

1800 Marquess St., Las Cruces, New Mexico. The public comment period is scheduled March 5, from 6–7 p.m. at the Las Cruces District Office. On Thursday, March 6, the meeting is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Friday, March 7, the meeting is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The public may present written comments to the RAC.

Depending on the number of individuals wishing to comment and time available, oral comments may be limited.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member RAC 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 New Mexico. All meetings are open to the public. At this meeting, topics include issues on renewable and nonrenewable resources.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theresa Herrera, New Mexico State Office, Office of External Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502–0115, 505.438.7517.

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State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO–260–08–1060–XO–24 1A]

Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces that the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board will conduct a meeting on matters pertaining to management and protection of wild, free-roaming horses and burros on the Nation's public lands.

DATES: The Advisory Board will meet Monday February 25, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., local time. This will be a one day meeting.

ADDRESSES: The Advisory Board will meet in Tucson, Arizona, at the Radisson Suites Tucson, 6555 E. Speedway Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85710. The Radisson's phone number is (520) 721–7100.

Written comments pertaining to the Advisory Board meeting should be sent to: Bureau of Land Management,

National Wild Horse and Burro Program, WO–260, Attention: Ramona DeLorme, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, Nevada, 89502–7147. Submit written comments pertaining to the Advisory Board meeting no later than close of business, February 15, 2008. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access and filing address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ramona DeLorme, Wild Horse and Burro Administrative Assistant, at 775–861–6582. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may reach Ms. DeLorme at any time by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Meeting

Under the authority of 43 CFR part 1784, the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board advises the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the BLM, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Chief of the Forest Service, on matters pertaining to management and protection of wild, free-roaming horses and burros on the Nation's public lands. The tentative agenda for the meeting is:

Monday February 25, 2008 (8 a.m.–5 p.m.)

8 a.m.—Call to Order and Introductions:

8:15 a.m.—Old Business:

Approval of November, 2007 Minutes
Update Pending Litigation

8:45 a.m.—Program Updates:

Gathers
Adoptions
Facilities
Forest Service Update

Break—(9:30 a.m.–9:45 a.m.)

9:45 a.m.—Program Updates

(continued):

Program Accomplishments
BLM Response to Advisory Board
Recommendations

Lunch—(11:45 a.m.–1 p.m.)

1 p.m.—New Business

Break—(2:45–3 p.m.)

3 p.m.—Public Comments

4 p.m.—Board Recommendations

4:45 p.m.—Recap/Summary/Next
Meeting/Date/Site

5 p.m.—Adjourn

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability needing an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting, such as an interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format, must notify the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although the BLM will attempt to

meet a request received after that date, the requested auxiliary aid or service may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange it.

The Federal Advisory Committee Management Regulations [41 CFR 101–6.1015(b).] require BLM to publish in the **Federal Register** notice of a meeting 15 days prior to the meeting date.

II. Public Comment Procedures

Members of the public may make oral statements to the Advisory Board on February 25, 2008, at the appropriate point of the agenda. This opportunity is anticipated to occur at 3 p.m., local time. Persons wishing to make statements should register with the BLM by noon on February 25, 2008, at the meeting location. Depending on the number of speakers, the Advisory Board may limit the length of presentations. At previous meetings, presentations have been limited to three minutes in length. Speakers should address the specific wild horses and burro-related topics listed on the agenda. Speakers must submit a written copy of their statement to the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section or bring a written copy to the meeting.

Participation in the Advisory Board meeting is not a prerequisite for submission of written comments. The BLM invites written comments from all interested parties. Your written comments should be specific and explain the reason for any recommendation. The BLM appreciates any and all comments, but those most useful and likely to influence decisions on management and protection of wild horses and burros are those that are either supported by quantitative information or studies or those that include citations to and analysis of applicable laws and regulations. Except for comments provided in electronic format, speakers should submit two copies of their written comments where feasible. The BLM will not necessarily consider comments received after the time indicated under the **DATES** section or at locations other than those listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

In the event there is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for a copy of your comments, the BLM will make them available in their entirety, including your name and address. However, if you do not want the BLM to release your name and address in response to a FOIA request, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. The BLM will honor your request to the extent allowed by law. The BLM will release all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals

identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, in their entirety, including names and addresses.

Electronic Access and Filing Address

Speakers may transmit comments electronically via the Internet to: ramona_delorme@blm.gov. Please include the identifier "WH&B" in the subject of your message and your name and address in the body of your message.

Dated: January 17, 2008.

Ed Roberson,

Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-030-1430-FR; WYW-160261]

Notice of Realty Action; Modified Competitive Sale of Public Lands in Sweetwater County, Wyoming

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

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to sell 40 acres of public lands near Wamsutter, Wyoming, Sweetwater County, to the Town of Wamsutter for current and future affordable housing purposes. These lands consist of one parcel totaling 40.00 acres more or less, which has been identified for disposal in the Great Divide Resource Management Plan, dated November 9, 1990. The sale will be conducted using modified competitive bidding procedures in accordance with and under the applicable provisions of sections 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) (43 U.S.C. 1713), its implementing regulations, and in accordance with 43 CFR 2711.3-2, BLM land sale regulations at 43 CFR Part 2710 and the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act of 2000, Public Law 106-248, July 25, 2000.

DATES: Comments regarding the proposed sale must be received by the BLM on or before March 10, 2008. Sealed bids must be received by March 25, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding the proposed sale, including the environmental assessment (EA), should be addressed to: Field Manager, Rawlins

Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1300 N. Third Street, Rawlins, Wyoming 82301. More detailed information regarding the proposed sale and the land involved may be viewed during normal business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the Rawlins Field Office (RFO).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chuck Valentine at (307) 328-4307 or by e-mail at Chuck_Valentine@blm.gov. For general information on BLM's public land sale procedures, refer to the following Web address: <http://www.blm.gov/nhp/what/lands/realty/tenure/sale.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Town of Wamsutter, Wyoming (Wamsutter), has proposed 40.00 acres be sold for the purpose of providing affordable housing for current and future residents. Suitable housing is extremely limited in Wamsutter, where a population growth has been spurred on by nearby oil and gas development. It is extremely important to Wamsutter's economic development to provide land for affordable housing. Wamsutter is an adjacent landowner and has legal access to the proposed disposal parcel. Other lands located within the municipal boundaries of Wamsutter are not suitable for housing due to topography, existing utilities and/or non-compatible adjacent uses. Wamsutter is willing to purchase the parcel at not less than fair market value, subject to modified competitive bidding procedures. Wamsutter is concerned that open bidding, without allowing them the right to meet the highest bid, would preclude the opportunity to develop the adjacent property for affordable housing. On consideration of the factors described above, which include the ownership or control of the adjacent lands and the absence of identified needs for the parcel other than those proposed by Wamsutter, the authorized officer has determined that the request by Wamsutter meets the criteria in 43 CFR 2711.3-2 and that a modified competitive sale best serves the public interest. The authorized officer has determined that the method of sale will be to offer to the designated bidder the right to meet the highest bid in accordance with 43 CFR 2711.3-2(a)(1)(i), and CFR 2711.3-2(a)(2) as described above. This notice designates Wamsutter as the one bidder with the right to meet the highest bid.

(1) Modified competitive bidding includes, but is not limited to:

(i) Offering to designated bidders the right to meet the highest bid. Refusal or failure to meet the highest bid shall

constitute a waiver of such bidding provisions; or

(ii) A limitation of persons permitted to bid on a specific tract of land offered for sale; or

(iii) Offering to designated bidders the right of first refusal to purchase the lands at fair market value. Failure to accept an offer to purchase the offered lands within the time specified by the authorized officer shall constitute a waiver of this preference consideration.

(2) Factors that shall be considered in determining when modified competitive bidding procedures shall be used, include but are not limited to: "Needs of State and/or local government, adjoining landowners, historical users, and other needs for the tract * * *."

The proposed sale is consistent with the BLM Great Divide Resource Management Plan dated November 9, 1990, and would serve important public objectives which cannot be achieved prudently or feasibly elsewhere. The land contains no other known public values. Maps, the approved appraisal report, and the environmental assessment covering the proposed sale are available for review at the BLM, Rawlins Field Office, Rawlins, Wyoming (RFO).

Sealed bids must be received by the RFO at the address listed above, not later than 60 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Sealed bids must be contained in an envelope marked "Sealed Bid for Parcel WYW-160261." All bidders must submit, with their sealed bid, a certified check, postal money order, bank draft, or cashier's check made payable to the Bureau of Land Management in an amount not less than 20% of the appraised fair market value (FMV), which has been determined to be \$120,000.00 for WYW-160261. If two or more envelopes containing valid bids of the same amount are received, the determination of which is to be considered the highest bid shall be through submission of supplemental sealed bids. Bids will be opened at the RFO at the address listed above within 70 days from the publication of this Notice.

Lands Proposed for Sale

Sixth Principal Meridian, Sweetwater County, Wyoming
T. 20 N., R. 94 W.,

Sec. 34: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The land described contains 40.00 acres, more or less, in Sweetwater County.

Terms and Conditions of Sale: The BLM sale parcel will be offered for sale via written sealed bid and is subject to the following: