

SUMMARY: In accordance with the memorandum of January 20, 2001, from the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff, entitled "Regulatory Review Plan," published in the **Federal Register** on January 24, 2001 (66 FR 7701), this document temporarily delays for 60 days the effective date of the document entitled "Policy on Maintaining the Biological Integrity, Diversity, and Environmental Health of the National Wildlife Refuge System; Notice," published in the **Federal Register** on January 16, 2001 (66 FR 3809). This policy guides personnel of the National Wildlife Refuge System in implementing the clause of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 directing the Secretary of the Interior to ensure that the "biological integrity, diversity, and environmental health" of the System is maintained.

DATES: The effective date of the Policy on Maintaining the Biological Integrity, Diversity, and Environmental Health of the National Wildlife Refuge System published in the **Federal Register** on January 16, 2001, at 66 FR 3809, is delayed for 60 days, from February 15, 2001, to a new effective date of April 16, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Souheaver, Acting Chief, Division of Natural Resources, National Wildlife Refuge System, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 670, Arlington, Virginia 22203; telephone (703) 358-1744.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To the extent that 5 U.S.C. section 553 applies to this action, this action is exempt from notice and comment because it constitutes a rule of procedure under 5 U.S.C. section 553(b)(A). Alternatively, the Department's implementation of this action without opportunity for public comment, effective immediately upon publication today in the **Federal Register**, is based on the good cause exceptions in 5 U.S.C. sections 553(b)(3)(B) and 553(d)(3), in that seeking public comment is impractical, unnecessary and contrary to the public interest. The temporary 60-day delay in effective date is necessary to give Department officials the opportunity for further review and consideration of new regulations, consistent with the Assistant to the President's memorandum of January 20, 2001. Given the imminence of the effective date, seeking prior public comment on this temporary delay would have been impractical, as well as contrary to the public interest in the orderly promulgation and implementation of regulations.

Dated: February 2, 2001.

Timothy S. Elliott,

Acting Deputy Solicitor.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Resource Advisory Council Meeting; Upper Snake River District

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Resource Advisory Council meeting locations and times

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C., the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) meeting of the Upper Snake River District Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will be held as indicated below. The agenda for this two-day meeting will include updates on the designation of an expanded Craters of the Moon, Fire Management Planning, the Shoshone Land Use Plan Amendments, Sage Grouse Studies in the Lower Snake River District as a starting point for studies in this District, and Selenium cleanup in the Pocatello Field Office. The agenda may change as other issues warrant between publication of this notice and the meeting. All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written or oral comments to the council. Each formal council meeting will have a time allocated for hearing public comments. Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meetings, or need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations should contact David Howell at the Upper Snake River District Office, 1405 Hollipark Dr., Idaho Falls, ID 83401, or telephone (208) 524-7559.

DATES AND TIMES: The next meeting will be held February 21-22, 2000 at the Best Western Burley Inn, address in Burley, Idaho. An executive session of the RAC will begin at 1 p.m., and the full RAC meeting will begin at 2 p.m. The meeting will conclude no later than 3 p.m. the following day. Public comments, if any, will be scheduled from 2:00 to 2:30 p.m. on February 21, 2001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Resource Advisory

Council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with the management of the of the public lands.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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

Dated: January 19, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-ET; N-62297]

Cancellation of Proposed Withdrawal; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management has canceled its withdrawal application to protect resource values and open space in southern Washoe County.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis J. Samuelson, BLM Nevada State Office, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520, 775-861-6532.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Notice of Proposed Withdrawal was published as FR Doc. 98-18016 in the **Federal Register**, 63 FR 36937-36940, July 8, 1998, for the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw 15,757.14 acres of reserved Federal minerals from mining and 166,906.28 acres of public land from surface entry and mining, but not from sales, exchanges, recreation and public purposes, or mineral leasing to protect resource values and open space in the southern Washoe County urban, suburban, and rural residential areas. This proposed withdrawal has been superseded by a subsequent proposal.

The segregative effect for the lands described in the notice terminated in accordance with said notice on July 7, 2000, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law.

Dated: February 1, 2001.

Jim Stobaugh,

Lands Team Lead.

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