

permit the Committee to continue its consideration and take action regarding the foregoing matter in a timely manner.

Tentative Agenda

- A. Roll Call.
- B. Welcome and Opening remarks.
- C. Full Committee meeting to take actions on proposed changes to 24 CFR Part 3282, Subpart I.
- D. Adjournment.

Dated: February 2, 2006.

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Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Bird Banding Laboratory Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The second meeting of the Advisory Committee on the bird banding laboratory (Committee) will take place February 22 and 23, 2006, at the national headquarters for Ducks Unlimited, One Waterfowl Way, Memphis, Tennessee 38120. The meeting, which runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day, will take place in DU's Conference Center. The purpose of the Advisory Committee, which is co-chaired by the USGS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is to represent the interests of the bird banding community, including both game and non-game birds, in advising the U.S. Department of the Interior, USGS, on current and future management of the bird banding laboratory. The agenda for this meeting will focus on a Committee review of the results of the work done since the last meeting by four smaller subgroups. Each subgroup was charged with developing draft issue statement for one of the following topics: (1) Bird banding permits; (2) data collection and storage; (3) data dissemination; and (4) partnerships. Subsequent to the review discussion, the Committee will finalize statements for each issue and begin developing recommendations for action.

The meeting is open to all members of the interested public, and time on the agenda has been reserved at the conclusion of each day's work for the Committee to receive verbal comments (limited to 5 minutes per person) from the public. To speak before the Committee, please register in advance with Mr. Daniel James (see contact

information below), the USGS Designated Federal Official (DFO) for the Committee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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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 request public nominations for 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. The BLM will consider public nominations for 45 days after the publication date of this notice.

DATES: Send all nominations to the appropriate BLM State Office by no later than March 27, 2006.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the locations to send your nominations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Melanie Wilson Gore, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Intergovernmental Affairs, 1849 C Street, MS-LS-406, Washington, DC 20240; 202-452-0377.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) (43 U.S.C. 1730) 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 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. The rules governing RACs are found at 43 CFR 1784.b. These include three categories:

Category One—Holders of Federal grazing permits and representatives of organizations associated with 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 organizations, dispersed recreation users, and wild horse and burro organizations; and

Category Three—Representatives of State, county, or local elected office; representatives and employees of a State agency responsible for management of natural resources; representatives of Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the Council is organized; representatives of and employed as academicians involved in natural sciences; 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. The BLM will evaluate nominees based on their education, training, and experience and their knowledge of the geographical area of the RAC. Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to collaborative resource decisionmaking. The following must accompany all nominations:

- Letters of reference from represented interests or organizations,
- A completed background information nomination form,
- 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

Danielle Allen, Alaska State Office, BLM, 222 West 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513; (907) 271-3335.

Arizona

Arizona RAC

Deborah Stevens, Arizona State Office, BLM, One North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004; (602) 417-9215.