

addressed to the Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240, Attention: Branch of Acknowledgment and Research, Mail Stop 4660—MIB. Comments on the proposed finding should be submitted within 180 calendar days from the date of publication of this notice. Third party comments must be provided to the petitioner as well as to the Federal Government. After the close of the 180-day comment period, the petitioner has 60 calendar days to respond to third-party comments.

After the expiration of the comment and response periods described above, the BIA will consult with the petitioner concerning establishment of a time frame for preparation of the final determination. After consideration of the written arguments and evidence rebutting the proposed finding and within 60 days after beginning preparation of the final determination, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs will publish the final determination of the petitioner's status in the **Federal Register** as provided in 25 CFR 83.10(1).

Dated: January 14, 2000.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-220-1020XQ]

Call for Nominations for Northwest and Front Range Resource Advisory Councils (Colorado)

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Call for nominations.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to solicit nominations from the public to fill positions which have recently been vacated on two Colorado, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Resource Advisory Councils.

These councils provide advice and recommendations to BLM on management of the public lands. The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of lands administered by BLM. Under Section 309 of FLPMA the Secretary has selected 15 member citizen-based advisory councils that are established and authorized consistent

with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). As required by the FACA, Resource Advisory Council members appointed to the council will reflect a balanced membership representative of the various interests concerned with the management of public lands and users of the public lands.

The position to be filled on the Northwest Resource Advisory Council is Public-at-Large in Group 3.

The position on the Front Range Resource Advisory Council which is being filled is also Public-at-Large in Group 3. Nominees must be residents of Colorado. All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from represented interests or organizations, a completed Nomination/Background Information Form, as well as any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

DATES: Completed Nomination/Background Information Forms and any other necessary information should be received in the appropriate office on or before March 23, 2000.

ADDRESSES: For more information and a Nomination/Background Information Form, contact the appropriate BLM office:

Northwest Resource Advisory Council—Bureau of Land Management, Northwest Center, Attn: RAC Nomination, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506.

Front Range Resource Advisory Council—Bureau of Land Management, Front Range Center, Attn: RAC Nomination, 3170 East Main Street, Canon City, Colorado 81212.

Completed Nomination/Background Forms should be returned to the appropriate address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Smith (719) 269-8553; for information about the Front Range Resource Advisory Council or Lynn Barclay (970) 826-5096 for information about the Northwest Resource Advisory Council.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees will be evaluated based on their education, training, and experience of the issues and knowledge of the geographical area of the Council. Nominees should have demonstrated a commitment to collaborative resource decision making.

Dated: January 29, 2000.

John Carochi,

Acting Front Range Center Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-320-1820-XQ]

Notice of Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management Northeast California Resource Advisory Council, Susanville, California.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committees Act (Public Law 92-463) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (Public Law 94-579), the U. S. Bureau of Land Management's Northeast California Resource Advisory Council will meet Friday, March 10, 2000, at the Bureau of Land Management's Eagle Lake Field Office, 2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting begins at 8 a.m. in the Eagle Lake Field Office Conference Room. Agenda items include an update on Grass Banking, a status report on a proposal to list the sage grouse under the Endangered Species Act, and a report from the council's off highway vehicle working group. The council will also hear reports on the status of a proposal to designate a National Conservation Area is parts of the Black Rock Desert and High Rock Canyon, and other proposals for special area designations. Time will be set aside on the agenda for public comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact BLM Alturas Field Manager Tim Burke at (530) 257-4666.

Joseph J. Fontana,

Public Affairs Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Southwest Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; Southwest Resource Advisory Council Meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Resource Advisory Council (Southwest RAC) will meet in March, 2000 in Paonia, CO.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2000.