

NEPA analysis and documentation, consistent with the CDCA Plan and BLM planning regulations (43 CFR 1600 *et seq.*). Route designations include "open", "closed" and "limited" and will be in accordance with BLM route designation criteria outlined in 43 CFR 8342.1. 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.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process. Comments on issues and planning criteria can be submitted in writing to the address listed below and will be accepted throughout the creation of the Draft Routes of Travel designations. All public meetings will be announced through the local news media, newsletters, and the BLM Web site <http://www.ca.blm.gov/cdd/> 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 to any participant who wishes to clarify the views they expressed.

Public Participation: Public meetings will be held throughout the plan scoping and preparation period. Early participation is encouraged and will help determine the future management of the California Desert District public lands. Dates of scoping meetings are as follows: Monday, May 5, 2003, 4 p.m.–7 p.m., Yucca Valley, CA; Wednesday, May 7, 2003, 4 p.m.–7 p.m., Las Vegas, NV; Monday, May 12, 2003, 4 p.m.–7 p.m., Tecopa, CA; Tuesday, May 13, 2003, 4 p.m.–7 p.m., Ridgecrest, CA; Thursday, May 15, 2003, 4 p.m.–7 p.m., Independence, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roxie Trost, BLM, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252–6020.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NEMO planning process began in 1994. The NEMO Plan was approved on December 20, 2002 with the Record of Decision. The document is also available for review on line at <http://www.ca.blm.gov/cdd/landuseplanning.html>. Within the NEMO planning area, routes of travel were designated for Desert Tortoise Wildlife Management Areas in Shadow, Ivanpah and Piute-Fenner Valleys and surrounding bioregions (about 0.45 million acres). The current plan amendment addresses the remaining area in NEMO. Congressional wilderness areas within the planning area total approximately 1.2 million acres. The remainder of the planning area includes Wilderness Study Areas, the Dumont Dunes Off-Highway Vehicle Open Area and route networks through

various multiple-use classes and Areas of Critical Environmental Concern.

Linda Hansen,
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA–310–1820–AE]

Notice of Public Meeting: Northeast California Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U. S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Northeast California Resource Advisory Council will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday and Friday, June 5 and 6, 2003, in the Conference Room of the Bureau of Land Management's Alturas Field Office, 708 West 12th St., Alturas, California. On June 5, the meeting begins at 10 a.m. for a field tour on public lands managed by the BLM Alturas Field Office. On June 6, the meeting begins at 8 a.m. Time for public comments has been set aside for 1 p.m. on June 6.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Burke, Field Manager, BLM Alturas Field Office, 708 West 12th St., Alturas, CA, (530) 233–4666; or BLM Public Affairs Officer Joseph J. Fontana, telephone (530) 252–5332.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Northeast California and Northwest Nevada. At this meeting, agenda topics will include an update on the BLM process to develop new land use plans for the Eagle Lake, Alturas and Surprise field office jurisdictions, and RAC involvement in the process. The council will also hear an update on development of a management strategy for western juniper, and status reports from the managers of the Eagle Lake, Alturas and Surprise field offices. All meetings are open to the public. Members of the public may present written comments to the council. Each formal council meeting will have time

allocated for public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, and the time available, the time for individual comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation and other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided above.

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Joseph J. Fontana,
Public Affairs Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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State of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Arizona Resource Advisory Council (RAC).

The business meeting will be held on May 7–8, 2003, at the BLM Arizona Strip Field Office, 345 East Riverside Drive, St. George, Utah. It will begin at 2 p.m. and conclude at 6 p.m. on May 7, and will continue from 8 to 11 a.m. on May 8. (All times are based on Mountain Standard Daylight Savings.) The agenda items to be covered include: Review and approval of the January 27, and March 25, 2003 meeting minutes; BLM State Director's Update on Statewide Issues; Arizona Land Use Planning, "Working Landscapes" Initiative, Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board and National RAC Meeting Updates; Presentation on Wilderness Areas Proposed in Arizona Land Use Planning Efforts; RAC Questions on Written Reports from BLM Field Office Managers; Update Proposed Field Office Rangeland Resource Teams, Reports by the Standards and Guidelines, Recreation, Public Relations, Land Use Planning, Wild Horse and Burro Working Groups; Reports from RAC members; and Discussion of future meetings. A public comment period will be provided at 5 p.m. on May 7, for any interested persons who wish to address the Council.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Stevens, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, 222