

for public comment may be made available by the Council Chairman during the presentation of various agenda items, and is scheduled at the end of the meeting for topics not on the agenda.

Written comments may be filed in advance of the meeting for the California Desert District Advisory Council, c/o Bureau of Land Management, Public Affairs Office, 22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, California 92553. Written comments also are accepted at the time of the meeting and, if copies are provided to the recorder, will be incorporated into the minutes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doran Sanchez, BLM California Desert District Public Affairs Specialist (951) 697-5220.

Dated: January 11, 2005.

Linda Hansen,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Public Meeting: Resource Advisory Council to the Boise District, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Boise District Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held February 8, 2005, beginning at 9 a.m. and adjourning at 4 p.m. at the Marsing Community Center, located at 126 Bruneau Highway, Marsing, ID. Public comment periods will be held after topics on the agenda.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: MJ Byrne, Public Affairs Officer and RAC Coordinator, Boise District, 3948 Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705, Telephone (208) 384-3393.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in southwestern Idaho. At

this meeting, the following actions will occur/topics will be discussed:

- Election of officers;
- Subcommittee Reports:
 - Sage Grouse Habitat Management;
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service "Not Warranted" listing decision regarding Sage-Grouse;
 - Wind Energy Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, and an overview of Wind Energy projects in Idaho;
 - Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV) and Transportation Management;
 - Update on Off-Highway Vehicle Route Designation progress in the Boise District;
 - Resource Management Plans;
 - Update on draft alternatives for the Bruneau and Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area Resource Management Plans, and;
- River and Recreation Management.
- Tour of new Marsing Field Office;
- Hot Topics;
- Three Field Office Managers and District Fire Manager provide updates on current issues and planned activities in their Field Offices and the District.

Agenda items may change due to changing circumstances. All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, tour transportation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided below. Expedited publication is requested to give the public adequate notice.

Dated: January 12, 2005.

Jerry L Taylor,

Associate District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-084-1430-ES]

Notice of Intent To Amend the Challis Resource Management Plan, Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to amend the Challis Resource Management Plan, Idaho.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), this notice is to advise the public that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to amend the Challis Resource Management Plan (RMP). The amendment and associated environmental analysis would allow for the potential disposal of public land to Custer County for a solid waste disposal and transfer area near Mackay, Idaho.

DATES: The public scoping period for the proposal will commence with publication of this notice. Comments regarding this proposal must be submitted in writing to the address below within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding the proposed plan amendment and disposal of public land should be sent to: Attention: Realty Specialist, Challis Field Office, 801 Blue Mountain Road, Challis, Idaho 83226-9358; or they may be faxed to (208) 879-6219; or e-mailed to [Gail O'Neill@blm.gov](mailto:Gail_O'Neill@blm.gov). Existing planning documents and information are also available for review at the Challis Field Office. Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:30-4:30 pm, except holidays, and may be published as part of this amendment. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Anonymous comments will not be considered. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gail O'Neill, Associate Field Manager, at (208) 879-6250. To have your name added to our mailing list, contact Brenda Buckland at (208) 879-6200 or via e-mail at: Brenda_Buckland@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Custer County has asked the BLM to help them locate and acquire land that is suitable for a solid waste transfer site. Potential land disposal areas for this purpose are

not currently identified in the Challis RMP.

The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local and regional needs as well as national needs and concerns. This notice initiates the public scoping process to identify specific issues related to the proposed amendment and NEPA process and the appropriate level of NEPA analysis that may be required.

At least one public meeting will be held in or near Mackay, Idaho to ensure the opportunity for local community participation and input. Early participation is encouraged. In addition to the public meeting, opportunities for public participation will be available during the development of alternatives and upon publication of the BLM proposed plan amendment and Notice of Realty Action. Notification of the proposal and updates will be sent to various State and local government agencies, interest groups, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, permittees, and other interested publics. All public meetings will be announced through the local news media and will be posted on the BLM Web site (<http://web.id.blm.gov>) at least 15 days in advance of the meetings.

Dated: September 16, 2004.

Gail O'Neill,

Acting Challis Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-956-05-1420-BJ]

Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey; Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey described below are scheduled to be officially filed in the Arizona State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix, Arizona, (30) thirty calendar days from the date of this publication.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the east boundary, a portion of the subdivisional lines, homestead entry survey no. 401 and tract 37 and 38, and metes-and-bounds surveys in section 24, Township

30 North, Range 2 East, accepted November 18, 2004, and officially filed November 30, 2004, for Group 875 Arizona.

This plat was prepared at the request of the United States Forest Service.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines and the subdivision of section 17, Township 10 South, Range 9 East, accepted November 1, 2004, and officially filed November 5, 2004, for Group 931 Arizona.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Land Management.

The plat (3 sheets) representing the survey of the eighth standard parallel north (south boundary), the third guide meridian east (west boundary), the east and the north boundaries and the subdivisional lines, Townships 33 North, Range 13 East, accepted November 1, 2004, and officially filed November 10, 2004 for Group 885 Arizona.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Western Region and Navajo Regional Office.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the north boundary, a portion of the subdivisional lines, and a portion of the subdivision of section 3 and the subdivision of section 3 and the metes-and-bounds survey in section 3, Township 9 North, Range 23 East, accepted October 4, 2004, and officially filed October 8, 2004 for Group 929 Arizona.

This plat was prepared at the request of the United States Forest Service.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of the sixth standard parallel north (south boundary), the sixth guide meridian east (east boundary) and a portion of the north boundary, and the survey of a portion of the north boundary, and the subdivisional lines, Township 25 North, Range 24 East, accepted November 12, 2004, and officially filed November 19, 2004 for Group 863 Arizona.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Navajo Regional Office.

The plat (2 sheets) representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines and a portion of the subdivision of sections 22, 23, 26 and 35 and the subdivision of a portion of sections 22, 23, and 26, and the metes-and-bounds survey in sections 23, 26, and 35, Township 8 North, Range 27 East, accepted December 8, 2004, and officially filed December 14, 2004 for Group 910 Arizona.

This plat was prepared at the request of the United States Forest Service.

The supplemental plat representing sections 27, 28k, 33 and 34 in Township

16 South, Range 30 East, accepted November 8, 2004, and officially filed November 19, 2004.

This supplemental plat was prepared at the request of the United States Forest Service.

If a protest against a survey, as shown on any of the above plats is received prior to the date of official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest. 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.

A person or party who wishes to protest against any of these surveys must file a written protest with the Arizona State Director, Bureau of Land Management, stating that they wish to protest.

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 protest is filed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

These plats will be available for inspection in the Arizona State Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1552, Phoenix, Arizona, 85001-1552.

Dated: January 6, 2005.

Stephen K. Hansen,

Acting Cadastral Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sale 196 in the Western Gulf of Mexico (2005)

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Preparation of an environmental assessment.

SUMMARY: The Minerals Management Service (MMS) is issuing this notice to advise the public, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, that MMS intends to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for proposed Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas Lease Sale 196 in the Western Gulf of Mexico (GOM) (Lease Sale 196) scheduled for August 2005. The MMS is issuing this notice to facilitate public involvement. The preparation of this EA is the first step in the decision process for Lease Sale