

purchase an equivalent amount of crude helium from the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.

The In-Kind Crude Helium Sales Contract requires that contract holders supply the following information to BLM:

(A) Section 3.3 asks for reporting each quarter the deliveries made of refined helium. The section refers to Addendum B of the contract, which specifies providing the following:

- (1) Company name;
- (2) Address and contract number;
- (3) Name of the Federal agency to which helium sold;
- (4) Date of delivery;
- (5) Sale reference number;
- (6) Location of helium use;
- (7) Volume; and
- (8) Units of helium sold during the itemized sales for the quarterly report.

BLM uses this information to track sales of refined helium and to determine the use of the helium.

(B) Section 3.5 requires helium suppliers to notify BLM 14 days in advance of needing Federal helium in order to provide BLM sufficient time to deliver the helium.

(C) Section 3.7 requires contractors to keep available for BLM inspection all pertinent documents and records. We use this information to audit the contractors and to determine whether or not helium sales were reported accurately.

(D) Section 7.4 prohibits assigning the contract to another contractor without BLM's prior approval.

BLM also requires the following nonform information at 43 CFR 3195:

(A) Federal helium suppliers and buyers must report the total itemized quarterly deliveries of helium within 45

calendar days after the end of the previous quarter.

(B) Federal helium suppliers must report the annual cumulative helium delivery report by November 15 of each year.

(C) The name of the company from which you purchased helium.

(D) The amount of helium you purchased and the date it was delivered.

(E) The helium use location.

Based on our experience administering the activities described above, we estimate the public reporting burden is one hour for the contract and two hours for the nonform quarterly helium sales reports at 43 CFR 3195. We estimate 76 respondents will submit a contract once and quarterly provide helium sales information. We estimate 380 responses per year and a total annual burden of 684 hours as indicated in the table below:

| Requirement                               | Hours per responses | Number of responses | Burden hours |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| In-kind crude helium sales contract ..... | 1                   | 76                  | 76           |
| Helium sales information .....            | 2                   | 304                 | 608          |
| Total .....                               | .....               | 380                 | 684          |

We will summarize all responses to this notice and send them to OMB when we request approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

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**Michael H. Schwartz,**

*Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Call for Nominations for Resource Advisory Councils

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Resource Advisory Council Call for Nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to solicit public nominations for each of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) that have member terms expiring this year. The RACs provide advice and recommendations to BLM on land use planning and management of the public lands within their geographic areas. Public nominations will be considered

for 45 days after the publication date of this notice.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 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 the 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 the management of the public lands. These include three categories:

*Category One*—Holders of federal grazing permits and representatives of energy and mineral development, timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-highway vehicle use, and commercial recreation;

*Category Two*—Representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historic interests, dispersed recreation, and wild horse and burro groups;

*Category Three*—Holders of State, county or local elected office, employees of a State agency responsible for management of natural resources,

academicians involved in natural sciences, representatives of Indian tribes, and the public-at-large.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees must be residents of the State or States in which the RAC has jurisdiction. Nominees will be evaluated based on their education, training, and experience and their knowledge of the geographical area of the RAC. Nominees should have demonstrated a commitment to collaborative resource decisionmaking. All nominations must be accompanied by 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.

Simultaneous with this notice, BLM State Offices will issue press releases providing additional information for submitting nominations, with specifics about the number and categories of member positions available for each RAC in the State. Nominations for RACs should be sent to the appropriate BLM offices listed below.

#### Alaska

##### Alaska RAC

Teresa McPherson, Alaska State Office, BLM, 222 West 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513, (907) 271-3322

**Arizona**

## Arizona RAC

Deborah Stevens, Arizona State Office,  
BLM, 222 N. Central Avenue,  
Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2203, (602)  
417-9215

**California**

## Central California RAC

Larry Mercer, Bakersfield Field Office,  
BLM, 3801 Pegasus Avenue,  
Bakersfield, California 93308, (661)  
391-6000

## Northeastern California RAC

Jeff Fontana, Eagle Lake Field Office,  
BLM, 2950 Riverside Drive,  
Susanville, California 96130, (530)  
257-0456

## Northwestern California RAC

Jeff Fontana, Eagle Lake Field Office,  
BLM, 2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville,  
California 96130, (530) 257-0456

**Colorado**

## Front Range RAC

Ken Smith, Canon City Field Office,  
BLM, 3170 E. Main Street, Canon  
City, Colorado 81212, (719) 269-8513

## Southwest RAC; Northwest RAC

Larry Porter, Grand Junction Field  
Office, BLM, 2815 H Road, Grand  
Junction, Colorado 81506, (970) 244-  
3012

**Idaho**

## Upper Columbia RAC

Stephanie Snook, Upper Columbia-  
Salmon Clearwater Field Office, BLM,  
1808 North Third Street, Coeur  
d'Alene, Idaho 83814-3407, (208)  
769-5004

## Upper Snake RAC

David Howell, Upper Snake River  
District Office, BLM, 1405 Hollipark  
Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401, (208)  
524-7559

## Lower Snake RAC

MJ Byrne, Lower Snake River District  
Office, BLM, 3948 Development  
Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83705, (208)  
384-3393

**Montana and Dakotas**

## Eastern Montana RAC

Mark Jacobsen, Miles City Field Office,  
BLM, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles  
City, Montana 59301, (406) 233-2831

## Central Montana RAC

Kaylene Patten, Lewistown Field Office,  
BLM, Airport Road, PO Box 1160,

Lewistown, Montana 59457, (406)  
538-1957

## Western Montana RAC

Marilyn Krause, Butte Field Office,  
BLM, 106 North Parkmont, Butte,  
Montana 59701-3388, (406) 533-7617

## Dakotas RAC

Mary Ramsey, North Dakota Field  
Office, BLM, 2933 Third Avenue  
West, Dickinson, North Dakota  
58601-2619, (701) 227-7700

**Nevada**

Mojave-Southern RAC; Northeastern  
Great Basin RAC; Sierra Front  
Northwestern RAC

Debra Kolkman, Nevada State Office,  
BLM, 1340 Financial Boulevard,  
Reno, Nevada 89502-7147, (775) 289-  
1946

**New Mexico**

## New Mexico RAC

Theresa Herrera, New Mexico State  
Office, BLM, 1474 Rodeo Road, Sante  
Fe, New Mexico 87505, (505) 438-  
7517

**Oregon/Washington**

Eastern Washington RAC; John Day/  
Snake RAC; Southeast Oregon RAC

Pam Robbins, Medford District Office,  
BLM, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford,  
Oregon 97504, (541) 618-2456

**Utah**

## Utah RAC

Sherry Foot, Utah State Office, BLM,  
324 South State Street, Suite 301, P.O.  
Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah  
84145-0155 (801) 539-4195

**DATE:** All nominations should be  
received by the appropriate BLM State  
Office by *45 days from the publication  
date of this notice.*

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

**Notice of Availability of a Draft  
Environmental Impact Statement for  
the Black Rock Desert-High Rock  
Canyon Emigrant Trails National  
Conservation Area Resource  
Management Plan, Nevada**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management,  
Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of a Draft  
Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)  
for the Black Rock Desert-High Rock  
Canyon Emigrant Trails National  
Conservation Area Resource  
Management Plan (RMP), Nevada.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section  
202 of the National Environmental  
Policy Act of 1969, a Draft Resource  
Management Plan/Environmental  
Impact Statement has been prepared for  
the Black Rock Desert-High Rock  
Canyon Emigrant Trails National  
Conservation Area.

The Black Rock Desert-High Rock  
Canyon Emigrant Trails National  
Conservation Area Act of 2000 (the Act)  
gave special designation to 1.2 million  
acres of public lands managed by the  
Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in  
northwestern Nevada, collectively  
known as "Black Rock-High Rock." The  
Act designated 815,000 acres as a  
National Conservation Area (NCA) and  
752,000 acres as 10 Wilderness Areas  
(378,000 of the Wilderness acres overlap  
the NCA). The NCA and associated  
Wilderness Areas were created  
specifically to protect one of the last  
nationally significant segments of the  
historic emigrant trails used by pioneers  
to travel from the eastern States to  
Oregon and California, and a landscape  
largely unchanged since the mid-1800s.  
Black Rock-High Rock contains an array  
of unique historic, cultural, educational,  
wildlife, riparian, and wilderness  
resources, threatened species, and  
recreational values. The Act also  
identified wilderness, grazing, and  
special recreation permit events as  
valuable existing land uses that are  
expected to continue.

Designating Black Rock-High Rock as  
an NCA and Wilderness Areas placed  
new emphasis and requirements on  
resource uses in the area. The DEIS/  
RMP has been developed to address  
these changes. This DEIS/RMP does not  
evaluate the designation of the NCA and  
Wilderness Areas, but rather develops  
several resource management  
alternatives that fully comply with the  
NCA Act and the Wilderness Act and  
other applicable laws, regulations and