

(2) Obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to include in the environmental document.

**DATES:** Open house style meeting(s) will be held throughout the scoping phase of the comprehensive conservation plan development process. Special mailings, newspaper articles, and other media announcements will be used to inform the public and state and local government agencies of the opportunities for input throughout the planning process.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments, questions, and requests for more information to Tina Chouinard, Natural Resource Planner, Central Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 401 Island Road, Marksville, Louisiana 71351. To ensure consideration, written comments must be received within 45 days following the date of this notice.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Catahoula National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1958 primarily as a wintering area for migratory waterfowl. The refuge, in east-central LaSalle Parish and west-central Catahoula Parish, about 30 miles northeast of Alexandria and 12 miles east of Jena, now totals 25,162 acres. The 6,671-acre Headquarters Unit borders 9 miles of the northeast shore of Catahoula Lake, a 26,000-acre natural wetland renowned for its large concentrations of migratory waterfowl. The 18,491-acre Bushley Bayou Unit, located 8 miles west of Jonesville, was established in May 2001. The acquisition was made possible through a partnership agreement between The Conservation Fund, American Electric Power, and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The refuge lies within a physiographic region known as the Lower Mississippi River Alluvia Valley. This valley was, at one time, a 25-million-acre forested wetland complex that extended along both sides of the Mississippi River from Illinois to Louisiana. Although the refuge was part of this very productive bottomland hardwood ecosystem, most of the forest on the refuge was cleared in the early 1970s for agriculture production.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Natural Resource Planner, Central Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex, telephone: 318/253-4238; fax: 318/253-7139; e-mail: [tina\\_chouinard@fws.gov](mailto:tina_chouinard@fws.gov); or mail (write to the Natural Resource Planner at address in **ADDRESSES** section).

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**Cynthia K. Dohner,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Meeting of the Pinedale Anticline Working Group

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (1976) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (1972), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG) will meet in Pinedale, Wyoming, for a business meeting. Group meetings are open to the public.

**DATES:** The PAWG will meet March 15, 2005, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting of the PAWG will be held at the Pinedale Volunteer Fire Department, 130 S. Fremont Ave., Pinedale, WY.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carol Kruse, BLM/PAWG Liaison, Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Field Office, 432 E. Mills St., PO Box 738, Pinedale, WY, 82941; 307-367-5352.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG) was authorized and established with release of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Pinedale Anticline Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Project on July 27, 2000. The PAWG advises the BLM on the development and implementation of monitoring plans and adaptive management decisions as development of the Pinedale Anticline Natural Gas Field proceeds for the life of the field.

The agenda for these meetings will include follow-up discussions and recommendations on proposed monitoring plans submitted by individual task groups. At a minimum, public comments will be heard prior to lunch and adjournment of the meeting each day.

Dated: February 24, 2005.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[MT-060-01-1020-PG]

#### Notice of Public Meeting; Central Montana 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, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Central Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held March 22 & 23, 2005, at the Best Western Great Northern Inn, 1345 1st Street, in Havre, Montana. The March 22 meeting will begin at 1 p.m. with a 30-minute public comment period. The meeting is scheduled to adjourn at approximately 6 p.m. The March 23 meeting will begin at 8 a.m. with a 60-minute public comment period. This meeting will adjourn at approximately 3 p.m.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This 15-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior on a variety of management issues associated with public land management in Montana. At these meetings the council will discuss/act upon:

The minutes of their proceeding meeting;

Election of officers;  
The West Hi-Line update;  
Oil and gas leases within the

monument;

Field Managers updates;  
The upcoming Lewis and Clark

signature event;

The sage grouse management plan;  
Potential for buy/out/trade-out of oil and gas leases in the Blacklead area;  
The Montana Challenge (the economic contribution of public lands);  
Community collaborative planning along the Rock Mountain Forest; and  
Special recreation use permits on the river and in the uplands.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the RAC. Each formal RAC meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** June Bailey, Lewistown Field Manager, Lewistown Field Office, PO Box 1160, Lewistown, MT 59457, (406) 538-7461.