

Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1732.

#### Sixth Principal Meridian

T.30 N., R. 112 W., section 18, NE¼SE¼.

These lands contain 6.90 acres.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Priscilla Mecham, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Resource Area, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, WY 82941, 307-367-5300. The casefile may be reviewed at the Pinedale Resource Area office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Bureau of Land Management proposes to lease the above described land for haying purposes for a 3-year period on a non-competitive land use permit.

Interested parties may submit comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Field Manager, Pinedale, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941 until [July 9, 2004.] Any adverse comments will be evaluated by the State Director who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any objections, this proposed realty action will become effective on [July 26, 2004.]

**Authority:** 43 U.S.C. 1712(f) and 43 CFR 2920.4(c)

Dated: February 4, 2004.

**Priscilla Mecham,**

*Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Temporary Restriction of the Use of Public Lands in the Area Known as Castle Rocks State Park and Castle Rocks Inter-Agency Recreation Area Near Almo, ID

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of temporary restriction.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management announces temporary restriction of use of certain public lands in Cassia County. This closure will prohibit bolting and placement of fixed anchors to rocks, and overnight camping. The BLM intends to take this action to allow time for analysis of a fixed anchor management plan.

**DATES:** This closure will take effect on June 1, 2004 and shall remain in effect until June 1, 2005.

*The Legal Land Descriptions for the Closure are as Follows:* The public lands

affected by this closure are all lands administered by the BLM within Section 08 of Township 15 South, Range 24 East, Boise Meridian. This area is known as Castle Rocks State Park and Castle Rocks Inter-Agency Recreation Area. The area covers approximately 320 acres of BLM land. A closure notice including time periods will be posted near the entry point at the Castle Rocks Ranch House.

*Exceptions To this Order are Granted To the Following:* No exceptions.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This closure is effective June 1, 2004 and shall remain effective until June 1, 2005.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Dennis Thompson, Burley Field Office, 200 South 15 East, Burley, ID. 83318. Telephone (208) 677-6641. A Map of the closure area is available from the Burley BLM Office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The authority for this closure is found under 43 CFR 8364.1. Any person who violates this closure may be subject to the penalties provided in Sec. 8360.0-7 of this title. Any person who violates this closure may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.

Dated: April 5, 2004.

**Wendy Reynolds,**

*Burley Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

[WO-230-04-1150-PG]

#### Joint Counterpart Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation Regulations; Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service Alternative Consultation Agreements With U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior. Forest Service, Agriculture.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries (NOAA Fisheries) (referred to

as the Services), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Forest Service (FS) have approved Alternative Consultation Agreements pursuant to the joint counterpart regulations for consultation under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to streamline consultation on proposed projects that support the National Fire Plan (NFP).

**DATES:** The BLM and FS Alternative Consultation Agreements with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service are available on the BLM and FS Web sites.

**ADDRESSES:** Information on the Alternative Consultation Agreements is available electronically through the Internet sites (<http://www.blm.gov> or <http://www.fs.fed.us>), or from the BLM, 1849 C Street, NW., LSB-204, Washington, DC 20240 or from the FS, Mail Stop 1121, 1400 Independence Avenue, Washington, DC 20250.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Peggy Olwell, Bureau of Land Management, Endangered Species Program Lead, 202-452-7764, or [peggy\\_olwell@blm.gov](mailto:peggy_olwell@blm.gov) or Marc Bosch, U.S. Forest Service, Endangered Species Program Leader, 202-205-1220, or [mbosch@fs.fed.us](mailto:mbosch@fs.fed.us).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The counterpart regulations, authorized by 50 CFR 402.04, complement the consultation process by providing an alternative process for completing section 7 consultation for projects that authorize, fund, or carry out actions that support the NFP. The Counterpart Regulations eliminate the need to conduct informal consultations and obtain written concurrence from the Services for those NFP actions that the BLM or FS determines are "not likely to adversely affect" (NLAA) listed species or designated critical habitat.

The final rule for the counterpart regulations was published in the **Federal Register** on December 8, 2003, and became effective on January 7, 2004. Implementation of the counterpart regulations requires BLM and FS to develop and sign an Alternative Consultation Agreement (ACA) with the Services, and to jointly develop a training program, based on the needs of the agency. The BLM and the FS signed separate ACAs with the Services on March 3, 2004. The interagency training program is being developed by BLM, FS, FWS, and NOAA and will be available for agency staff by May, 2004.

The regulations require that the ACA and related oversight or monitoring reports be made available to the public through a **Federal Register** notice of availability. The ACA for the Bureau of

Land Management is available on BLM's Web site at: <http://www.blm.gov/nhp/text/index.html>. The Forest Service ACA is available on the Forest Service's Web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us>.

Dated: April 8, 2004.

**Jim Gladen,**

*Director, Watershed, Fisheries and Wildlife Staff, USDA Forest Service.*

Dated: April 21, 2004.

**Thomas H. Dyer,**

*Deputy Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CA-170]

**Notice of Intent To Prepare a Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment and Associated Environmental Assessment for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Bishop Field Office, Located in Eastern California**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides notice that the BLM intends to prepare a Proposed Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment and associated Environmental Assessment for the Bishop Field Office, located in eastern California. The Bishop Field Office manages approximately 750,000 acres of public lands, with its headquarters located in Bishop, California. An amendment to the existing 1993 RMP is needed to update Land Use Plan decisions to comply with new national direction for the National Fire Plan/ Comprehensive Strategy and BLM directives.

The Proposed RMP Amendment and EA would fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), and BLM management policies. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify management decisions that best address local, regional, and national needs and concerns. The public scoping process will identify wildland fire and hazardous fuels management planning issues and develop planning criteria.

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public scoping process. Public comments will be accepted throughout the entire

planning process, but to be most beneficial comments on the preliminary issues and suggestions for potential planning criteria should be submitted in writing to the address listed below and will be accepted for 30 days following the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Public meetings will be held throughout the plan scoping and preparation period. In order to ensure local community participation and input, public meetings will be held in locations most closely affiliated with the public lands in the planning area. Probable locations include Bridgeport and Bishop, California. These public meetings are scheduled to be held the month of May 2004. Specific dates and meeting locations will be announced by BLM through news releases, direct mailings or other applicable means of public notification within 15 days of the event.

**ADDRESSES:** Scoping comments should be sent to Bill Dunkelberger, Field Office Manager, BLM—Bishop Field Office, 351 Pacu Lane, Suite 100, Bishop, California 93514. Comments will also be received via Fax at (760) 872-5050 or e-mail at [caweb170@ca.blm.gov](mailto:caweb170@ca.blm.gov).

The BLM will maintain a record of public documents related to the development of the RMP amendment at the Bishop Field Office at the address listed above. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents will be available for public review at the Bishop Field Office in Bishop, California during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays, and may be published as part of the EA. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. Individuals who wish to withhold their name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act must state this prominently at the beginning of their written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. BLM will not consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dale Johnson, Fuels Specialist, BLM—Bishop Field Office, 351 Pacu Lane, Suite 100, Bishop, California 93514, (760) 872-5055 or via e-mail at [dale\\_f\\_johnson@ca.blm.gov](mailto:dale_f_johnson@ca.blm.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Preliminary issues and management concerns have been identified by BLM personnel in consultation with other agencies, individuals and organizations, and include: Management of special areas, health and resilience of wetland, riparian and upland ecosystems, management and protection of sensitive, rare, threatened or endangered species, community protection, firefighter safety, invasive plants, visual resources management, Native American traditions and practices, and protection of cultural resource sites.

Disciplines involved in the planning process include specialists with expertise in wildlife and fisheries management, forestry, botany and vegetation community ecology, fire/fuels management and ecology, hydrology and watershed management, archeology, lands and realty, minerals and geology, grazing management and recreation management.

**Authority:** 43 CFR 1610.5-5.

Dated: April 2, 2004.

**Bill Dunkelberger,**

*Field Office Manager, Bishop Field Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[UT 040-1150-CB, 1430-ES, 1220-BA]

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent and notice of realty action.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is to advise the public that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to amend the Cedar/Beaver/Garfield/Antimony (CBGA) Resource Management Plan (RMP) affecting public lands located in the Three Peaks Area of Iron County, Utah, to create a Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) comprising 4,966 acres. The BLM also proposes to lease or convey under the provisions of the Recreation & Public Purposes (R&PP) Act forty-five (45) acres of public land described herein to Iron County, Utah, for recreational use purposes.

**DATES:** The comment period for the proposed plan amendment and R&PP classification/application will commence with publication of this notice. Comments must be submitted on or before July 9, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments addressing the actions proposed in this notice should be sent to Todd S. Christensen,