)), to protect the Guadalupe Cave Resource Protection Area.:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

Lincoln National Forest

T. 25 S., R. 21 E.,
Sec. 36, lot 4, S½SW¼, and SW¼SE¼.
T. 26 S., R. 21 E.,
Sec. 1;
Sec. 2, E½;
Sec. 10, SE¼SE¼;
Sec. 11, E½ and SW¼;
Secs. 12, 13, and 14;
Sec. 15, E½, S½ NW¼, and SW¼;
Sec. 16, S½SE¼;
Sec. 20, SE¼;
Secs. 21 to 28, inclusive;
Sec. 29, E½;
Sec. 32, lots 1 and 2, and N½ NE¼;
Sec. 33, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, and N½N½;
Sec. 34, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, and N½N½;
Sec. 35, lots 1 to 4 inclusive, and N½N½;
Sec. 36, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, and N½N½.
T. 25 S., R. 22 E.,
Sec. 13, S½;
Sec. 14, S½;
Sec. 15, S½ and NW¼;
Sec. 16, S½ and NE¼;
Sec. 20, SE¼SW¼ and SE¼; secs. 21 to 29, inclusive;
Sec. 31, E½, E½W½, and SW¼SW¼;
Sec. 32, 33, and 34.
T. 26 S., R. 22 E., secs. 3, 4, and 5;
Sec. 6, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, E½, and E½W½;
Sec. 7, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, E½, and E½W½; secs. 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, and 17;
Sec. 18, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, E½, and E½W½.

The area described contains approximately 27,299.50 acres in Eddy County.

2. This withdrawal will expire 20 years from the effective date of this order unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (1994), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

Dated: January 16, 2001.

Sylvia V. Baca,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR–958–1430–ET; OR–56288]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal; Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Interior proposes to withdraw approximately 151,970 acres of Federal lands, to protect the nationally significant ecological and biological values of the Siskiyou Wild Rivers area. Subject to valid existing rights, this notice segregates the Federal lands described below for up to 2 years from location and entry under the mining laws. The lands have been and will remain open to the public land laws and mineral leasing laws unless closed by other segregations of record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Barnes, Oregon State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 503–952–6155.

ADDRESSES: State Director, Oregon State Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208–2965.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect the nationally significant ecological and biological diversity of the Siskiyou Wild Rivers area while it is determined whether special management designation for the area is warranted and to assess the views of the public on such a designation. The Siskiyou Wild Rivers area also contains outstanding scenic and recreation values and special status plant and animal species and their habitats. The proposal, if finalized, would withdraw, subject to valid existing rights, the following described Federal lands and, if acquired by the United States, any non-Federal lands within the area, from location and entry under the mining laws. The Federal lands have been and will remain open to the public land laws and the mineral leasing laws, subject to other segregations of record:

1. The Federal lands proposed for withdrawal are described as:

Williamette Meridian

T. 37 S., R. 6 W.,
sec. 31, W½.
T. 38 S., R. 6 W.,
sec. 30, S½;
sec. 31.
T. 39 S., R. 6 W.,
sec. 5, E½;
secs. 6 and 8.
T. 33 S., R. 7 W.,
secs. 18, 19, 30, and 31.
T. 34 S., R. 7 W.,
secs. 6, 7, 18, 19, 30, and 31.
T. 35 S., R. 7 W.,
secs. 3 to 10, inclusive, and secs. 15, 17, 18 and 19;
sec. 20, W½.
T. 39 S., R. 7 W.,
sec. 1, E½;
sec. 2.
T. 32 S., R. 8 W.,
sec. 31.
T. 33 S., R. 8 W.,
secs. 5 to 36, inclusive.
Tps. 34 and 35 S., R. 8 W., inclusive.
T. 38 S., R. 8 W.,
secs. 9, 15, 21, and 28.
T. 39 S., R. 8 W.,
sec. 31.
T. 40 S., R. 8 W.,
secs. 7, 10, 15, and secs. 17 to 20 inclusive;