

Please comment on the accuracy of our estimate and how the BLM could minimize the burden of collecting the information, including the use of automated collection techniques.

B. The BLM estimates that respondents will incur no additional costs for reporting other than the time required to complete the collection. What are the estimated total dollar amount annualized for capital and start-up costs and recurring annual dollar amount of operation and maintenance and purchase of services costs associated with this data collection? The estimates should take into account the costs associated with generating, maintaining, and disclosing or providing information.

C. Do you know of any other federal, state, or local agency that collects similar data? If you do, specify the agency, collection element(s), and the methods of collection.

As a Potential User

Are there any alternative sources of data and do you use them? If so, what are their deficiencies and/or strengths?

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the survey. They also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 14, 2000.

Carole Smith,

BLM Information Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-096-1610-00]

Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a draft Bitter Creek and Mountain Plover Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) Plan Amendment and Environmental Assessment (EA). The draft plan amendment/EA addresses two potential ACECs in the Glasgow Field Station, Valley County, Montana.

DATES: Comments on the draft plan amendment/EA should be submitted to BLM on or before May 16, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments to John Fahlgren, Assistant Field Manager, Glasgow Field Station, RR1-4775, Glasgow, MT 59230. Comments,

including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above Glasgow address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or 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: John Fahlgren, 406-228-4316.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This plan amendment/EA addresses special management for two potential ACECs; Bitter Creek and Mountain Plover. The public land being considered is located in Valley County, Montana. This plan would amend the Judith-Valley-Phillips Resource Management Plan (RMP). An ACEC is an area where special management attention is required to protect important historic, cultural or scenic values, fish and wildlife resources or other natural systems, or to protect life and safety from natural hazards. The Bitter Creek Wilderness Study Area (WSA) (59,660 acres) was found to meet the criteria as a potential ACEC due to the scenic diversity and variety of vegetation types and wildlife habitat. The Mountain Plover area (24,730 acres) provides natural habitat for the mountain plover, a prairie bird. It is an area of native plover habitat which is not associated with black-tailed prairie dogs. (Authority: Sec. 202, Pub. L. 94-579, 90 Stat. 2747 (43 U.S.C. 1712))

Dated: February 22, 2000.

John Fahlgren,

Assistant Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-050-1020-001]

Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council—Notice of Meeting Locations and Times

March 3, 2000.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Resource Advisory Council meeting locations and times.

DATES: March 23, and 24, 2000.

TIME: March 23, noon-4:30 p.m., and March 24, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

ADDRESS: 4765 West Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89108.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Phillip L. Guerrero, Las Vegas Field Office, Public Affairs Officer, telephone: (702) 647-5046.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C., the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), council meeting of the Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will be held as indicated above. The agenda includes a public comment period, and discussion of public land issues.

The Resource Advisory Council develops recommendations for BLM regarding the preparation, amendment, and implementation of land use plans for the public lands and resources within the jurisdiction of the council. For the Mojave-Great Basin RAC this jurisdiction is Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln and Nye counties in Nevada. Except for the purposes of long-range planning and the establishment of resource management priorities, the RAC shall not provide advice on the allocation and expenditure of Federal funds, or on personnel issues.

The RAC may develop recommendations for implementation of ecosystem management concepts, principles and programs, and assist the BLM to establish landscape goals and objectives.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the council. Public comments should be limited to issues for which the RAC may make recommendations within its area of jurisdiction. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment, and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and

need further information about the meeting, or need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Phillip L. Guerrero at the Las Vegas District Office, 4765 Vegas Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89108, telephone, (702) 647-5000.

Dated: March 3, 2000.

Phillip L. Guerrero,

Public Affairs Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-040-00-1040-AE]

Meeting Cancellation; Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting Cancellation.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to cancel the April 7 and 8, 2000 Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area Advisory Committee Meeting. The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide informed advice to the Safford Field Office Manager on management of public lands in the Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area. The committee meets as needed, generally between two and four times a year.

The meeting was to begin at the Bureau of Land Management, Safford Field Office on April 7, 2000 commencing at 8:00 am for the purpose of floating the Gila River within the Gila Box RNCA. However, due to the lack of snow pack and runoff into the Gila River, water levels are so low it will make floating of the river nearly impossible. A new meeting date for the Advisory Committee will be negotiated with the members of the committee in the near future, and posted in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Meeting proposed on April 7, 2000 starting 8:00 am has been cancelled.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jon Collins, Gila Box NCA Project Coordinator, Safford Field Office, 711 14th Ave., Safford AZ 85546, Telephone (520) 348-4400.

Dated: March 10, 2000.

Frank L. Rowley,

Acting Safford Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-050-00-1430-NH; AZA 31171]

Arizona: Closure of Public Land to All Vehicle Use

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of closure.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management is closing an area of public land located within Yuma County, Arizona, approximately 1 mile south of Interstate 8 and 3 miles west of Avenue 25 E to all vehicle use.

Order: Effective upon publication, that portion of public land described below is closed to all vehicle use for a term of 2 years:

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Yuma County, Arizona

T.9S., R.20 W.,

Sec. 1, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ within, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ within,

Sec. 12, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ within, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ within, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ within, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ within, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ within,

Sec. 13, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ within, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ within, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ (south 50 feet) within, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ within, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ (south 50 feet) within, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ within, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ (south 50 feet) within.

Containing 22.36 acres, more or less.

No person may use, drive, transport, park, let stand, or have charge or control over any vehicle in this area.

Exemptions to this order are granted to law enforcement and other emergency vehicles in the course of official duties. This order does not affect Bureau of Reclamation and Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District personnel in the course of their official duties along the Wellton-Mohawk Canal and related facilities. This order does not affect Arizona Department of Transportation personnel in the course of their official duties within the Interstate 8 right-of-way.

All other exemptions to this order are by written authorization of the Bureau of Land Management, Yuma Field Manager only.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 17, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Realty Specialist Lucas Lucero, Bureau of Land Management, Yuma Field Office, 2555 E. Gila Ridge Road, Yuma, Arizona 85365, telephone (520) 317-3237.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this closure is to protect the natural and cultural resources from

disturbance caused by unauthorized vehicle use. This closure is needed in order to assess existing resource damage and prevent any further damage caused by vehicle use and unauthorized road improvements. The affected area will be posted with standard signs prohibiting vehicle use. Authority for this closure of public land to vehicle use is found at Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations, subpart 8360.0-3. In accordance with 43 CFR 8360.0-7, violation of this order is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

Dated: March 7, 2000.

Gail Acheson,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-924-5410-EQ-E030; MTM 89208]

Application for Conveyance of Mineral Interest; Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is given that, pursuant to Section 209b of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1719(b)), Ms. Margaret I. Alm has applied to purchase the mineral estate described as follows:

Principal Meridian, Montana

T. 10 N., R. 4 W.,

Sec. 33, lot 1, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Containing 305.14 acres in Lewis and Clark County.

The mineral interest will be conveyed in whole or in part upon favorable mineral examination.

The purpose is to allow consolidation of surface and subsurface mineral ownership where there are no known mineral values or in those instances where the United States mineral reservation interferes with or precludes appropriate nonmineral development and such development is a more beneficial use of the land than the mineral development.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Sorg, BLM Montana State Office, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107, 406-896-5045.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** as provided in 43 CFR 2720.1-1(b), the mineral interests within the