

regards to this [Proposed] Resource Management Plan.”

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The appeal must be filed with the Alturas Field Manager at the above listed address. Please consult 43 CFR part 4 for further information on the IBLA appeal process.

Tim Burke,

Alturas Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-350-1610-DR]

Notice of Availability of Record of Decision for the Eagle Lake Resource Management Plan

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

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) policies, the BLM announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD)/Approved Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Eagle Lake Field Office. The California State Director has signed the ROD, which constitutes the final decision of the BLM and makes the Approved RMP effective immediately.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the ROD and RMP are available upon request from the Field Manager, Eagle Lake Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA 96130, or via the internet at <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/prog/planning.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information contact Jeff Fontana, Public Affairs Officer, Bureau of Land Management, 2950 Riverside Dr.,

Susanville, CA 96130, telephone (530) 257-0456, or e-mail your request to: necarmp@ca.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Eagle Lake Field Office includes approximately 1,022,767 acres in northeastern California and northwest Nevada. The geographic area includes BLM-administered lands within the counties of Lassen, Plumas, and Sierra, California, and Washoe, Nevada. BLM's mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands it manages for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Eagle Lake RMP was developed in coordination with the Alturas and Surprise Field Office RMPs to provide a consistent framework for managing public lands and resource uses in northeast California and northwest Nevada.

BLM officially initiated the planning process for the Draft Eagle Lake Resource Management Plan (RMP) with publication of a Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register** on July 22, 2003 (Volume 68, Number 140). Issues related to resource management in the Eagle Lake planning area were assembled during the scoping process consisting of public scoping meetings, field tours, socioeconomic workshops, and interactions with federal, state, tribal, and county collaborators.

The RMP describes management actions to meet desired resource conditions for vegetation communities, wildlife habitats, and cultural and visual resources. It also outlines actions for recreation, protection of sensitive natural and cultural resources, livestock grazing, wild and scenic rivers, guidance for energy and mineral development, land tenure adjustments, and other planning issues raised during the scoping process.

The Eagle Lake RMP designated seven Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs): Eagle Lake Basin (34,320 acres); Susan River (2,495 acres); Pines Dunes (2,887 acres); Willow Creek (2,130 acres); Lower Smoke Creek (894 acres); Buffalo Creek Canyons (36,515 acres); and North Dry Valley (10,156 acres). The following types of resource use limitations apply to these ACECs: (1) New rights-of-way avoidance areas; (2) Visual Resource Management Class II; (3) Certain restrictions to energy and mineral development; and (4) Motorized travel permitted only on designated open routes.

The BLM's Draft Eagle Lake RMP/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (April 2006) presented five alternatives to help the BLM and interested parties understand the

various ways of addressing issues in the region. Upon evaluation of the alternatives and associated impacts described in the Draft RMP/EIS and based on public and agency comments on that document, the BLM prepared the Eagle Lake Proposed RMP and Final EIS which was released on June 15, 2007. The Proposed RMP is comprised of the preferred alternative identified in the Draft RMP/EIS with small changes as a result of comments received.

Ten protest letters on the Eagle Lake proposed RMP were received and resolved by the BLM Director. The BLM determined that the Proposed Action, as described in the Proposed RMP and Final EIS, best meets the purpose and need for the project.

The Governor of the State of California in his letter September 17, 2007 stated, "Pursuant to 43 CFR 1603-2, and after consulting with affected State and Local agencies, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) has not found any inconsistencies with any state or local plans, policies, or programs with regards to this [Proposed] Resource Management Plan."

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Dayne Barron,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-190-07-1610]

Notice of Availability of Record of Decision for the Surprise Resource Management Plan

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy Management Act (FLPMA), and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), policies, the BLM announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD)/Approved Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Surprise Field Office. The California State Director has signed the ROD, which constitutes the final decision of the BLM and makes the Approved RMP effective immediately.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the ROD and RMP are available upon request from the Field Manager, Surprise Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 602 Cressler Street Cedarville, California 96104, or via the internet at <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/prog/planning.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information contact Jeff Fontana, Public Affairs Officer, Bureau of Land Management, 2950 Riverside Dr., Susanville, CA 96130, telephone (530) 257-0456, or e-mail your request to: necarmp@ca.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Surprise Field Office includes approximately 1,220,644 acres in northeastern California and northwest Nevada. The geographic area includes BLM-administered lands within the counties of Modoc and Lassen, California, and Humboldt and Washoe, Nevada. The Surprise RMP was developed in coordination with the Alturas and Eagle Lake Field Office RMPs to provide a consistent framework for managing public lands and resource uses in northeast California and northwest Nevada.

BLM officially initiated the planning process for the Draft Surprise Resource Management Plan (RMP) with publication of a Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register** on July 22, 2003 (Volume 68, Number 140). Issues related to resource management in the Surprise planning area were established during the scoping process consisting of public scoping meetings, field tours, socioeconomic workshops, and interactions with Federal, state, tribal, and county collaborators.

The RMP describes management actions to meet desired resource conditions for vegetation communities, wildlife habitats, and cultural and visual resources. It also outlines actions for recreation, protection of sensitive natural and cultural resources, livestock grazing, guidance for energy and mineral development, land tenure adjustments, and other planning issues raised during the scoping process. The Surprise RMP designated three Areas of

Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs): Massacre Rim ACEC (44,870 acres); Bitner ACEC (1,921 acres); and Rahilly-Gravelly ACEC/RNA (957 acres). The following types of resource use limitations apply to these ACECs: (1) New rights-of-way exclusion or avoidance; (2) Visual Resource Management Class II; (3) Certain restrictions to energy and mineral development; and (4) Motorized travel permitted only on designated open routes. The BLM's Draft Surprise RMP/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (April 2006) presented five alternatives to help the BLM and interested parties understand the various ways of addressing issues in the region. Upon evaluation of the alternatives and associated impacts described in the Draft RMP/EIS and based on public and agency comments on that document, the BLM prepared the Surprise Proposed RMP and Final EIS which was released on June 15, 2007. The Proposed RMP is comprised of the preferred alternative identified in the Draft RMP/EIS with small changes as a result of comments received. Six protest letters on the Surprise proposed RMP were received and resolved by the BLM Director. The BLM determined that the Proposed Action, as described in the Proposed RMP and Final EIS, best meets the purpose and need for the project. The Governor of the State of California in his letter September 17, 2007 stated, "Pursuant to 43 CFR 1603-2, and after consulting with affected State and Local agencies, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) has not found any inconsistencies with any state or local plans, policies, or programs with regards to this [Proposed] Resource Management Plan."

The decisions identifying designated routes of travel for motorized vehicles are implementation decisions and are appealable to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA) under 43 CFR Part 4. These decisions are contained in Chapter 2.14.4 and shown on Map TRAVEL-1 of the RMP. Any party adversely affected by the BLM's decision(s) to identify, evaluate, define, delineate, and/or select specific routes as available for motorized use within designated areas of travel as set forth in the Surprise Resource Management Plan may appeal within 30 days of publication of this Notice of Availability. The appeal must be filed with the Surprise Field Manager at the above listed address. Please consult 43 CFR Part 4 for further information on the IBLA appeal process.

Dated: December 10, 2007.

Shane Deforest,

Surprise Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Closure of BLM Public Lands Within the Clear Creek Management Area

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

ACTION: Notice of closure to all forms of entry and public use of approximately 31,000 acres of public lands within the Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA), referred to as the Serpentine Area of Environmental Concern (ACEC) and portions of adjacent BLM-administered lands, located in southern San Benito County and western Fresno County, California.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), subpart 8364.1, an Order has been issued by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Hollister Field Office, closing to all forms of entry and public use certain BLM-administered public lands. This closure is necessary to protect public land users from human health risks associated with exposure to airborne asbestos in the CCMA based upon a final report issued by the Environmental Protection Agency that concludes that public use activities could expose an individual to excess lifetime cancer risks. The order will remain in effect while the BLM completes a Resource Management Plan for the CCMA to determine if and how visitor use can occur without associated excess health risks. This closure affects approximately 31,000 acres of public lands located within the Bureau of Land Management's Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA).

DATES: The Order was issued and became effective on May 1, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Cooper, Hollister Field Manager, BLM, Hollister Field Office, 20 Hamilton Court, Hollister, California, 95023. Telephone: 831-630-5010 Fax: 831-630-5055, during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CCMA is a remote area with hundreds of miles of roads and trails that were created to support historic timber harvesting and