

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

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**Notice of Intent To Amend the 1999
Owyhee Resource Management Plan
and Prepare an Associated
Environmental Assessment, Idaho**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Owyhee Field Office, Marsing, Idaho, intends to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) amendment with an associated Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Owyhee Field Office. This notice announces the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

DATES: Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until August 15, 2014. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local news media, newspapers, and the BLM Web site at: <http://www.blm.gov/id>. In order to be included in the analysis, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 30-day scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. We will provide additional opportunities for public participation as appropriate.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to Owyhee RMP amendment/EA by any of the following methods:

- Web site: http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/prog/nepa_register/rmp_amendment_proposed.html.

- Email: BLM_ID_BD_OwyheeRMPAmend@blm.gov.

- Fax: 208-384-3326.

- Mail: BLM Boise District Office, 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83705.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Owyhee Field Office, 20 First Avenue West, Marsing, ID 83639, or at the BLM Boise District Office, at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Sullivan, Supervisory Resource Management Specialist; telephone 208-384-3338, BLM Boise District Office, at the above address; or email BLM_ID_BD_OwyheeRMPAmend@blm.gov. Contact Mr. Sullivan to have your name

added to our mailing list. 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 Mr. Sullivan during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question for Mr. Sullivan. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document provides notice that the BLM Owyhee Field Office, Marsing, Idaho, intends to prepare an RMP amendment with an associated EA for the Owyhee Field Office, announces the beginning of the scoping process, and seeks public input on issues and planning criteria. The planning area is located in Owyhee County and encompasses approximately 1,320,000 acres of public land; however, this plan amendment is only intended to address the land-tenure classification of 560.62 acres. The purpose of the public-scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the planning process. Preliminary issues for the plan amendment area have been identified by BLM personnel; Federal, State, and local agencies; and other stakeholders. The issue involves a change in the land-tenure classification for 560.62 acres of public land, described as the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, the N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 21, and the N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, all in T. 7 S., R. 3 W, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho. The above-described public land is currently located in Land Tenure Zone 1 (retain lands in public ownership). This land-tenure classification would be changed to Land Tenure Zone 3 (lands available for disposal, excluding sale). This proposed change in land-tenure classification would allow the above-described lands to be considered along with approximately 33,400 additional acres of Federal public land in a proposed land exchange with the Idaho Department of Lands for up to 38,444 acres of State land. Under Federal regulations, a land exchange may occur only when it is determined to be in the public interest. When considering the public interest the BLM gives full consideration to the opportunity to achieve better management of Federal lands, to meet the needs of State and local residents and their economies, and to secure other important objectives. Acquisition of lands of higher environmental values may represent the mitigation for the transfer of lands out of Federal ownership. Land exchanges are designed to be for equal monetary

value and the acreage amounts of Federal and state land may be adjusted after appraisals are completed.

Preliminary planning criteria include directions and requirements found in (1) The Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009; (2) The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976; (3) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; (4) The 1999 Owyhee Resource Management Plan; and (5) BLM policy manuals 1601 (Land Use Planning) and 2200 (Land Exchanges). The proposed land exchange would be completed subject to Federal regulatory requirements found at 43 CFR 2200, which include public notice and an opportunity to comment.

You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing to the BLM at any public-scoping meeting, or you may submit them to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above. To be most helpful, you should submit comments by the close of the 30-day scoping period or within 30 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later.

The BLM will use the NEPA public participation requirements to assist the agency in satisfying the public involvement requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (16 U.S.C. 470(f)) pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). The information about historic and cultural resources within the area potentially affected by the proposed action will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources in the context of both NEPA and Section 106 of the NHPA.

The BLM will consult with Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175 and other policies. Tribal concerns, including impacts on Indian trust assets and potential impacts to cultural resources, will be given due consideration. Federal, State, and local agencies, along with tribes and other stakeholders that may be interested in or affected by the proposed action that the BLM is evaluating, are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM to participate in the development of the environmental analysis as a cooperating agency. 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. The minutes and list of attendees for each scoping meeting will be available to the public and open for 30 days after the meeting to any participant who wishes to clarify the views he or she expressed. The BLM will evaluate identified issues to be addressed in the plan, and will place them into one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the plan amendment;
2. Issues to be resolved through policy or administrative action; or
3. Issues beyond the scope of this plan amendment.

The BLM will provide an explanation in the Draft RMP/Draft EA as to why an issue was placed in category two or three. The public is also encouraged to help identify any management questions and concerns that should be addressed in the plan. 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.

The BLM will use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the plan amendment and EA in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Specialists with expertise in the following disciplines will be involved in the plan amendment and development of the associated EA: Rangeland management, geology, soils, wildlife and fisheries, archaeology, outdoor recreation, and realty.

Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 43 CFR 1610.2.

Timothy M. Murphy,
Acting BLM Idaho State Director.

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Notice of Public Meeting for the Southeast Oregon 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 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, and the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below:

DATES: The RAC will hold a public meeting on August 4 and 5, 2014, at the Clarion Inn, 1249 Tapadera Avenue, Ontario, Oregon, from 8:30–4:30 each day. A public comment period will be available each day of the session. Unless otherwise approved by the RAC Chair, the public comment period will last no longer than 30 minutes, and each speaker may address the RAC for a maximum of five minutes. Meeting times and the duration scheduled for public comment periods may be extended or altered when the authorized representative considers it necessary to accommodate necessary business and all who seek to be heard regarding matters before the RAC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kevin Abel, Public Affairs Specialist, BLM Lakeview District Office, 1301 S G Street, Lakeview, Oregon 97630, (541) 947-6237, or email kabel@blm.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Southeast Oregon RAC consists of 15 members chartered and appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. Their diverse perspectives are represented in commodity, conservation, and general interests. They provide advice to BLM and Forest Service resource managers regarding management plans and proposed resource actions on public land in southeast Oregon. Agenda items for the August 4–5, 2014 meeting include: Lands with wilderness characteristics; the Wild Horse and Burro Program; presentation from Burns Paiute regarding land transfer; Vale fuels discussion; discussion of Leslie Gulch fence; and planning future RAC meetings. Any other matters that may reasonably come before the Southeast Oregon RAC may also be addressed. This meeting is open to the public in its entirety. Information to be distributed to the Southeast Oregon RAC is requested prior to the start of each meeting.

Before you include your address, phone number, email address, or any other personal information during your comments, please be aware that your entire comment (including your personal information) may be available to the public at any time. When making your comments, you may request that your personal information be held from

public review, however we cannot guarantee it will not be disclosed.

ELynn Burkett,
Lakeview District Manager.

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Notice of Realty Action: Classification for Lease and Conveyance for Recreation and Public Purposes of Public Land for a Shooting Range in Elko County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has examined and found suitable for classification for lease and subsequent conveyance under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act, as amended, approximately 95.22 acres of public land in Elko County, Nevada. The Elko County proposes to use the land for the expansion of the Elko County Shooting Range.

DATES: Interested parties may submit written comments regarding this classification and conveyance of public land for a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** until September 2, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to the BLM, Tuscarora Field Manager, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elisabeth Puentes, Realty Specialist, Tuscarora Field Office, at 775-753-0234, or email epuentes@blm.gov. 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: The parcel of public land proposed for classification and conveyance is located 3.5 miles west of the City of Elko, Nevada. Access to the parcel is provided by a dirt road, which exists off the western interchange of Interstate 80.

The land to be classified as suitable for conveyance is legally described as: