

decisions, which are currently in effect, were challenged in a lawsuit brought by a coalition of environmental organizations in January 2009. As part of a settlement agreement entered into by the United States to resolve the lawsuit and in light of new information that has emerged since the 2008 OSTs Programmatic EIS was prepared, the BLM decided to take a fresh look at the land allocations analyzed in the 2008 OSTs Programmatic EIS. In this Proposed RMP/Final EIS (2012), the BLM proposes to amend 10 land use plans in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming to describe those areas that will be open and those that will be closed to application for commercial leasing, exploration, and development of oil shale and tar sands resources.

The BLM published its Notice of Intent to prepare a Programmatic EIS in the **Federal Register** on April 14, 2011 (76 FR 21003). The BLM conducted public scoping meetings in April and May of 2011, in Salt Lake City, Vernal, and Price, Utah; Rock Springs and Cheyenne, Wyoming; and Rifle and Denver, Colorado. Approximately 28,800 people participated in the scoping process by attending public meetings and/or submitting comments. The BLM published a scoping report in October 2011, summarizing and categorizing issues, concerns, and comments, and considered them in developing the alternatives in this 2012 Programmatic EIS.

The study area analyzed in the Programmatic EIS for the oil shale resources includes the most geologically prospective resources of the Green River Formation located in the Green River, Piceance, Uinta, and Washakie Basins, encompassing approximately 3,540,000 acres on the basis of the grade and thickness of the oil shale deposits.

For the tar sands resources, the study area analyzed in the Programmatic EIS includes those locations designated as Special Tar Sand Areas (STSAs) by Congress in the Combined Hydrocarbon Leasing Act of 1981 (Pub. L. 97-78). The tar sands study area covers about 1,026,000 acres.

The oil shale and tar sands resources within the study areas defined in the Programmatic EIS are located within the jurisdiction of 12 separate BLM administrative units. These units are Glenwood Springs, Grand Junction, and White River Field Offices in Colorado; the Moab, Monticello, Price, Richfield, and Vernal Field Offices, and the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah; and the Kemmerer, Rawlins, and Rock Springs Field Offices in Wyoming.

Within the above-listed administrative units and the defined boundaries of the most geologically prospective resources of the Green River formation and the designated STSAs, public lands managed by the BLM where the Federal government owns full fee title or just the subsurface mineral estate (split estate lands) are included in the scope of the Programmatic EIS analysis. Tribal lands on which both the surface estate and subsurface mineral estate are owned by the tribe are not included in the scope of analysis.

The Environmental Protection Agency published a NOA of the Draft RMP Amendments/Programmatic EIS in the **Federal Register** on February 3, 2012 (77 FR 5513), for a 90-day public review and comment period. The comment period closed on May 2, 2012. Open house meetings were held during March 2012 to provide additional information on the Draft Programmatic EIS. Comments on the Draft Programmatic EIS received from the public and cooperating agencies were considered and incorporated, as appropriate, into the proposed plan amendments. Of the more than 161,000 comment letters received, about 600 contained substantive comments and approximately 160,400 appeared to be similar or identical to one another (i.e., form letters). Issues identified in the comments include air quality, climate change, water quality and quantity, socio-economic concerns, wildlife concerns, and cultural resources concerns, as well as concerns related to the agency's compliance with FLPMA, NEPA and the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Comments on the Draft RMP Amendment/Draft Programmatic EIS received from the public, cooperating agencies, other Federal agencies, as well as internal BLM review were considered and information incorporated as appropriate into the Proposed RMP Amendments/Final EIS. As a result of public comments and upon further review, corrections/revisions were made to the Alternatives, and changes were made from what was presented as the Preferred Alternative in the Draft Programmatic EIS. These changes have resulted in a Proposed Plan Amendment (composed of Alternative 2(b) from the Draft Programmatic EIS, as well as certain elements of the other Alternatives) that references new acreage figures. The 2012 Proposed RMP/Final EIS addresses the allocation of BLM-administered lands as closed or open to the potential leasing and development of oil shale and tar sands resources, but will not affect other management decisions contained in the

RMPs governing the areas to be included in the study area. Under the Proposed Plan, approximately 676,967 acres would be open for application for future leasing and development of oil shale and approximately 129,567 acres would be open for potential tar sands leasing and development.

Instructions for filing a protest with the Director of the BLM regarding the Proposed RMP/Final EIS may be found in the "Dear Reader" letter of the Proposed RMP/Final EIS and at 43 CFR 1610.5-2. All protests must be in writing and mailed to the appropriate address, as set forth in the **ADDRESSES** section above. Emailed and faxed protests will not be accepted as valid protests unless the protesting party also provides the original letter by either regular or overnight mail postmarked by the close of the protest period.

Under these conditions, the BLM will consider the emailed or faxed protest as an advance copy and it will receive full consideration. If you wish to provide the BLM with such advance notification, please direct emails to Brenda.Hudgens-Williams@blm.gov and faxed protests to the attention of the BLM protest coordinator at 202-245-0028.

Before including your phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your protest, you should be aware that your entire protest—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your protest 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 and 1506.10; and 43 CFR 1610.2 and 1610.5.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting Cancellation: Northwest 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) Northwest California Resource Advisory Council is cancelled.

DATES: The meeting was originally scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 14–15, 2012, at the BLM King Range Project Office, 768 Shelter Cove Rd., Whitethorn, Calif. A new meeting date and location will be announced later.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Haug, BLM Northern California District manager, (530) 221–1743; or Joseph J. Fontana, public affairs officer, (530) 252–5332.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 12-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 Northwest California. 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. Members of the public are welcome on field tours, but they must provide their own transportation and meals. 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.

Dated: October 30, 2012.

Joseph J. Fontana,
Public Affairs Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations and Related Actions

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing or related actions in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before October 13, 2012. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR part 60, written comments are being accepted concerning the significance of the nominated properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation.

Comments may be forwarded by United States Postal Service, to the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW., MS 2280, Washington, DC 20240; by all other carriers, National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1201 Eye St. NW., 8th floor, Washington, DC 20005; or by fax, 202–371–6447. Written or faxed comments should be submitted by November 28, 2012. 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: October 17, 2012.

J. Paul Loether,

Chief, National Register of Historic Places/
National Historic Landmarks Program.

COLORADO

Routt County

Kimsey—Bolten Ranch Rural Historic Landscape, 41090 Cty. Rd. 80, Hayden, 12000972

GUAM

Guam County

Malesso Japanese Rice Mill, Jesus Barcinas Rd., Merizo, 12000973

INDIANA

Porter County

Meyer, Dr. John and Gerda, House, 360 W. Fairwater Ave., Beverly Shores, 12000974

LOUISIANA

Rapides Parish

Alexandria Veterans Administration Hospital Historic District (Boundary Increase), (United States Second Generation Veterans Hospitals MPS) 2495 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, 12000975

MARYLAND

Dorchester County

Pine Street Neighborhood Historic District, High, Pine, & Washington Sts., Cambridge, 12000976

MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex County

Bedford Veterans Administration Hospital Historic District, (United States Second Generation Veterans Hospitals MPS) 200 Springs Rd., Bedford, 12000977

Suffolk County

Sherman Apartments Historic District, 544–546 Washington, 4–6, 12–14, 18 Lyndhurst Sts., Boston, 12000978

MISSOURI

St. Louis Independent City

St. Francis de Sales Historic District, Bounded by Nebraska, Jefferson, & Victor Aves., Gravois Rd., & Pestalozzi St., St. Louis (Independent City), 12000979

MONTANA

Missoula County

Ressler, Guy, Homestead House, Near Burnt Fork Cr., Huson, 12000980

NEW YORK

Erie County

Baker Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, 345 Main St., East Aurora, 12000981

Herkimer County

Perry, Stuart and William Swezey Houses, 7541 & 7551 Main St., Newport, 12000982

Schuyler County

Montour Falls Union Grammar School, 208 W. Broadway, Montour Falls, 12000983

PENNSYLVANIA

Allegheny County

Schenley Farms Historic District (Boundary Increase), 4400 Centre Ave., Pittsburgh, 12000984

VIRGINIA

Albemarle County

Crozet Historic District, Roughly Railroad, St. George, & Crozet Aves., Crozet, 12000985

Halifax County

Collins Ferry Historic District, McKeever Trail, & Bull Creek Rd., Nathalie, 12000986
Thornton, Dr. Richard, House, Golden Leaf Rd., & Tobacco Rd., Nathalie, 12000987

Petersburg Independent City

Petersburg Old Town Historic District (Boundary Increase II), 212, 317, 415 E. Bank, 427, 504, 505, 515 Bollingbrook, 203 Henry, 317 N. Madison, & 401, 409 5th Sts., Petersburg (Independent City), 12000988

Richmond Independent City

Fifth and Main Downtown Historic District (Boundary Increase), 0 blk. of N. 3rd, N. 4th, S. 6th, & 300, 400 blks. E. Main Sts., Richmond (Independent City), 12000989

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Scoping Meeting for the Proposed 20-Year Extension of the 2005 Mendota Pool Exchange Agreements, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.