

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to solicit public nominations for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council (RAC) that has an open position to represent environmental/conservation interests. This position will expire in 2006. The RAC provides advice and recommendations to the BLM and the USDA Forest Service on land use planning and management of public lands within their geographic areas. Public nominations will be considered for 60 days after the publication date of this notice.

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of lands administered by BLM.

Section 309 of FLPMA directs the Secretary to select 10- to 15-member citizen-based advisory councils that are established and authorized consistent with requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). As required by the FACA, RAC membership must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with management of public lands.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees for the Eastern Washington RAC must be residents of Washington. Nominees will be evaluated based on their education, training, experience, and their knowledge of the geographical area of the RAC. Nominees should have demonstrated a commitment to collaborative resource decision-making. All nominations submitted must include letters of reference from represented interests or organizations, a completed background information nomination form, as well as any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

DATES: All nominations should be received in the Oregon BLM State Office by March 24, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Robbins: (503) 808-6306, pam_robbins@blm.gov, BLM State Office, 333 Southwest 1st Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204.

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Joseph K. Buesing,
District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Resource Advisory Council Vacancy

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management; Northeast California Resource Advisory Council; Susanville, California.

ACTION: Notice of vacancy and call for nominations.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to authorities in the Federal Advisory Committees Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (Pub. L. 94-579), the U. S. Bureau of Land Management is seeking nominations to fill a vacant seat on the Northeast California Resource Advisory Council. The person selected to fill the vacancy will complete an unexpired term that ends in September 2004. The appointee will be eligible to compete for the full three-year term when the current term expires.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The council vacancy is in membership category three; persons representing issues and concerns of Native American Tribes. The appointment will be made by the Secretary of the Interior, as are all BLM Resource Advisory Council appointments. The person selected must have knowledge or experience in the interest area specified, and must have knowledge of the geographic area under the council's purview (the northeast portion of California and the northwest corner of Nevada).

Qualified applicants must have demonstrated a commitment to collaborate with varied interests to solve a broad spectrum of natural resource issues.

Nomination forms are available by contacting BLM Public Affairs Officer Joseph J. Fontana, 2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA 96130; by telephone (530) 252-5332; or e-mail, jfontana@ca.blm.gov. Nominations must be returned to: Bureau of Land Management, 2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA 96130, Attention Public Affairs Officer by February 24, 2003. Individuals can nominate themselves, or interest groups can submit nominations. Nominations must include letters of support from the interest groups the nominee will represent.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Contact BLM Alturas Field Manager Tim Burke at (530) 233-4666, or Public Affairs

Officer Joseph J. Fontana at the above phone or e-mail address.

Joseph J. Fontana,
Public Affairs Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Restoration and Timber Salvage Within the Timbered Rock Fire, Medford District, OR

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

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and conduct public scoping for restoration and timber salvage within the Timbered Rock Fire, Medford District, Oregon.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to prepare an EIS for the restoration and timber salvage within the Timbered Rock Fire, Medford District, Oregon. This planning activity encompasses 11,755 acres of BLM-administered land that was burned in the summer of 2002 Timbered Rock Wildfire, which burned in total 26,974 acres. This EIS 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 help identify issues to be addressed, possible alternatives, data gaps, and possible conflicts with existing management direction. The purpose of the EIS is to take a more detailed look at restoration activities, salvage logging opportunities, and opportunities for long-term resource studies.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process. Comments on issues and the scope of the analysis can be submitted in writing to the address listed below and will be accepted throughout the creation of the EIS. All public meetings will be announced through the local news media, newsletters, and the Washington/Oregon BLM Web site (<http://www.or.blm.gov>) at least 15 days prior

to the event. The minutes and list of attendees for each meeting will be available to the public and open for 30 days following the publication of this notice to any participant who wishes to clarify the views they expressed. Early participation is encouraged and will help determine the future management of the public lands burned by the Timbered Rock Fire.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, ATTN: Jean Williams, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, OR 97504. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Medford District office during regular business hours (7:45 AM to 4:30 PM) Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the environmental analysis or other related documents. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold 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 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 made 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 Jean Williams at (541) 618-2385 or John Bergin at (541) 618-2265.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Restoration of lands and economic recovery of resources damaged by wildfire are important activities following control of wildfires. The level and intensity of these activities can vary greatly depending upon a variety of factors. Public lands administered by the BLM in the Timbered Rock Fire are located entirely within a Late-Successional Reserve (LSR) and Tier 1 Key watershed and contains 18 owl activity centers. These land use allocations will have an effect on restoration actions and salvage opportunities that will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement. The environmental analyses will, as appropriate, address a range of restorative options, salvage opportunities, and potential long-term study opportunities. A No Action Alternative will be analyzed. One or more of the alternatives may address some modification to Standards and

Guidelines from the Northwest Forest Plan (NFP), the Medford District Resource Management Plan (RMP), and site-specific LSR Assessments (LSRA) that apply to the fire. Input from the scoping process will be used to determine the scope of the analysis consistent with the requirements of 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22. The scoping process includes:

- Defining the scope of the analysis and the nature of the decisions to be made.
- Identify the issues for consideration within the environmental analyses;
- Identify possible alternatives;
- Identify possible or potential environmental effects;
- Identify groups or individuals that would be interested in or affected by the restorative or economic recovery actions.

The BLM will seek information, comments, and assistance from Federal, State, and local agencies and other individuals, organizations, or businesses interested in or affected by the actions. Disciplines that may be included on the analysis team include forestry, soils, hydrology, fisheries, wildlife, fuels management, and others.

Possible cooperating agencies include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Rogue River National Forest. The public is asked to identify issues they believe should be assessed in the Environmental Impact Statement and provide ideas and suggestions on restorative actions and economic recovery of timber resources and alternatives they think should be considered.

Dated: December 4, 2002.

Kathy Eaton,

Acting Oregon/Washington State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Final Supplementary Rules on Public Lands in Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Final supplementary rules for certain public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management within the Little Sahara Special Recreation Management Area, Fillmore Field Office, Utah.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is issuing final supplementary rules to apply to the public lands within the Little Sahara Special Recreation Management Area, Fillmore Field Office, Utah. The rules are necessary for the management of actions, activities, and public use on certain public lands which may have or are having adverse impacts on persons using public lands, on property, and on resources located on public lands located in, or acquired for inclusion within, the Little Sahara Special Recreation Management Area.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 24, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Mail: Bureau of Land Management, 35 E 500 N, Fillmore, Utah 84631. Personal or messenger delivery: 35 E 500 N, Fillmore, Utah 84631.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ferris Clegg, Bureau of Land Management, Richfield Field Office, 150 East 900 North, Richfield, Utah 84701. Telephone (435)896-1500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Publication of Proposed Supplementary Rules and Discussion of Comments

The proposed supplementary rules for the Little Sahara Special Recreation Management Area were published in the **Federal Register** on August 22, 2002 (67 FR 54456), and allowed 30 days for public comment.

We received no comments on the proposed supplementary rules. Therefore, we are publishing them as final supplementary rules without change, except for the following:

(1) We are correcting typographical or printing errors that appeared in the proposed supplementary rules;

(2) We are editorially changing the heading of Sec. 3.0 from "Permits and Fees" to "Fees and Contracts," which better reflects the contents of the following two sections; and

(3) We are adding to Sec. 1.2 the requirement that drivers must have either a valid motor vehicle operator's license or a safety certificate issued by the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation. We also removed the erroneous requirement in this section of the proposed supplementary rules that a child must be 8 years old or older to ride as a passenger on an OHV. These are not policy changes, but rather amendments to conform with Utah State law and rules (The Utah Off-Highway Vehicle Act, and The Utah Board of Parks and Recreation Rules, 41-22-30. Supervision, Safety Certificate, or Driver License Required—Penalty).