

distribution and territory size requirements of the eastern indigo snake makes evaluation of status and trends very difficult. Surveys for this species on site were negative, however the habitat is suitable. If any eastern indigo snakes are present, construction of the Project's infrastructure and residential lots may result in their death or injury incidental to the carrying out of these otherwise lawful activities.

The draft EA considers the environmental consequences of two alternatives. The no action alternative may result in loss of habitat for Florida scrub-jay and eastern indigo snake and exposure of the Applicant under Section 9 of the Act. The proposed action alternative is issuance of the ITP with on-site mitigation. The on-site preservation alternative would restore and preserve 71 acres of unoccupied habitat and 10 acres of occupied habitat adjacent to the Palatlahaha River. The affirmative conservation measures outlined in the HCP to be employed to offset the anticipated level of incidental take to the protected species are the following:

1. The impacts associated with the proposed project include 27 acres of permanent impacts associated with infrastructure and lot development. To mitigate for the proposed impacts to occupied habitat the applicant will restore and preserve habitat within two areas of the project site. Approximately 27 acres of unoccupied scrub habitat and 10 acres of occupied habitat will be enhanced and preserved along the Palatlahaha River. Additionally, a 54-acre parcel located west of the Palatlahaha River will be restored and preserved as scrub habitat. This amount is based on mitigation at a ratio of 3:1 (three acres restored for every one acre impacted). Management will be conducted on a regular basis by the applicant. After initial habitat restoration of the 81-acre mitigation area, the property would then be set apart through an easement, requiring preservation and management for Florida scrub-jays and eastern indigo snakes into perpetuity.

2. No construction activities would occur within 150 feet of an active Florida scrub-jay nest during the nesting season.

3. The HCP provides a funding mechanism for these mitigation measures.

As stated above, the Service has made a preliminary determination that the issuance of the ITP is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(C) of NEPA. This preliminary information

may be revised due to public comment received in response to this notice and is based on information contained in the EA and HCP. An appropriate excerpt from the FONSI reflecting the Service's finding on the application is provided below:

Based on the analysis conducted by the Service, it has been determined that:

1. Issuance of an ITP would not have significant effects on the human environment in the project area.

2. The proposed take is incidental to an otherwise lawful activity.

3. The Applicant has ensured that adequate funding will be provided to implement the measures proposed in the submitted HCP.

4. Other than impacts to endangered and threatened species as outlined in the documentation of this decision, the indirect impacts which may result from issuance of the ITP are addressed by other regulations and statutes under the jurisdiction of other government entities. The validity of the Service's ITP is contingent upon the Applicant's compliance with the terms of the permit and all other laws and regulations under the control of State, local, and other Federal governmental entities.

The Service will also evaluate whether the issuance of a Section 10(a)(1)(B) ITP complies with Section 7 of the Act by conducting an intra-Service Section 7 consultation. The results of the biological opinion, in combination with the above findings, will be used in the final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the ITP.

Dated: April 19, 2001.

Judy L. Pulliam,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-220-1020-ML-01-24 1A]

OMB Approval Number 1004-0051; Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has submitted the proposed collection of information listed below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). On December 19, 2000, the BLM published a notice in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 79420) requesting comments on this proposed collection.

The comment period ended on February 20, 2001. The BLM received one comment from the public in response to that notice. You may obtain copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms and explanatory material by contacting the BLM Information Collection Clearance Officer at the telephone number listed below.

The OMB is required to respond to this request within 60 days but may respond after 30 days. For maximum consideration your comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made within 30 days directly to the Office of Management and Budget, Interior Department Desk Office, (1004-0051), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503. Please provide a copy of your comments to the Bureau Information Clearance Officer (WO-630), 1849 C St., NW., Mail Stop 401 LS, Washington, DC 20240.

Nature of Comments: We specifically request your comments on the following:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the BLM, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. The accuracy of the BLM's estimate of the burden of collecting the information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. The quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. How to minimize the burden of collecting the information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Actual Grazing Use Report (43 CFR 4130).

OMB Approval Number: 1004-0051.

Bureau Form Number: 4130-5.

Abstract: Respondents (permittees or lessees) supply BLM with information on the actual amount of livestock grazing use on the public lands within a specified time frame. BLM uses the information for billing purposes and program monitoring.

Frequency: Annual reporting as required.

Description of Respondents: Respondents are holders of grazing permits and leases on public lands that BLM administers.

Estimated Completion Time: 25 minutes.

Annual Responses: 15,000.

Filing Fee per Response: 0.

Annual Burden Hours: 6,250.

Bureau Clearance Officer: Michael Schwartz, (202) 452-5033.

Dated: March 1, 2001.

Michael H. Schwartz,

*BLM Information Collection Clearance
Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management, Burley Field Office

[ID-077-1220-HQ]

Notice of Closure of Public Land in Twin Falls County, ID

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of closure of public lands
in Twin Falls County, Idaho.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain lands in Twin Falls County, Idaho shall be closed to entry for all uses due to extreme environmental hazards. There is an active landslide on the east rim of the Salmon Falls Creek Canyon that poses a great threat to the safety of the public visiting the area. The area is known as Bluegill Lake or Sinking Canyon, and is located 6.5 miles west of Buhl, ID. The legal land description of the closure is as follows:

T. 9S., R 13E., Boise Meridian

Section 26: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Exceptions to this order are granted to the following:

Law enforcement and emergency services personnel.

Administratively approved access for actions such as monitoring and research studies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This closure is effective immediately, and shall remain effective until rescinded by the Authorized Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Theresa Hanley, Burley Field Manager, 15 East 200 South, Burley, ID 83318. Telephone (208) 677-6641. A map showing the public lands that have been closed is available at the BLM Burley Field Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Authority for this closure may be found in 43 CFR 8364.1. Any person who fails to comply with this closure under this subpart may be subject to the penalties provided in 8360.0-7 of this title.

Dated: April 6, 2001.

Theresa M. Hanley,

Burley Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-912-6320-AA; GP1-0098]

Resource Advisory Committees; Notice of Intent to Establish and Call for Nominations

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to establish and call for nominations for each of the Oregon Bureau of Land Management (BLM) District Resource Advisory Committees (Committees) provided for in Section 205 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393).

SUMMARY: This notice is published in accordance with Section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Interior intends to establish five Resource Advisory Committees, pursuant to Section 205 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000, Public Law 106-393 (the Act), for western Oregon BLM districts that contain Oregon and California (O&C) grants lands and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands. The public is also requested to submit nominations for membership on the Committees.

DATES: Nomination applications for Resource Advisory Committees can be obtained from your local BLM district office, or on the web at www.or.blm.gov/planning/advisory. All applications must be received by the appropriate BLM District office listed below no later than June 1, 2001. All nominations must include letters of reference from represented interests or organizations and a completed application that includes background information, as well as any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

ADDRESSES:

*BLM Resource Advisory Committee
Contacts*

Coos Bay District Resource Advisory Committee: Sue Richardson, District Manager, 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, Oregon 97459, (541) 756-0100
Eugene District Resource Advisory Committee: Wayne Elliot, Resource Management Advisor, 2890 Chad Drive, Eugene, Oregon 97408-7336, (541) 683-6600

Medford District Resource Advisory Committee: Ron Wenker, District Manager, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon 97504, (541) 618-2200

Roseburg District Resource Advisory Committee: Cary Osterhaus, District Manager, 777 NW Garden Valley Blvd., Roseburg, Oregon 97470, (541) 440-4913

Salem District Resource Advisory Committee: Jose Linares, Associate District Manager, 1717 Fabry Road SE, Salem, Oregon 97306, (503) 375-5646

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Maya Fuller, Oregon/Washington Bureau of Land Management, Oregon State Office, PO Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208, (503) 952-6437.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act establishes a five-year payment schedule to local counties to compensate them in part for the decrease in funds formally derived from the harvest of timber on federal lands. Pursuant to the Act, BLM is establishing five Committees for western Oregon BLM districts that contain O&C grant lands and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands. Committees will consist of 15 local citizens representing a wide array of interests.

The Act creates a new mechanism for local community collaboration with federal land management activities in the selection of projects to be conducted on federal lands or that will benefit resources on federal lands using funds under Title II of the Act.

Committee membership must be balanced in terms of the categories of interest represented. Members will serve without monetary compensation, but will be reimbursed for travel and per diem when on Committee business, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5703. Prospective members are advised that membership on a Resource Advisory Committee calls for a substantial commitment of time and energy.

Any individual or organization may nominate one or more persons to serve on the Committees. Individuals may also nominate themselves or others. Nominees must reside within one of the counties that are (in whole or part) within the BLM District boundaries of the Committee(s) on which membership is sought. A person may apply for and serve on more than one Committee. Nominees will be evaluated based on their education, training, and experience relating to land use issues and knowledge of the geographical area of the Committee. Nominees must also demonstrate a commitment to collaborative resource decision-making.

You may make nominations for the following categories of interest:

- Category One—5 members who:
1. represent organized labor;