

- Socorro RMP (2010), Socorro Field Office: Modifications to existing VRM decisions and/or to right-of-way avoidance area decisions; and
- Mimbres RMP (1993), Las Cruces District Office: Modifications to existing VRM decisions and/or to right-of-way avoidance area decisions.

Comments on the Draft EIS/RMP amendments received from the public and internal BLM review were considered and incorporated as appropriate into the Final EIS/Proposed RMP amendments. The BLM received more than 900 comment submittals during the Draft EIS/RMP amendments comment period, which contained more than 2,000 unique comments. The Final EIS/Proposed RMP amendments include responses to all substantive comments and revisions to the EIS. In response to comments, modifications, including the following, were made to alternatives analyzed in the Draft EIS/RMP amendments, including the BLM preferred alternative:

- Route Group 1 (Lincoln, Torrance, and Socorro counties, New Mexico): The alternative alignment for Subroute 1A1 was modified to increase the distance between the proposed transmission lines and military operations at the White Sands Missile Range. This is Subroute 1A2, the BLM preferred alternative that is described in the Final EIS.

- Route Group 3 (Hidalgo County, New Mexico; Greenlee, Graham, and Cochise counties in Arizona): Sensitive environmental resources near the Lordsburg Playa and the Peloncillo Mountains Wilderness were identified as issues associated with Subroute 3A1, which was identified as the BLM preferred alternative in the Draft EIS. Subroute 3A2, identified as the BLM preferred alternative in the Final EIS, avoids these sensitive environmental resources. Subroute 3A2 is the same as Subroute 3A, with a modification to a segment of the alignment in the vicinity of the Hot Well Dunes Recreation Area.

- Additional considerations for National Scenic and Historic Trails were included. Instructions for filing a protest with the Director of the BLM regarding the Proposed RMP amendments may be found in the "Dear Reader" letter of the Final EIS/Proposed RMP amendments and at 43 CFR 1610.5-2. Email and faxed protests will not be accepted as valid protests unless the protesting party also provides the original letter by either regular or overnight mail postmarked by the close of the protest period. Under these conditions, the BLM will consider the email or faxed protest as an advance copy and it will receive full consideration. If you wish to

provide the BLM with such advance notification, please direct faxed protests to the attention of the BLM protest coordinator at 202-245-0028, and emails to [Brenda\\_Hudgens-Williams@blm.gov](mailto:Brenda_Hudgens-Williams@blm.gov).

All protests, including the follow-up letter to emails or faxes, must be in writing and mailed to the appropriate address, as set forth in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

Copies of the Final EIS/Proposed RMP amendments are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations:

- BLM, Las Cruces District Office, 1800 Marquess Street, Las Cruces, NM 88005-3370
- BLM, Roswell Field Office, 2909 West Second Street, Roswell, NM 88201-2019
- BLM, Socorro Field Office, 901 South Highway 85, Socorro, NM 87801-4168
- BLM, Rio Puerco Field Office, 435 Montano Road NE., Albuquerque, NM 87107-4935
- BLM, New Mexico State Office, 301 Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87508-1560
- New Mexico State Land Office, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87504-1148
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division, 4101 Jefferson Plaza NE., Albuquerque, NM 87109-3435
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 500 Gold Avenue SW., Albuquerque, NM 87102-3118
- BLM, Gila District Office, 1763 Paseo San Luis, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635-4611
- BLM, Tucson Field Office, 3201 East Universal Way, Tucson, AZ 85756
- BLM, Safford Field Office, 711 14th Avenue, Safford, AZ 85546-3337
- BLM, Arizona State Office, One North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85004-4427
- Arizona State Land Department, 1616 West Adams, Phoenix, AZ 85007-2614
- Arizona Game and Fish Department, 5000 West Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086-5000

Before including your phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your protest, you should be aware that your entire protest—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can request that your personal identifying information be withheld

from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Jesse Juen,**

*State Director, New Mexico.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Utah Resource Advisory Council Subgroup Conference Call

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

**ACTION:** Conference Call.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Utah Resource Advisory Council (RAC) Subgroup will host a conference call.

**DATES:** The Utah RAC Subgroup will host a conference call on Monday, June 24, 2013, from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., MST.

**ADDRESSES:** Those attending in person must meet at the BLM, Utah State Office, 440 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, Utah, in the Monument Conference Room on the fifth floor. The conference call will be recorded for purposes of minute-taking.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you wish to listen to the teleconference, orally present material during the teleconference, or submit written material for the Council to consider during the teleconference, please notify Sherry Foot, Special Programs Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101; phone 801-539-4195; or, [sfoot@blm.gov](mailto:sfoot@blm.gov) by Friday, June 21, 2013.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Utah Resource Advisory Council (RAC) formed a subgroup to review BLM-Utah's draft three-year National Conservation Lands Strategy. In May 2013, the RAC provided the BLM-Utah State Director with recommended changes to the draft strategy and this meeting was held to discuss how BLM-Utah has incorporated their recommendations into a revised draft strategy. A public comment period will take place immediately following the presentation. The meeting is open to the public; however, transportation,

lodging, and meals are the responsibility of the participating individuals.

**Authority:** 43 CFR 1784.4-1.

**Jenna Whitlock,**

*Associate State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Public Land Order No. 7815; Extension of Public Land Order No. 6997; Montana

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

**ACTION:** Public Land Order.

**SUMMARY:** This order extends the withdrawal created by Public Land Order No. 6997, as corrected, for an additional 20-year period. The extension is necessary to continue the protection of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, which would otherwise expire on September 27, 2013.

**DATES:** As of September 28, 2013.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Danielle Kepford, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 110, 406-538-8706, [Danielle\\_Kepford@fws.gov](mailto:Danielle_Kepford@fws.gov), or Debbie Sorg, Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669, 406-896-5045, [dsorg@blm.gov](mailto:dsorg@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact either of the above individuals during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with either of the above individuals. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose for which the withdrawal was first made requires this extension to continue protection of the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge. The withdrawal extended by this order will expire on September 27, 2033, unless as a result of a review conducted prior to the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f), the Secretary of the Interior determines that the withdrawal shall be further extended.

### Order

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

Public Land Order No. 6997 (58 FR 50518-21 (1993)), as corrected (58 FR 58593 (1993)), which withdrew 891,422.36 acres of public mineral estate from location and entry under the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2), but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, to protect the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge, is hereby extended for an additional 20-year period until September 27, 2033.

Dated: June 4, 2013.

**Rhea S. Suh,**

*Assistant Secretary—Policy, Management and Budget.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Intent To Prepare a Resource Management Plan for the Central Yukon Planning Area Alaska and Associated Environmental Impact Statement

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, and the Alaska National Lands Interest Conservation Act of 1980 (ANILCA), as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Central Yukon Field Office, Fairbanks, Alaska, intends to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) with an associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Central Yukon Planning Area. This notice announces the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues. The RMP will replace the existing Utility Corridor RMP, Central Yukon RMP, and part of the Southwest Management Framework Plan. Additionally, the RMP will cover lands in the Fairbanks North Star Borough that are currently not included in any management plan.

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public scoping process for the RMP with the

associated EIS. Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until December 11, 2013. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media, newspapers, and the BLM-Alaska Web site at: [www.blm.gov/ak](http://www.blm.gov/ak). In order to be included in the Draft RMP/EIS scoping report, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 180-day scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. We will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft RMP/EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on issues, planning criteria, and management questions and concerns related to the Central Yukon RMP by any of the following methods:

- In person at public scoping meetings in communities within the planning area. The BLM will announce the meeting dates, times and specific locations through news releases and on the BLM Web site at [www.blm.gov/ak](http://www.blm.gov/ak);
- *Web site:* [www.blm.gov/ak](http://www.blm.gov/ak);
- *Email:* [CentralYukon@blm.gov](mailto:CentralYukon@blm.gov);
- *Fax:* 907- 474-2282;
- *Mail:* Attn: Central Yukon Field Office, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, AK 99709.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Fairbanks District Office; address: 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, AK 99709.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Jeanie Cole, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, telephone 907-474-2200; address: 1150 University Ave., Fairbanks, AK, 99709; email [j05cole@blm.gov](mailto:j05cole@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document provides notice that the BLM Central Yukon Field Office, Fairbanks, Alaska, intends to prepare a RMP with an associated EIS for the Central Yukon Planning Area. The BLM is announcing the beginning of the scoping process and seeking public input on issues and planning criteria. The planning area is located in central and northern Alaska and encompasses approximately 16 million acres of public land. The purpose of the public scoping process is to identify relevant issues that will