

- BLM-Idaho adopted the Idaho Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management (Idaho S&Gs) in 1997. Rangelands should be meeting or making significant progress toward meeting the standards and must provide for proper nutrient cycling, hydrologic cycling, and energy flow. Guidelines direct the selection of grazing management practices and, where appropriate, livestock facilities to promote significant progress toward, or the attainment and maintenance of, the standards.

- The ORMP identifies resource management objectives and management actions that guide the management of a broad spectrum of land uses and allocations for public lands in the Owyhee Field Office. The ORMP allocated public lands within the 25 allotments available for domestic livestock grazing. Where consistent with the goals and objectives of the ORMP and Idaho S&Gs, allocation of forage for livestock use and the issuance of grazing permits to qualified applicants are provided for by the TGA and the FLPMA.

Issues were identified by BLM personnel, Federal, state, and local agencies, and other stakeholders during scoping. Some of these key issues include the effects of livestock grazing on rangelands, wild horse herd management areas, wildlife habitats (including greater sage-grouse habitats), as well as the potential for disease transmission between domestic and bighorn sheep. Livestock management modifications are required where current livestock grazing management is determined by the authorized officer to be a significant causal factor for not meeting or making significant progress towards meeting the Idaho Standards for Rangeland Health; and to achieve ORMP objectives. Evidence on interaction between bighorn sheep and domestic sheep suggests that contact between the two species can transmit disease, cause mortality to individual bighorn sheep, and affect herd health.

Other key issues that are identified and analyzed in the Draft EIS involve the impact of livestock grazing on riparian area conditions and aquatic habitat causing the alteration of the health and composition of riparian vegetation communities, especially fish and amphibian habitat conditions directly related to conditions within the riparian vegetation community; sage-grouse habitat conditions as it relates to rangeland health conditions, and the maintenance and enhancement of sage-grouse populations in accordance with BLM policy. Additionally, upland

vegetation and watershed conditions affected by livestock grazing that may reduce or remove native vegetation communities that protect watershed soil and hydrologic function are analyzed in the Draft EIS. Also included in the analysis of issues are special status plant species and how their reproduction can be affected by livestock grazing, and how noxious and invasive weeds have the potential to increase or spread by livestock grazing and trailing.

The BLM analyzed the potential effects of six alternative grazing systems. Alternative 1 is the No Action alternative, which analyzes the consequences if current grazing management actions were to continue. Alternative 2 reflects the applications received from the current permittees who are authorized to graze in these allotments. This alternative is described as the Proposed Action which, in this case, is one that was developed by non-BLM parties. Alternative 3 analyzes the incorporation of a deferred grazing schedule where postponement or delay of grazing is used to achieve management objectives. Alternative 4 incorporates a grazing schedule that prescribes seasons-of-use changes including rest and deferment to protect and enhance high-value resources during certain times of the year. Alternatives 3 and 4 both include AUM reductions at varying levels. Alternative 5 addresses the effects specific to a change in livestock classification from sheep to cattle. Alternative 6 analyzes the effects of no grazing in the allotments for a period of 10 years.

By the time the Final EIS is published, the agency is required to identify its preferred alternative (40 CFR 1502.14 (e)) and will do so at that time. The agency seeks public comments on the proposed action and alternative methods of rangeland management that are analyzed in the Draft EIS.

Please note that public comments and information submitted including names, street addresses, and email addresses of persons who submit comments will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we

cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6, 40 CFR 1506.10.

Loretta V. Chandler,
BLM Owyhee Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Filing of Plats of Survey; NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform the public and interested State and local government officials of the filing of Plats of Survey in Nevada.

DATES: *Effective Dates:* Filing is effective at 10:00 a.m. on the dates indicated below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David D. Morlan, Chief, Branch of Geographic Sciences, Bureau of Land Management, Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, NV 89502-7147, phone: 775-861-6490. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. The Plat of Survey of the following described lands was officially filed at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Nevada State Office, Reno, Nevada on February 19, 2013:

The plat, in 1 sheet, representing the dependent resurvey of the Fifth Standard Parallel North through Range 51 East, the west boundary and a portion of the subdivisional lines, Township 26 North, Range 51 East, of the Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, under Group No. 918, was accepted February 14, 2013. This survey was executed to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM and to locate specific Federal interest lands for Barrick Gold Exploration, Inc.

2. The Supplemental Plat of the following described lands was officially filed at the Nevada State Office, Reno, Nevada on March 20, 2013:

The supplemental plat, in 1 sheet, showing a correction to the area of former lot 1, section 13, Township 24 North, Range 63 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada under Group 922 was accepted March 18, 2013. This supplemental plat was prepared to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM.

3. The Plat of Survey of the following described lands will be officially filed at the Nevada State Office, Reno, Nevada on the first business day after thirty (30) days from the publication of this notice:

This plat, in 2 sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the south, west and north boundaries and portions of the subdivisional lines, the survey of a portion of the south boundary and a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of certain sections, Township 12 North, Range 28 East, of the Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, under Group No. 906, was accepted April 16, 2013. This survey was executed to meet certain administrative needs of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals and classifications, the requirement of applicable laws, and other segregations of record, these lands are open to application, petition and disposal, including application under the mineral leasing laws. All such valid applications received on or before the official filing of the Plat of Survey described in paragraph 1, shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Applications received thereafter shall be considered in order of filing.

The surveys listed above are now the basic record for describing the lands for all authorized purposes. These surveys have been placed in the open files in the BLM Nevada State Office and are available to the public as a matter of information. Copies of the surveys and related field notes may be furnished to the public upon payment of the appropriate fees.

Dated: April 23, 2013.

David D. Morlan,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Nevada.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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General Management Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Big Thicket National Preserve, Texas

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the General Management Plan, Big Thicket National Preserve, Texas.

DATES: The National Park Service will accept comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement from the public for 60 days after the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes this Notice of Availability. Public meetings on the draft will be scheduled during the comment period. Interested parties are encouraged to check the park Web site and local media for information.

ADDRESSES: Information will be available for public review and comment online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/BITH>, in the office of the Superintendent, Doug Neighbor, 6044 FM 420, Kountze, TX 77625, 409-951-6801, and at the following location: Fire Management Office, 860 CR 1040, Woodville, TX 75997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doug Neighbor, Superintendent, Big Thicket National Preserve, 6044 FM Road 420, Kountze, TX 77625, email address BITH_Superintendent@nps.gov; 409-951-6801.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The document describes four management alternatives for Big Thicket National Preserve, including a no-action alternative and the National Park Service preferred alternative. The anticipated environmental impacts of those alternatives are also analyzed. *Alternative 1*, the no-action alternative, would extend existing conditions and management trends into the future. This alternative serves as a basis of comparison for evaluating the action alternatives. *Alternative 2*, the NPS preferred alternative, would support a broad ecosystem approach for preserve management using partnerships and collaboration. This alternative recognizes the challenges associated with management of cross-boundary resource issues and the importance of

encouraging partnerships to address and resolve resource issues. The National Park Service would proactively engage in regional planning and policy efforts for the benefit of resource protection, compatible visitor use, and other issues both within and outside the preserve boundaries. Initiatives that advance the long-term protection of the preserve's natural resources would receive the primary focus of management attention and funding. Appropriate visitor uses and experiences would also be improved and expanded. Preserve staff would expand and encourage new partnership agreements with outside public and private organizations. *Alternative 3* would emphasize natural resource preservation and research while providing self-reliant recreational opportunities. *Alternative 4* would seek to increase the importance of the preserve and the National Park Service to the people in the communities of southeast Texas and to visitors from all over the world. If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You are encouraged to submit comments via the Internet at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/BITH>. You may also mail comments to National Park Service, Denver Service Center—Erin Flanagan, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, CO 80225. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to 6044 FM Road 420, Kountze, TX 77625. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: January 15, 2013.

John Wessels,

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National Park Service.*

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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Government in the Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: United States International Trade Commission.

TIME AND DATE: May 10, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.