

and WA) 360-696-7630 or [carey.smith@fws.gov](mailto:carey.smith@fws.gov).  
*Playa Lakes* (southeastern CO, southwestern KS, eastern NM, western OK, TX panhandle) 303-926-0777 or [mike.carter@pljv.org](mailto:mike.carter@pljv.org).  
*Prairie Pothole* (northwestern IA, western MN, northern MT, northern and southeastern ND, eastern SD) 303-236-8155 x 252 or [carol.lively@fws.gov](mailto:carol.lively@fws.gov).  
*Rainwater Basin* (17 counties in southeastern NE) 308-382-8112 or [steve.moran@fws.gov](mailto:steve.moran@fws.gov).  
*San Francisco Bay* (San Francisco Bay in CA) 415-883-3854 or [bhuning@sfbayjv.org](mailto:bhuning@sfbayjv.org).  
*Upper Mississippi River-Great Lakes* (eastern IA and counties bordering the Missouri River, IL, IN, KS counties bordering the Missouri River, MI, MO, eastern MN, NE counties bordering the Missouri River, OH, WI) 612-713-5433 or [Barbara.pardo@fws.gov](mailto:Barbara.pardo@fws.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council has two U.S. conservation grants programs for acquisition, restoration, and enhancement of wetlands in the United States. Any individual or organization who has a long-term, partner-based project with matching funds can apply. The focus of this notice is standard grant proposals for requests from \$50,001 to \$1,000,000 per proposal (if well justified, more funds may be requested). A separate notice will be issued later this year for small grant proposals for requests up to \$50,000 per proposal.

The NAWCA (16 U.S.C. 4401 *et seq.*) established the Council, a Federal-State-private body that recommends projects to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (MBCC) for final approval and requires that proposals contain a minimum 1:1 ratio of non-Federal matching funds to grant funds. "Match" (as referred to throughout this document) can be cash, in-kind services, or land acquired/title donated for wetlands conservation purposes.

This notice provides a summary of the 2004 proposal instructions and eligibility criteria available on the Internet to develop a NAWCA standard grant proposal. In order to complete a proposal correctly, consult the Web site at <http://birdhabitat.fws.gov> for detailed instructions. If you cannot access the Web site, contact the Council Coordinator.

**Paperwork Reduction Act:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Office of Management and Budget has assigned clearance number 1018-0100 to this information collection. Collection is necessary to gain a benefit in the form of a grant, as determined by the Council and MBCC; is necessary to

determine the eligibility and relative value of wetland projects; results in an approximate paperwork burden of 400 hours per application; and does not carry a premise of confidentiality. Your response is voluntary. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The public may submit comments on the accuracy of the estimated average burden hours for application preparation and to suggest ways in which the burden may be reduced. Comments may be submitted to: Information Collection Clearance Officer, Mail Stop 222 ARLSQ, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, DC 20240.

**New NAWCA Proposal Information:** Six documents are available on the Internet at <http://birdhabitat.fws.gov> and are summarized below:

1. **2004 Grant Administration Policies and Assistance Award.** Describes policies and procedures that NAWCA projects must comply with and shows the one-page grant agreement that will be completed if the proposal is funded.

2. **2004 Eligibility Criteria & Processes.** Describes eligible activities and costs for NAWCA projects, gives links to cost principles that apply to all Federal grant programs, and describes steps in the proposal funding process. A standard grant proposal is a 4-year plan of action supported by a NAWCA grant and partner funds to conserve wetlands and wetlands-associated fish and wildlife through acquisition (including easements and land title donations), restoration, and/or enhancement (including establishment). Match must be non-Federal and at least equal to the grant request (referred to as a 1:1 match). Match is eligible up to 2 years prior to the year the proposal is submitted, and grant and match funds are eligible during the 2-year future Grant Agreement period.

3. **2004 Proposal Instructions.** Describes changes from the 2003 instructions, gives required information for a proposal, and provides examples. A proposal has the following sections: Project Officer's Page; Summary; Purpose and Scope; Budget and Work Plan; Technical Assessment Questions; Attachments (budget table, tract table, partner contribution statements, optional matching contributions plan, Standard Form 424, optional aerial photographs, maps); and Easements, Leases, and Indirect Cost Rate Agreement.

4. **2004 Word Proposal Outline.** A fill-in-the-blank proposal using the Word program.

5. **2004 WordPerfect Proposal Outline.** A fill-in-the-blank proposal using the WordPerfect program.

6. **2004 Excel Budget Table.** A fill-in-the-blank budget table for those who do not want to use the budget tables provided in the Word and WordPerfect files.

Dated: December 24, 2003.

**Marshall P. Jones, Jr.,**

*Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[UT-921-1430-BX-026J; UTU-81100]

#### **Notice of Application for Recordable Disclaimer of Interest in Public Highway Right-of-Way Established Pursuant to Revised Statute 2477 (43 U.S.C. 932, Repealed October 21, 1976), Weiss Highway, Juab County, UT**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** On January 14, 2004 the State of Utah and Juab County submitted an application for a recordable disclaimer of interest from the United States pursuant to Section 315 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (43 U.S.C 1745), the regulations contained in 43 CFR subpart 1864, and the April 9, 2003 Memorandum of Understanding Between the State of Utah and the Department of the Interior on State and County Road Acknowledgement. This recordable disclaimer of interest application, identified by BLM Serial Number UTU-81100, is for the Weiss Highway in Juab County, Utah. A recordable disclaimer of interest, if issued, will confirm the United States has no property interest in the identified public highway right-of-way. This Notice is intended to notify the public of the pending application and the State's and County's grounds for supporting it.

The Weiss Highway is a major east-west access route through Juab County, Utah. The highway is approximately 99 miles long and connects with U.S. Highway 6 at Jericho Junction in eastern Juab County and runs generally west to its intersection with the Callao-Trout Creek Road in the western part of the County. The highway passes through

approximately 88½ miles of public lands administered by BLM. The highway also passes through 13 parcels of land administered by the State of Utah, School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (aggregating approximately 10 miles) and three private land parcels (aggregating approximately ½ mile). The Weiss Highway is an improved (graded) highway with a native dirt/gravel travel surface throughout its entire length, with the exception of a paved segment approximately six miles long on the eastern end. The recordable disclaimer of interest application pertains only to the highway segments which pass through BLM administered public lands. Details of the application are provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

**DATES:** On or before April 9, 2004, all interested parties may submit comments on the State's and County's application as follows. Comments on the application should reference BLM Case File Serial Number UTU-81100. Public comment will be accepted if received by BLM or postmarked no later than 60 days following the date of publication of this notice. BLM will review all timely comments received on the application, and will address all relevant, substantive issues raised in the comments. A final decision on the merits of the application will not be made until at least 90 days has elapsed from the date of publication of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties and the public are encouraged to access the RS2477 Disclaimer Process public Web site at <http://www.ut.blm.gov/rs2477> to review the application materials and provide comments on the application. For those without access to the public Web site, written comments may be provided to the Chief, Branch of Lands and Realty, BLM Utah State Office (UT-921), P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mike DeKeyrel, Realty Specialist, BLM Utah State Office Branch of Lands and Realty (UT-921) at the above address or Phone (801) 539-4105 and Fax (801) 539-4260.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 14, 2004, the State of Utah filed an application for a Recordable Disclaimer of Interest for the public highway right-of-way identified as Weiss Highway which passes through public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Juab County. The State of Utah and Juab County assert that they hold a joint and undivided property interest in the Weiss

Highway right-of-way as granted pursuant to the authority provided by Revised Statute 2477 (43 U.S.C. 932, repealed October 21, 1976) over public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management. The State submitted the following information with the application in both paper copy and in electronic form (Compact Disk):

1. Narrative description of the location, characteristics and attributes of the Weiss Highway which have been summarized above. The claimed right-of-way width ranges from 40 to 60 feet.

2. Centerline description of the road based on Global Positioning System (GPS) data.

3. Detailed descriptions of the right-of-way on 17 identified segments passing through public lands including beginning and end points, surface type, and disturbed width. The application identifies the disturbed right-of-way width as 40 feet wide on eight segments (43.3 miles) and 60 feet wide on nine segments (45.4 miles).

4. Legal description by aliquot part (e.g., ¼¼ section) of the land parcels through which the road passes.

5. Maps showing location of the Weiss Highway and the location and dates of water diversion points and mining locations to which the highway provides access.

6. Aerial photography dated 1976 and 1990.

7. Signed and notarized affidavits by seven persons attesting to the road location; its establishment as a highway prior to October 21, 1976; familiarity with the road character and attributes including type of travel surface, disturbed width, associated improvements and ancillary features such as bridges, cattleguards, etc.; current public usage of the road; the historic and current purposes for which the road is used; and evidence of periodic maintenance.

8. Recent photographs of the highway at various points along its alignment.

The State of Utah did not identify any known adverse claimants of the identified public highway rights-of-way.

If approved, the recordable disclaimer document would confirm that the United States has no property interest in the public highway right-of-way as it is identified in the official records of the Bureau of Land Management as of the date of the disclaimer document.

Comments, including names and street addresses of commenters, will be available for public review at the Utah State Office (see address above), during regular business hours 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. local time, Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish

to hold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or business will be made available for public inspection in their entirety. Anonymous comments will not be accepted.

Dated: January 27, 2004.

**Don Banks,**

*Acting State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CO-200-1610-DU]

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare the South Park Land Tenure Adjustment Plan and Amend the Royal Gorge Resource Management Plan

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides notice that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will initiate a comprehensive planning effort to address land tenure adjustments for a portion of the Royal Gorge Field Office. The plan, entitled the South Park Land Tenure Adjustment Plan, will focus on 72,000 acres of BLM administered lands that lie in the South Park planning unit and the northern end of the Badger Creek planning unit in Park County, Colorado. The land tenure plan would potentially amend the Royal Gorge RMP, that currently states that BLM would dispose of all BLM-administered lands in Park County. The land tenure plan and plan amendment would reevaluate these decisions by examining other possible land tenure scenarios. The amendment process will be used to identify those lands to be retained in public ownership and those that can still be disposed of. The amendment process will attempt to reconcile the needs of the public while protecting the cultural and natural resources of the BLM-managed lands. The EA will analyze and compare the impacts of any changes in land tenure adjustment status with the continuation of current management, and other alternatives that may be identified.

The BLM will prepare the amendment and associated EA pursuant to the BLM planning regulations in 43 CFR 1600.