

parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns. The public scoping process will identify planning issues and develop planning criteria.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process. Comments on preliminary issues and suggestions for potential planning criteria can 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, open houses will be held in locations most closely affiliated with the public lands in the planning area. Probable locations include: Cedarville, CA; Alturas, CA; Susanville, CA; Reno, NV; and Redding, CA. These public meetings are scheduled to be held throughout the month of August 2003. 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 Jeff Fontana, Public Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Eagle Lake Field Office, 2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville, California 96130; FAX 530.257.4831. BLM will maintain a record of public documents related to the development of the RMPs at the Eagle Lake Field Office at the address listed above. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents will be available for public review at the Eagle Lake Field Office in Susanville, 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 EIS. 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. 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: Jeff Fontana, Public Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Eagle Lake Field Office,

2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville, California 96130, (530) 252-5332.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Preliminary issue areas and management concerns have been identified by BLM personnel in consultation with other agencies, individuals, and organizations and include: Management of special areas, riparian/wetlands health, upland ecosystems health, water quality and quantity, management and protection of sensitive, rare, threatened or endangered species, fire and fuels management, access and transportation management including OHV uses, Native American traditions and practices, social/economic considerations, acquisition/disposal of public lands, mineral extraction and energy development, communication and utility facility locations, and recreation use and visitor safety.

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, recreation management, sociology and economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting, Upper Snake River Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

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

DATES: The meeting will be held August 27 and 28, 2003 at the office of the BLM Upper Snake River District, 1405 Hollipark Drive, in Idaho Falls, Idaho. The meeting will start August 27 at 2 p.m., with the public comment period

beginning at approximately 2:10 p.m. The meeting will adjourn on August 28 at about 5 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in the BLM Upper Snake River District (USRD), which covers south-central and southeast Idaho. At this meeting, topics we plan to discuss include: Updates on major planning projects in the USRD, including coordination of subgroups. A half-day discussion on the Director's Sustaining Working Landscapes policy initiative. Review of RAC feedback on BLM Idaho's statewide Off-Highway initiative. Review of Standards and Guidelines consistency. Other items of interest raised by the Council.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council 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. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, tour transportation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided below.

A final USRD RAC meeting has been planned for November 2003, and will be announced in a future **Federal Register** Notice and through local media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Howell, RAC Coordinator, Upper Snake River District, 1405 Hollipark Dr., Idaho Falls, ID 83401. Telephone (208) 524-7559.

Dated: July 16, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Public Meeting: Resource Advisory Council to the Lower Snake River District

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S.