

upon the complexity of issues following the scoping phase of the CCP process.

We estimate that the draft environmental documents will be available in fall 2004 for public review and comment.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice to Cancel a Public Meeting, Steens Mountain Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

**ACTION:** Cancellation Notice of Public Meeting for the Steens Mountain Advisory Council.

**SUMMARY:** The August 9 and 10, 2004, Steens Mountain Advisory Council Meeting, previously scheduled to be held at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Burns District Office, 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738, has been cancelled. The original **Federal Register** notice announcing the meeting was published Tuesday, December 2, 2003, page number 67468.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Additional information concerning the SMAC may be obtained from Rhonda Karges, Management Support Specialist, Burns District Office, 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon, 97738, (541) 573-4400 or [Rhonda\\_Karges@or.blm.gov](mailto:Rhonda_Karges@or.blm.gov) or from the following Web site: <http://www.or.blm.gov/Steens>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CA-190-04-1610-DS]

#### Notice of Availability of a Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Clear Creek Management Area; Correction to April 2003 Notice of Intent (68 FR 22733)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of a Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft RMP/Draft EIS) for the Clear Creek Management Area, Hollister Field Office, in the southern portion of San Benito County and western Fresno County, California; Correction to April 2003 Notice of Intent (68 FR 22733).

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, a Draft RMP/Draft EIS has been prepared for the Clear Creek Management Area. The Draft RMP/Draft EIS considers designations of areas and trails for off-road vehicles (ORV) in accordance with 43 CFR Subpart 8342, and the delineation of boundaries of the expansion of the San Benito Mountain Research Natural Area. This notice and the Draft RMP/Draft EIS also fulfill the planning requirements in 43 CFR 1610. The Draft RMP/Draft EIS is tiered to the Clear Creek Management Area RMP Amendment/EIS (1995).

This notice will also correct the Notice of Intent (NOI) of April 29, 2003 (68 FR 22733): BLM will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement instead of an Environmental Assessment as previously anticipated.

**DATES:** The comment period will end 90 days after the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability is published in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of this Draft RMP/Draft EIS. Comments on the Draft RMP/Draft EIS must be submitted on or before the end of the comment period at the address listed below. Public meetings will be held during the comment period. Public meetings and any other public involvement activities will be announced at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media news releases, newsletter mailings, and the BLM Web site: <http://www.ca.blm.gov>.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to CCMA RMP Team, Bureau of Land Management, Hollister Field Office, 20 Hamilton Court, Hollister, CA 95023. Comments may also be sent by e-mail to [Lesly\\_Smith@ca.blm.gov](mailto:Lesly_Smith@ca.blm.gov). Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Hollister Field Office. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Hollister Field Office during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the RMP/EIS. Responses to the comments will be published as part of

the Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment/Final Environmental Impact Statement. Individuals may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this promptly at the beginning of your comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. BLM will not consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Copies of the Draft RMP/Draft EIS have been sent to affected Federal, Tribal, State and local Government agencies, and to interested publics and are available at the Hollister Field Office. The planning documents and direct supporting record for the analysis for the Draft RMP/Draft EIS will be available for inspection at the Hollister Field Office during normal business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Monday through Friday, except holidays). The Draft RMP/Draft EIS and other associated documents may be viewed and downloaded in PDF format at the BLM Web site at <http://www.ca.blm.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

George E. Hill, Assistant Field Manager, at the above address, telephone number (831) 630-5036, or e-mail: [George\\_Hill@ca.blm.gov](mailto:George_Hill@ca.blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA) is managed for Off-Highway Vehicle recreation and natural values. CCMA consists of approximately 75,000 acres of public lands and resources in the southern portion of San Benito County and western Fresno County, California. Approximately 30,000 acres are within the Serpentine Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). The serpentine soils within the ACEC contain high concentrations of naturally occurring asbestos, and comprise an environment with a unique assemblage of plant and animal species.

The CCMA is currently managed under a Record of Decision (ROD) approved in 1999. The ROD designated the CCMA a Limited Use Area for Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use and also provided for a subsequent land use planning effort to further analyze and designate specific areas and trails for OHV use. BLM initiated the more subsequent planning in 2003 with publication of a NOI and preparation of an EA. After considering scoping comments from the public requesting that an EIS be prepared, and further analysis of impacts of possible area and route designations in the management