

- The acquisition of state and private inholdings within the Monument and private lands contiguous to the Monument will be considered.

- The plan alternatives will address transportation, vehicular, and other types of access.

Preliminary issues and management concerns have been identified by the BLM personnel, other agencies, the Pueblo de Cochiti, and individuals. They represent the BLM's knowledge to date on the existing issues and concerns with current management. After gathering public comments, the suggested issues will be placed in one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the plan.
2. Issues to be resolved independently of the plan.

3. Issues beyond the scope of the plan.

The BLM will address category one above in the land-use planning process and give rationale in the plan for issues placed in the other categories. Concepts for alternatives will be generated from category one.

In addition to the preceding issues, management questions and concerns that may be addressed in the plan include but are not limited to the following: management of culturally sensitive areas; protection and interpretation of cultural resources; use of Monument resources for scientific and educational purposes; fire and fuels management; wildlife habitat; threatened and endangered species habitat; scenic values; facilities and infrastructure needed to administer the area and provide visitor services; and an appropriate level of visitor use, since the Monument is located within a 1-hour drive of the growing major cities of Albuquerque, Rio Rancho, and Santa Fe, New Mexico.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7)

Dated: January 15, 2004.

Leland G. Keesling,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-600-1120-PG-241A]

Notice of Meeting, Southwest Resource Advisory Council (Colorado)

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management

Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Southwest Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 20, 2004, at the Kendall Mountain Community Center, Silverton, Colorado and will begin at 9 a.m. The public comment period will be at 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member RAC advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Southwest, Colorado. Planned agenda topics include:

Manager reports,

Public comment,

Discussion of old business,

Discussion of road and rights-of-way issues, and

Discussion of the ongoing environmental review of several major projects and proposals (e.g., Silverton Mountain Ski Area and Northern San Juan Basin Gas Development).

All meetings are open to the public. The public can make oral statements to the Council at 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. or written statements may be submitted for the Council's consideration. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Summary minutes for the Council Meeting will be maintained in the Western Slope Center Office (BLM), 2465 S. Townsend, Montrose, Colorado 81401, and will be available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: San Juan Public Lands Center, 15 Burnett Court, Durango, Colorado 81301. Phone (970) 385-1290.

Dated: January 13, 2004.

Mark W. Stiles,

San Juan Public Lands Center Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Amend the 1993 Redding Resource Management Plan, and Notice of Realty Action, Noncompetitive Sale of Public Land in Shasta County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTIONS: Notice of Intent and Notice of Realty Action.

SUMMARY: This notice provides for two related proposals, one a proposed plan amendment and the other a proposed direct sale. The proposed plan amendment involves about 260 acres of Federal land. The proposed direct sale involves about 100 acres of the Federal land being considered in the proposed plan amendment.

DATES: The Bureau of Land Management must receive your comments on or before March 8, 2004 at the address listed below.

ADDRESSES: Please send your written comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Redding Field Office, 355 Hemsted Drive, Redding, CA 96002, attention Ilene Emry. All submissions from organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety. Individuals may request confidentiality with respect to their name, address, and phone number. If you wish to have your name or street address withheld from public review, or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, the first line of the comment should start with the words "CONFIDENTIALITY REQUEST" in uppercase letters in order for BLM to comply with your request. Such request will be honored to the extent allowed by law. Comment contents will not be kept confidential.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ilene Emry, Redding Field Office; 530-224-2100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to amend the Redding Resource Management Plan (RMP) to consider disposal of up to 260 acres of public land. The affected public lands are located in the Interlakes Special Recreation Management Area north of Redding, California and are described as:

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 33 N., R. 5 W.,

Section 32: E½ of Lot 15, E½ of Lot 22,

Section 33: S½ of Lot 9, S½ of Lot 10, S½ of Lot 11, Lots 16-21;

Total Plan Amendment Acres: approximately 260.0.

If the BLM determines during consideration of the proposed plan amendment that these lands are suitable for disposal, then BLM proposes to offer about 100 acres of the lands for direct sale under section 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2750, 43 U.S.C. 1713). The proposed sale would be at not less than the estimated fair market value of \$69,615 to the Redding Gun Club, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, consistent with 43 CFR 2711.3–3(a)(1) for development of a regional firing range. The area under consideration for direct sale has the following legal description:

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 33 N., R. 5 W.,

Section 33: W½ of Lot 17, Lot 18, N½ of Lot 19, SE¼ of Lot 19, Lot 20;

Total Direct Sale Acres: approximately 100 acres.

The BLM may consider disposal of a portion or all of the remaining 160 acres by direct sale to the Redding Gun Club in the future if it is determined to be needed for the regional firing range. An additional environmental analysis and public notification will be completed at that time. In July 2002, the BLM provided an opportunity to comment on an environmental assessment (EA) for a direct sale involving a portion of the area in the proposed plan amendment. The BLM will incorporate applicable issues raised and comments received during the July 2002 comment period in this plan amendment process. Further public comment will also be accepted on the draft plan amendment and environmental assessment developed in connection with this NOI/NORA. Several relevant planning/NEPA documents concerning this action are available on request from the Redding Field Office. Some of the preliminary issues and concerns identified by BLM personnel, other agencies, and individuals, include fair market value, noise, increased traffic, and public safety. Disciplines involved in the planning process will include specialists with expertise in wildlife management, minerals and geology, outdoor recreation, archaeology, lands and realty, and botany. The alternative to the proposed action will be the No Action Alternative.

Since 1986, the Redding BLM Field Office has cooperated with local planning agencies, and groups to provide a location for a regional firing range. The proposed sale parcel is well suited for use as a firing range. Urban encroachment has resulted in the

closure of sites traditionally used for shooting in the Redding area. Direct sale would allow for the development of a regional firing range and would serve important public objectives, consistent with 43 CFR 2710.0–3(a)(2).

BLM has determined that the parcel contains no mineral values; therefore, mineral interests may be conveyed simultaneously. The sale would include both the surface and mineral estates. If the RMP amendment proposed in this notice is completed, the conveyance would be in compliance and consistent with the Redding Resource Management Plan, dated July 27, 2003, as amended, and would be in the public interest.

This notice terminates the temporary segregation from exchange of those lands described for the direct sale, effective January 22, 2004. The land described for the direct sale is hereby segregated from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, pending the direct sale or October 18, 2004, whichever occurs first.

The patent, if issued, would be subject to valid existing rights and contain the following reservations:

1. Excepting and reserving to the United States, a right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890, 43 U.S.C. 945.

2. A right-of-way reservation (CA 45206), as amended, to the BLM for administrative access across existing roads on the public land in this sale.

Dated: November 17, 2003.

Charles M. Schultz,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Sixty-Day Notice of Intention To Request Clearance of Collection of Information—Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) Social Science Program is considering submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for clearance of a renewed program of social science surveys of the public related to the mission of the NPS. The NPS is publishing this notice to inform the public of this program and to request comments on the program.

Since many of the NPS surveys are similar in terms of the populations being surveyed, the types of questions being asked, and research methodologies, the NPS proposed to OMB and received clearance for a program of approval for NPS-sponsored public surveys (OMB# 1024–0224 exp. 8/31/2001; three-year extension granted in September 2001, exp. 9/30/2004). The program presented and alternative approach to complying with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). In the five years since the NPS received clearance for the program of expedited approval, 193 public surveys have been conducted in units of the National Park System. The benefits of this program have been significant to the NPS, Department of the Interior (DOI), OMB, NPS cooperators, and the public. Significant time and cost savings have been incurred. Expedited approval was typically granted in 45 days or less from the date the Principal Investigator first submitted a survey package for review. This is a significant reduction over the approximate 6 months involved in the standard OMB approval process. It is estimated that the expedited approval process saved a total of 870 months in Fiscal Years 1999–2003. In five years, the expedited approval process has accounted for a cost savings to the federal government and PIs estimated at \$348,001. The initial program included surveys of park visitors. The program renewed in September 2001 included surveys of park visitors, potential park visitors, and residents and communities near parks. The current extension request proposes to expand the program to include surveys of NPS management partners and recipients of NPS agency technical assistance.

Under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service is soliciting comments on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the NPS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the NPS estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) how to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.