

public will assist in developing the alternatives. It is anticipated that the RMPA/EA process will require approximately 14 months to complete, resulting in a Decision Record and RMPA being published in spring of 2004.

Dated: February 13, 2003.

Timothy R. Spisak,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Call for Nominations for the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board call for nominations.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to solicit public nominations for three members to the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board. The Board provides advice concerning management, protection, and control of wild free-roaming horses and burros on the public lands administered by the Department of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, and the Department of Agriculture, through the Forest Service.

DATES: Nominations should be submitted to the address listed below under **ADDRESSES** no later than May 15, 2003.

ADDRESSES: National Wild Horse and Burro Program, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520-0006, Attn: Janet Nordin; FAX 775-861-6711.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sally Hampton, Acting Group Manager—Wild Horse and Burro Group, (202) 452-0379. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may contact Ms. Hampton at any time by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any individual or organization may nominate one or more persons to serve on the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board. Individuals may also nominate themselves for Board membership. All nomination letters should include the name, address, profession, relevant biographic data, and reference sources for each nominee, and should be sent to

the address listed under **ADDRESSES**, above. Nominations for the following categories of interest are needed: Wild Horse and Burro Research, Natural Resources Management, Livestock Management.

The specific category that the nominee will represent should be identified in the letter of nomination. Board membership must be balanced in terms of categories of interest represented. Each member must be a person who, as a result of training and experience, has knowledge or special expertise that qualifies him or her to provide advice from among the categories of interest listed above. Members will be appointed to a term of 3 years.

Pursuant to section 7 of the Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act, Members of the Board cannot be employed by either Federal or State government.

Members will serve without salary, but will be reimbursed for travel and *per diem* expenses at current rates for government employees.

The Board will meet no less than two times annually. The Director, Bureau of Land Management may call additional meetings in connection with special needs for advice.

Dated: April 11, 2003.

Aaron Horton,

Acting Deputy Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-190.50-1610-DO]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Amendment to the Hollister Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Fort Ord Public Lands Project in Monterey County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Amendment to the Hollister Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Fort Ord Public Lands Project in Monterey County, California.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to prepare an amendment to the Hollister RMP for the Fort Ord Public Lands Project. Fort Ord is the site of a former United States military base in Monterey County,

California that was closed pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, Public Law 101-510. Since 1992, the BLM has worked with the community in Monterey County to help facilitate the reuse of the former Fort Ord military base. The plan amendment would incorporate management prescriptions for the Fort Ord Project within the broader framework of the Hollister RMP. The plan amendment will fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), and BLM management policies. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns. The public scoping process will identify planning issues and develop planning criteria.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process. Comments on issues and planning criteria can be submitted in writing to the address listed below and will be accepted for 60 days following the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Public Participation: Public meetings will be held throughout the plan scoping and preparation period. In order to ensure local community participation and input, open houses will be held in locations most closely affiliated with the BLM lands at Fort Ord. Probable locations include Monterey/Pacific Grove, Salinas, and Seaside/Marina. Information concerning the planning process, including any public participation opportunities, will be announced by BLM through news releases, direct mailings or other applicable means of public notification. Current information about the Fort Ord planning process is also maintained on BLM's Web site (<http://www.ca.blm.gov/hollister>).

ADDRESSES: Scoping comments should be sent to Eric Morgan, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Hollister Field Office, 20 Hamilton Court, Hollister, California, 95023; Fax 831.394.8346. BLM will maintain a record of public documents related to the development of the RMP Amendment at the Hollister Field Office at the address listed above. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Hollister Field Office located in Hollister, California during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays, and may be published as part of the EIS. Individual

respondents may request confidentiality. Individuals who wish to withhold their name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act must state this prominently at the beginning of their 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Eric Morgan, telephone (831) 394-8314 or E-Mail emorgan@ca.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A plan amendment is needed because the existing 1984 Hollister RMP does not address management of the Fort Ord Project area. Approximately 7,200 acres of former Army lands at Fort Ord were transferred to the BLM in October 1996, and approximately 8,000 additional acres are expected to be transferred to the BLM in the coming years. The new "public lands" transferred to the BLM are part of a base-wide mitigation strategy to assure the survival of numerous rare plants and animals. Reuse of the base is centered upon the three keystones of "Education, Economics and Environment (The Three E's)". BLM's management of these new public lands is currently governed by the BLM/Army Memorandum of Understanding (April 19, 1995), the U.S. Army Letter of Transfer (October 18, 1996), and the Fort Ord Multi-Species Habitat Management Plan. Preliminary issues and management concerns have been identified by BLM personnel, other agencies, and in meetings with individuals and user groups, including: management and protection of sensitive, rare, threatened or endangered species; fire management; management integration with other agencies; management of recreation/visitor use and safety; management of livestock grazing; management consistent with community; and access and transportation on the public lands. Disciplines involved in the planning process will include specialists with expertise in wildlife management, minerals and geology, outdoor recreation, archaeology, lands and

reality, botany, soils, information technology, sociology, and economics.

Eric Morgan,
Fort Ord Project Manager.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-933-1430-00; GPO-03-0002; IDI-07702]

Expiration of Public Land Order; Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Public Land Order No. 5734 which withdrew national forest system lands from the mining laws for use as a campground in the Boise National Forest was allowed to expire on July 20, 2002 in Valley County, Idaho.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 19, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jackie Simmons, BLM Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709, 208-373-3867.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public Land Order No. 5734, published in the **Federal Register**, 45 FR 48629, dated July 21, 1980, as FR Doc. 80-21731, for the Boise National Forest, withdrew 20 acres of national forest lands from the mining laws for use as a campground has been allowed to expire.

1. At 9 a.m. on May 19, 2003, the segregative effect for the Federal interests in the above mentioned PLO, is lifted, and the land opened to such forms of disposition as may by law be made of forest system lands, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law.

Don Dunn,
Acting Branch Chief for Lands and Minerals.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-958-1430-ET; HAG 03-0034; ORE-06585]

Public Land Order No. 7559; Partial Revocation of Public Land Order No. 2298; Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order revokes Public Land Order No. 2298 insofar as it affects 44.15 acres of public land withdrawn for the Forest Service's Warner Canyon Recreation Area. The land is no longer needed for the purpose for which it was withdrawn and the revocation is needed to make the land available for exchange. This action will open the land to such forms of disposition as may by law be made of National Forest System lands.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 17, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles R. Roy, BLM Oregon/Washington State Office, PO Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208-2965, (503) 952-6189.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The remaining land withdrawn for the Warner Canyon Recreation Area has been conveyed out of Federal ownership.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Public Land Order No. 2298, which withdrew public lands for Forest Service administrative sites and recreation areas, is hereby revoked insofar as it affects the following described land:

Fremont National Forest

Willamette Meridian

Warner Canyon Recreation Area

T. 38 S., R. 21 E.,

Sec. 30, lots 8 and 10 (formerly part of lot 4).

The area described contains 44.15 acres in Lake County.

2. At 8:30 a.m. on April 17, 2003, the land described in Paragraph 1 will be opened to such forms of disposition as may by law be made of National Forest System lands, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law.

Dated: March 11, 2003.

Rebecca W. Watson,
Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.

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