

the Existing Management Plan") remained that of implementing the existing (1986) management plan but accelerating completion to a five-year schedule. Approximately fifty San Benito evening primrose habitat areas would be protected.

Alternative 3 was modified and is now the BLM-preferred alternative. Under this alternative (entitled "Dispersed OHV Use"), most of the Clear Creek Management Area would be managed under a "Limited Use" designation for off-highway vehicles (OHVs). BLM would, over the next five years, implement a designated route system of about 270 miles. The final mileage available would be dependent on a variety of factors, including protection of T&E plants, maintenance costs, recreation and administrative access requirements, and compliance. Additionally, alternative 3 would limit unrestricted OHV play on "barren" hillslopes to a number of designated play areas. In the transition period, about 207 acres of unrestricted play areas on "barren" hillslopes would be available, (down from about 2,800 available now). This acreage could be adjusted up or down depending on resource inventories. Camping would continue to be allowed at the six Staging Areas and at Oak Flat Campground. Backcountry camping would be allowed in designated areas. The San Benito Mountain Natural Area would be expanded to approximately 4,082 acres (this proposal was unchanged from the draft alternative 3), to include a cross-section of unique ecotones associated with the San Benito Mountain forest. A public wash rack would be constructed and about 30 miles of main routes could be dust-suppressed. Approximately fifty San Benito evening primrose habitat areas would be protected.

Alternative 4, entitled "Restricted OHV use" remains the same as the draft, and is described above in the discussion of the draft EIS. Alternative 5 ("OHV Closure"), closed the CCMA to motorcycles and restricted 4-wheeled vehicles to the main County road system (about 30 miles). Camping would be limited to Oak Flat Campground only. The San Benito Mountain Natural Area would be expanded to 4,082 acres. Approximately fifty-eight San Benito evening primrose habitat areas would be protected. Alternative 6, ("Enhancement of Natural Values") would allow vehicle use as under Alternative 5, but would expand the San Benito Mountain Natural Area to include the entire serpentine outcropping (about 30,000 acres). Approximately fifty-eight San Benito evening primrose habitat areas would be protected.

Public participation has occurred throughout the planning process and is encouraged. Anyone wishing additional information may contact the Hollister Resource Area Office, located at 20 Hamilton Court, Hollister, CA 95023 (phone: 408-637-8183).

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#### **Availability of Proposal To Expand Boundaries of an Existing Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) in the Clear Creek Management Area, To Rename the San Benito Mountain Outstanding Natural Area To the San Benito Mountain Research Natural Area; Availability of Completion of Previous Planning Decision To Reincorporate 380-Acre San Benito Mountain Natural Area Extension**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 43 CFR 1610.2 (c) and 43 CFR 1610.7(1)(b), a final Resource Management Plan Amendment/Environmental Impact Statement (RMP Amendment/EIS) has been prepared by the Hollister Resource Area. The final RMP Amendment/EIS describes and analyzes alternative management scenarios for about 50,000 acres of public lands in the Clear Creek Management Area. These lands are located in south San Benito and Fresno Counties in central California. This Federal Register notice provides notice about decisions and/or proposed actions regarding two existing designations within the Clear Creek Management Area. The first notice is with regard to the Serpentine Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), and the second is with regard to the San Benito Mountain Outstanding Natural Area.

(1) Serpentine Area of Critical Environmental Concern. One of the decisions proposed in the Final EIS and RMP Amendment is to expand the existing Serpentine ACEC. The 23,834-acre ACEC was originally designated in 1984 through the public planning process. The Serpentine ACEC was designated because soils in the area contain natural asbestos and there are health issues associated with recreating in the area. It was also designated an ACEC because the vegetative

communities associated with serpentine soils are quite unusual.

The Serpentine ACEC boundary was reviewed in 1992 during the EIS process, and adjustments were made based upon soil surveys. The map provided with the final EIS reflects the new known boundaries of the serpentine mass on public land. The adjustments result in a proposed addition of about 10%, or about 2,500 acres, to the geologic boundary line. The changes can be viewed in the "Errata Sheet" map included in the Final EIS, or can be reviewed at the locations listed below. The legal description will be published with the Record of Decision for the Final EIS.

(2) San Benito Mountain Natural Area: Given the heavy emphasis of research suggested for this area, the BLM is proposing to change the name of the Natural Area to the "San Benito Mountain Research Natural Area". Management of the Natural Area would remain as described in the Final EIS, and the name change would be consistent with the proposed primary use of the area. Finally, to formalize and complete the designation process for this Natural Area, the public is hereby notified that a 380-acre extension approved for re-incorporation under previous planning efforts is now formally re-incorporated into the San Benito Mountain Natural Area. The legal description of this extension is:

Mount Diablo Meridian, California

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Sec. 14, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

T. 18S R. 12E

Sec. 15, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

In the original 1971 Federal Register notices, the legal description had a typographical error and one omission; both of these have been corrected. Additional copies of maps of both areas and background information can be obtained or reviewed at the Hollister Resource Area Office, 20 Hamilton Court, Hollister, CA 95023. Copies of the Final EIS and maps are available at 27 public libraries in the following locations: Antioch, Fresno, Davis, Gilroy, Fairfield, Hanford, Hayward, Livermore, Madera, Menlo Park, Modesto, Monterey, Oroville, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Jose, San Mateo, San Rafael, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Seaside, Sunnyvale, Tracy, Vallejo, Visalia and Yuba City. Public review copies are also available at:

- (1) California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825.
- (2) Bakersfield District Office, 3801 Pegasus Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93308

**DATES:** The public has no later than July 9, 1996 to comment on the proposed expansion of the Serpentine ACEC and the proposed name change for the San Benito Mountain Natural Area.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to: Bureau of Land Management, Hollister Resource Area Office, 20 Hamilton Court, Hollister, CA 95023, Attn: Robert E. Beehler, Area Manager.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** (1) Serpentine ACEC: Mining plans of operation must be filed for claims inside an ACEC—thus anyone proposing to operate on a valid claim within the expansion area would need to comply with this regulation. Management of the expansion areas would be the same as within the previous boundaries.

(2) San Benito Mountain Natural Area: The San Benito Mountain Natural Area was designated in 1971. It was designated as an "Outstanding" Natural Area, one of the two possible types of Natural Area classifications. The other type of natural area classification is a "Research" Natural Area. The original designation was 1,880 acres (August, 1971 36FR16122). In September 1971, 380 acres were withdrawn from the designation because of unresolved mining issues (36FR19177). In 1984, with the development of the Hollister Resource Management Plan, the decision was made to re-incorporate those 380 acres as Natural Area, because the mining claim issue had been resolved. Although this decision was analyzed in the public planning process and ultimately approved, the legal boundaries were never published in the Federal Register. Historic planning maps and documents for the Natural Area and the extension show that there was one portion of the extension which was not described in the Federal Register notice. This portion is in Section 14 and covers a 20-acre segment in the north half of the south-east quarter of the south-west quarter. It is included in this notice. Additionally, a typographical error in the Federal Register notices showed the whole western quarter of Section 15 being included. This should have been the eastern quarter of the section. This has been corrected as well.

Public participation has occurred throughout the planning process and is encouraged. Anyone wishing additional information may contact the Hollister Resource Area Office at the address shown above, or call 408-637-8183.

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Robert E. Beehler,  
*Hollister Area Manager.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Filing of Plats of Survey; Wyoming

**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 Wyoming State Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming, thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication.

Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming

T. 52 N., R. 64 W., accepted April 23, 1996  
T. 12 N., R. 114 W., accepted April 23, 1996  
T. 13 N., R. 114 W., accepted April 23, 1996  
T. 13 N., R. 115 W., accepted April 23, 1996  
T. 44 N., R. 118 W., accepted May 1, 1996

Sixth Principal Meridian, Nebraska

T. 26 N., R. 9 E., accepted March 22, 1996  
T. 27 N., R. 8 E., accepted April 23, 1996

If protests against a survey, as shown on any of the above plats, are received prior to the official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest(s) and or appeal(s). A plat will not be officially filed until after disposition of protest(s) and or appeal(s).

These plats will be placed in the open files of the Wyoming State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and will be available to the public as a matter of information only. Copies of the plats will be made available upon request and prepayment of the reproduction fee of \$1.10 per copy.

A person or party who wishes to protest a survey must file with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Cheyenne, Wyoming, a notice of protest prior to thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication. If the protest notice did not include a statement of reasons for the protest, the protestants shall file such a statement with the State Department within thirty (30) calendar days after the notice of protest was filed.

The above-listed plats represent dependent resurveys, subdivision of sections.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box

1828, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

Dated: May 2, 1996.  
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*Acting Chief, Cadastral Survey Group.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### Notice of Inventory Completion for Native American Human Remains and Associated Funerary Objects from Prince William Sound in the Possession of the Burke Museum, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

**AGENCY:** National Park Service

**ACTION:** Notice

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3003 (d), of the completion of an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects in the possession of the Burke Museum, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by the Burke Museum professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Chugach Alaska Corporation, a Native Alaskan Regional Corporation.

In 1902, human remains representing two individuals were removed from an island cave known as "Billy's Hole" in Prince William Sound, Alaska, by Edmond S. Meany and donated to the Burke Museum. No known individuals were identified. The thirteen associated funerary objects include two grave boards, two paddles, a canoe prow, a canoe section, and wooden sticks.

Prior to 1909, a pair of haliotis shell earring were collected by George T. Emmons and accessioned by the Burke Museum in 1909. Accession records indicate these earrings were removed from a "mummy cave on an island in Prince William Sound (Alaska)."

Archeological and ethnographic evidence from the islands of Prince William Sound, including manner of internment, continuity of technology, and cultural items indicate continuous occupation by the same communities from the precontact period to the present. Oral tradition presented by the representatives of the Chugach Alaska Corporation also supports Chugach occupation of this area throughout this period.

Based on the above mentioned information, officials of the Burke Museum have determined that,