

Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Lower Snake River District Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held August 26, 2003, beginning 9 a.m. at the Bureau of Land Management, Idaho State Office in the first floor Ponderosa-Sagebrush Conference Rooms, located at 11387 South Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83703. Public comment periods will be held after each topic on the agenda. The meeting will adjourn at 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: MJ Byrne, Public Affairs Officer and RAC Coordinator, Lower Snake River District, 3948 Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705, Telephone (208) 384-3393.

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 southwestern Idaho. At this meeting, the following topics will be discussed:

- Subcommittee reports on Rangeland Standards and Guidelines, Sage Grouse Habitat Management, OHV and Transportation Management, River Recreation and Resource Management Plans, and Fire and Fuels Management;
 - Two Resource Management Plans under development in the District—workshops for Alternatives development;
 - Rangeland Standards and Guidelines analysis update;
 - District wildfire activity for 2003, and District Fire Management Plan;
 - Owyhee Initiative—General Overview and Progress Update;
 - RAC Members will discuss what they heard from individuals at community and interest group meetings in August where the Department's Sustaining Working Landscapes Initiative (SWI), was added to agendas by the RAC's Rangeland Standards and Guidelines Subcommittee. The RAC is reserving at least two hours of their afternoon's agenda for all interested stakeholders, including Tribes, and the public, inviting their comments and participation in the discussion regarding SWI policy options and strategy for developing policy;
 - Three Field Office Managers and the District Fire Manager provide updates on current activities and issues in their field office and the District.
 - Idaho's Noxious Weed Program
- 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. Expedited publication is requested to give the public adequate notice.

Dated: July 16, 2003.

Glen M. Secrist,
District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Closure Order for Motorized Vehicle Use, Popcorn Area of Lava Wilderness Study Area, Shasta County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of vehicle closure on Popcorn Campground access road in the Lava Wilderness Study Area, Shasta County, California.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the BLM route within the Popcorn Area is closed to motorized vehicle use within the Lava Wilderness Study Area (WSA). Approximately three tenths of a mile of road will be closed to all motorized vehicle use. The purpose of this road closure is to protect WSA values, protect sensitive species habitat, reduce vandalism, and improve public safety.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This closure is effective on July 22, 2003, and will remain in effect until this notice is rescinded.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lands in this closure are located within the Mt. Diablo Meridian, Sections 15 and 22, T. 36 N., R. 5 E. This closure is made under the authority of 43 CFR 8341.2(a) and 8364.1. Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this closure order may be subject to the penalties provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Claude Singleton at the BLM Alturas Field Office at (530) 233-4666, or by e-mail at csingleton@ca.blm.gov.

Dated: April 22, 2003.

Michael P. Dolan,

Acting Alturas Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare a Combined Amendment to the Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan and a Revision to the Naval Air Station Fallon Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan, Known as the Churchill County Plan, and Associated Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Carson City Field Office in partnership with the Department of Defense, U.S. Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a combined amendment to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Carson City Field Office (CCFO) Consolidated Resource Management Plan (CRMP) and a revision to the Naval Air Station Fallon (Navy) Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP) and associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: This document provides notice that the BLM intends to prepare an amendment to the CRMP with an associated EIS for the Carson City Field Office to address energy resources, fire management, off-highway vehicle (OHV) use and designations, and Churchill County open space needs. The Navy intends to revise their INRMP in this plan to address the same issues stated for the BLM and new issues at the Fallon Naval Air Station related to National Security. The planning area is primarily limited to Churchill County, Nevada for all issues with the exception of energy resources, which will be addressed for all lands managed by the CCFO. The BLM and Navy will work collaboratively and cooperatively with interested parties to identify management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process. Comments can be submitted in writing to the address listed below and will be accepted throughout the preparation of the Draft CRMP/Draft EIS. All public meetings will be announced through the local news media, newsletters, scoping