

including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The General Mining Law (30 U.S.C. 612), Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733), and the regulations is collected under 43 CFR 3715 authorize the BLM to manage use and occupancy of mining claims on public lands. The nonform information in the regulations is collected under 43 CFR part 3715, which authorizes the BLM to collect information concerning proposed mining development activities on public lands. Without this information, the BLM would not be able to analyze and approve mining claimants' proposed use and occupancy activities.

Mining claimants planning to occupy their mining claims on public lands under the mining laws must submit the following information to the BLM:

(1) A detailed map that identifies the site and shows the place of temporary and permanent structures for occupancy, the location of and reason for the structures intended to exclude the public, and the location of reasonable public passage or access routes through or around the area adjacent to public lands;

(2) A written description of the proposed occupancy that describes in detail how the proposed occupancy is reasonably incident to mining and how the proposed occupancy meets the conditions of 43 CFR 3715.2 and 3715.2-1; and

(3) An estimate of the period of use of the structures during which the public would be excluded, and a schedule for removing them and reclaiming the lands when the operations end.

Based upon the BLM's experience with mining claims use and occupancy activity, it estimates the public reporting information collection burden takes 2 hours to gather and complete. The respondents are mining claimants and operators of prospecting, exploration, mining, and processing operations. The estimated number of responses per year is 150 and the total annual burden is 300 hours. The BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 18, 2008.

Ted R. Hudson,

Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee (GSENMAC) Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and The Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee (GSENMAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The GSENMAC will meet March 5 and 6, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The GSENMAC will meet at the Escalante Interagency Visitor Center, Conference Room, 755 W. Main Street, Escalante, UT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry Crutchfield, Public Affairs Officer, GSENM Headquarters Office, 190 East Center, Kanab, Utah 84741; phone (435) 644-4310, or e-mail larry_crutchfield@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting on March 5 will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 6 p.m.; the meeting on March 6 will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m.

The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Advisory Committee (GSENMAC) was first appointed by the Secretary of Interior on September 26, 2003, pursuant to the Monument Management Plan, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA) and was subsequently reappointed June 2, 2006. As specified in the Monument Management Plan, the GSENMAC will have several primary tasks: (1) Review evaluation reports produced by the Management Science Team and make recommendations on protocols and projects to meet overall objectives. (2) Review appropriate

research proposals and make recommendations on project necessity and validity. (3) Make recommendations regarding allocation of research funds through review of research and project proposals as well as needs identified through the evaluation process above. (4) Could be consulted on issues such as protocols for specific projects.

Topics to be presented and discussed by the GSENMAC include: Management updates to the GSENMAC, Ad Hoc Reports on Restoration and Information management, and discussion of science planning.

Members of the public are welcome to address the committee beginning at 5 p.m. local time on March 5, 2008, in Escalante, Utah, at the Interagency Visitor Center. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, a time limit could be established. Interested persons may make oral statements to the GSENMAC during this time or written statements may be submitted for the GSENMAC's consideration. Written statements can be sent to: Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Attn.: Larry Crutchfield, 190 E. Center Street, Kanab, UT 84741. Information to be distributed to the GSENMAC is requested 10 days prior to the start of the GSENMAC meeting.

All meetings are open to the public; however, transportation, lodging, and meals are the responsibility of the participating public.

Dated: January 18, 2008.

Rene Berkhoudt,

Acting Monument Manager, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-910-08-0777-XX]

Notice of Public Meeting, New Mexico Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the 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, New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting dates are March 5-7, 2008, at the Las Cruces District Office,

1800 Marquess St., Las Cruces, New Mexico. The public comment period is scheduled March 5, from 6–7 p.m. at the Las Cruces District Office. On Thursday, March 6, the meeting is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Friday, March 7, the meeting is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The public may present written comments to the RAC. Depending on the number of individuals wishing to comment and time available, oral comments may be limited.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member RAC advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in New Mexico. All meetings are open to the public. At this meeting, topics include issues on renewable and nonrenewable resources.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theresa Herrera, New Mexico State Office, Office of External Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502–0115, 505.438.7517.

Linda S.C. Rundell,
State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces that the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board will conduct a meeting on matters pertaining to management and protection of wild, free-roaming horses and burros on the Nation's public lands.

DATES: The Advisory Board will meet Monday February 25, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., local time. This will be a one day meeting.

ADDRESSES: The Advisory Board will meet in Tucson, Arizona, at the Radisson Suites Tucson, 6555 E. Speedway Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85710. The Radisson's phone number is (520) 721–7100.

Written comments pertaining to the Advisory Board meeting should be sent to: Bureau of Land Management,

National Wild Horse and Burro Program, WO–260, Attention: Ramona DeLorme, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, Nevada, 89502–7147. Submit written comments pertaining to the Advisory Board meeting no later than close of business, February 15, 2008. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access and filing address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ramona DeLorme, Wild Horse and Burro Administrative Assistant, at 775–861–6582. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may reach Ms. DeLorme at any time by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Meeting

Under the authority of 43 CFR part 1784, the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board advises the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the BLM, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Chief of the Forest Service, on matters pertaining to management and protection of wild, free-roaming horses and burros on the Nation's public lands. The tentative agenda for the meeting is:

Monday February 25, 2008 (8 a.m.–5 p.m.)

8 a.m.—Call to Order and Introductions:

8:15 a.m.—Old Business:

Approval of November, 2007 Minutes
Update Pending Litigation

8:45 a.m.—Program Updates:

Gathers
Adoptions
Facilities
Forest Service Update

Break—(9:30 a.m.–9:45 a.m.)

9:45 a.m.—Program Updates

(continued):

Program Accomplishments
BLM Response to Advisory Board Recommendations

Lunch—(11:45 a.m.–1 p.m.)

1 p.m.—New Business

Break—(2:45–3 p.m.)

3 p.m.—Public Comments

4 p.m.—Board Recommendations

4:45 p.m.—Recap/Summary/Next Meeting/Date/Site

5 p.m.—Adjourn

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability needing an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting, such as an interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format, must notify the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although the BLM will attempt to

meet a request received after that date, the requested auxiliary aid or service may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange it.

The Federal Advisory Committee Management Regulations [41 CFR 101–6.1015(b).] require BLM to publish in the **Federal Register** notice of a meeting 15 days prior to the meeting date.

II. Public Comment Procedures

Members of the public may make oral statements to the Advisory Board on February 25, 2008, at the appropriate point of the agenda. This opportunity is anticipated to occur at 3 p.m., local time. Persons wishing to make statements should register with the BLM by noon on February 25, 2008, at the meeting location. Depending on the number of speakers, the Advisory Board may limit the length of presentations. At previous meetings, presentations have been limited to three minutes in length. Speakers should address the specific wild horses and burro-related topics listed on the agenda. Speakers must submit a written copy of their statement to the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section or bring a written copy to the meeting.

Participation in the Advisory Board meeting is not a prerequisite for submission of written comments. The BLM invites written comments from all interested parties. Your written comments should be specific and explain the reason for any recommendation. The BLM appreciates any and all comments, but those most useful and likely to influence decisions on management and protection of wild horses and burros are those that are either supported by quantitative information or studies or those that include citations to and analysis of applicable laws and regulations. Except for comments provided in electronic format, speakers should submit two copies of their written comments where feasible. The BLM will not necessarily consider comments received after the time indicated under the **DATES** section or at locations other than those listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

In the event there is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for a copy of your comments, the BLM will make them available in their entirety, including your name and address. However, if you do not want the BLM to release your name and address in response to a FOIA request, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. The BLM will honor your request to the extent allowed by law. The BLM will release all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals