

current level, however, limited changes are recommended to reduce visitor use conflicts.

**DATES:** Release of the FEIS initiates a 30-day review period.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Chris Dent, Rogue River Manager, Grants Pass Resource Area, Bureau of Land Management, Medford District Office, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon 97504. Individual copies of the FEIS may be obtained by contacting the Planning Team Leader, Cori Cooper, at (541) 618-2428.

Comments, including names and addresses, will be available for public review. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name and/or 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. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law.

Dated: November 13, 2002.

**Lynda L. Boody,**

*Acting, District Manager, BLM Medford District Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

[CA-668-03-1610-DP]

#### **Notice of Availability of Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Draft Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior and Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument draft resource management plan and draft environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) planning regulations, title 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1610.2(f)(3) and title 40 CFR 1502.9(a), the BLM and Forest Service (FS) hereby gives notice that the Draft Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Management Plan, and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is available for public review and

comment. The 272,000 acre Monument encompasses 86,400 acres of Bureau of Land Management lands, 64,400 acres of Forest Service lands, 23,000 acres of Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians lands, 8,500 acres of California Department of Parks and Recreation lands, 35,800 acres of other State of California agencies lands, and 53,900 acres of private land.

**DATES:** Written comments on the Draft RMP/EIS will be accepted for 90 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. Future meetings or hearings and any other public involvement activities will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be mailed to Danella George, Monument Manager, Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Management Plan, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, P.O. Box 581260, 690 W. Garnet Avenue, North Palm Springs, CA 92258. You may also comment via the Internet to [ca\\_srsj\\_nm@ca.blm.gov](mailto:ca_srsj_nm@ca.blm.gov). Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include in the subject line: "National Monument Management Plan and EIS" and your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact Connell Dunning at (760) 251-4817. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to the address listed above. Oral comments will be accepted and recorded at any of three public meetings to be held during the month of March or April, 2003. Please contact Connell Dunning at (760) 251-4817 or [cdunning@ca.blm.gov](mailto:cdunning@ca.blm.gov) for further information as to exact dates, place and time. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of

organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Connell Dunning at (760) 251-4817 or [cdunning@ca.blm.gov](mailto:cdunning@ca.blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A copy of the Draft Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Management Plan, and Draft Environmental Impact Statement is available for review via the internet at <http://www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings>. Electronic (on CD-ROM) and paper copies may also be obtained by contacting Connell Dunning at the aforementioned addresses and phone number. This draft Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Management Plan is being developed cooperatively between BLM and FS. The draft plan includes strategies for protecting and preserving the biological, cultural, recreational, geological, educational, scientific, and scenic values that the Monument was established to protect. The preferred alternative supports the protection and preservation of the above values and includes efforts to achieve consistency between Forest Service and BLM as well as with other land managing agencies within the boundary of the Monument. The range of alternatives in this draft plan does not reevaluate planning decisions recently brought forward through the BLM Coachella Valley California Desert Conservation Area Plan Amendment or items being addressed through the Forest Service San Bernardino National Forest Plan Revision. Records of Decision will be prepared by the BLM and FS for the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Management Plan in accordance with planning regulations at 43 CFR 1610 and NEPA. The Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument was established by Pub. L. 106-351 and will be cooperatively managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). The Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Act of 2000 affects only Federal lands and Federal interests located within the established boundaries. The BLM and the Forest Service will jointly manage Federal lands in the National Monument in coordination with the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, other Federal agencies, State agencies and local governments.

Dated: February 5, 2003.

**Danella George,**

*Designated Federal Official, National Monument Manager.*

**Laurie Rosenthal,**

*District Ranger, San Jacinto Ranger District, San Bernardino National Forest.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### **Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Vale District.

**ACTION:** Meeting notice for the Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council.

**SUMMARY:** The Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council (SEORAC) will meet at the Summer Lake Inn located on the west shore of Summer Lake in Eastern Oregon, 31501 Highway 31, Summer Lake, Oregon 97640, (800) 261-2778 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pacific Time (PT), on Tuesday, May 27, 2003. On Wednesday, May 28, 2003 there will be a field trip to Christmas Valley to view Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) issues.

The meeting topics that may be discussed by the Council include a discussion of issues within southeast Oregon related to North Lake Recreation Plan, Birch Creek Management Plan, Wildland Fire Board, OHV, Wild Horse & Burro, Rangeland Assessment, Federal officials' updates, and other matters as may reasonably come before the Council. The entire meeting is open to the public. Information to be distributed to the Council members is requested in written format 10 days prior to the Council meeting. Public comment is scheduled for 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., Pacific Time (PT), on Tuesday, May 27, 2003. For the tour scheduled for Wednesday, May 28, 2003, please contact the BLM office listed below for exact times as the date approaches.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Additional information concerning the SEORAC may be obtained from Peggy Diegan, Management Assistant/ Webmaster, Vale District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, OR 97918 (541) 473-3144, or [Peggy\\_Diegan@or.blm.gov](mailto:Peggy_Diegan@or.blm.gov) and/or from the following Web site <<http://www.or.blm.gov/SEOR-RAC>>.

Dated: March 17, 2003.

**David R. Henderson,**

*District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CA-610-1610-DP]

#### **West Mojave Planning Area; California Desert Conservation Area Plan and Environmental Assessment Off-Road Vehicle Designations**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of draft amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan and Environmental Assessment (EA) for off-road vehicle designations in West Mojave Planning Area.

**SUMMARY:** Off-road vehicle designations are being considered by the California Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for the West Mojave Desert Planning Area in accordance with the criteria and procedures of 43 Code of Federal Regulations subpart 8342. These designations, when approved by BLM, will amend the existing designations established under the CDCA plan in the West Mojave Area. This planning area encompasses approximately 3.3 million acres of public land managed by the BLM's California Desert District, located in Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties in southern California.

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public review process on the Draft Off-Road Vehicle Designation Plan Amendment and EA. The public is invited to review and comment on the document. The comment period will end 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Comments on the Draft Plan Amendment should be received on or before the end of the comment period at the address listed below.

Written comments should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District Office, Attn. West Mojave Plan Staff, 22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553. For comments to be most helpful they should relate to specific concerns or conflicts that are within the legal responsibilities of the BLM and are feasible to be resolved in this planning process.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the BLM California

Desert District Office, the BLM Ridgecrest Field Office, 300 South Richmond Road, Ridgecrest, California 93555, and the BLM Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, California 92311 during regular business hours from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. 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. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The West Mojave Off-Road Vehicle Designations would establish a network of motorized vehicle routes that would provide access to more than 3.3 million acres of public lands administered by the BLM within Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, all of which are within the State of California. The BLM's Ridgecrest and Barstow field offices administer most of these public lands. A small amount of acreage administered by the BLM's Needles and Palm Springs field offices is also affected. All public lands are within the California Desert Conservation Area, and all lie within the jurisdiction of the BLM's California Desert District.

Motorized vehicle access would be provided for recreational and commercial pursuits, and to enable private property owners to visit their lands. The network was developed with the assistance of the public, and was based upon the results of a comprehensive field inventory that identified the location of routes, type of routes, and destination points. The network is designed to be compatible with the conservation of the desert's natural and cultural resources, including sensitive plants and animals.

The West Mojave Off-Road Vehicle Designations would complement the bioregional conservation strategy that is currently being developed for these same public lands through the West Mojave planning process. A "West Mojave Plan" plan is being prepared by the BLM in collaboration with state agencies and local jurisdictions. When completed, it will present strategies for conserving the threatened desert tortoise, the Mohave ground squirrel and nearly 100 other sensitive species,