

science are those that are either supported by quantitative information or studies, or those that include citations to and analysis of applicable laws and regulations. Except for comments provided in electronic format, commenters should submit two copies of their written comments, where practicable. The BLM will not necessarily consider comments received after the time indicated under the **DATES** section or at locations other than that listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

In the event there is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for a copy of your comments, we intend to make them available in their entirety, including your name and address (or your e-mail address if you file electronically). However, if you do not want us to release your name and address (or e-mail address) in response to a FOIA request, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will honor your wish to the extent allowed by the law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be in their entirety, including names and addresses (or e-mail addresses).

Electronic Access and Filing Address: Commenters may transmit comments electronically via the Internet to lee_barkow@blm.gov. Please include the identifier "Science4" in the subject of your message and your name and address in the body of your message.

III. Accessibility

The meeting sites are accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability who will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the hearing, such as interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format, must notify the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** two weeks before the scheduled hearing date. Although BLM will attempt to meet a request received after that date, the requested auxiliary aid or service may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange it.

Lee Barkow,

Director, National Applied Resource Sciences Center.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[Montana; MT-060-00-1220-BE-003E]

Restriction of Public Lands

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice. Restriction of public lands.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Lewistown Field Office, Montana is issuing written orders implementing a two year moratorium on the issuance of new annual Special Recreation Permits for commercial guided recreation trips on the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River (UMNWSR). This order applies to all public lands and waters within the boundaries of the UMNWSR from Fort Benton, Montana downstream for 149 miles to the Fred Robinson Bridge. The BLM will not accept new applications or issue new annual Special Recreation Permits to any individual, group, corporation or company for the purpose of providing guided river trips on the UMNWSR.

Exemptions apply to any person who had been issued a valid annual Special Recreation Permit for commercial recreation on the UMNWSR prior to April 1, 2000, and any person providing only land based visitor services (shuttles, rentals, etc.).

DATES: This moratorium is effective immediately and applies until April 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: David L. Mari, Field Manager, Lewistown Field Office, P.O. Box 1160, Lewistown, MT 59457.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Slagel, 406/538-1950.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 10, 1999, the Secretary of the Interior asked the Central Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) to seek public comment and provide him with a report and recommendations concerning future management of public lands in the Missouri River Breaks in north central Montana. The RAC was asked to complete this task by December 31, 1999. During this time period, the RAC met four times and actively solicited public input regarding management options for the Missouri Breaks area. The council received more than 400 written and oral comments.

On December 30, 1999 the RAC's final report was sent to the Secretary of the Interior. This report included numerous motions approved with full RAC consensus. One of these motions proposed a two-year moratorium on

new river special recreation permit authorizations. The RAC clarified and emphasized its intent with this recommendation during an earlier conference call on December 28, 1999. The two-year moratorium allows for the same number of outfitters, in fact the same outfitters, as permitted in 1999, and applies only to those outfitters actually using the river for floating/boating/guiding clients.

During this two-year moratorium, the BLM will collect data to determine the environmental impacts and ensuing social conflicts associated with significantly increased special recreation permit authorizations on the UMNWSR.

Authority: 43 CFR 8364.1 and 8351.2-1.

Dated: April 21, 2000.

David L. Mari,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-030-1610-DH-241A]

Notice of Intent to Prepare an Amendment to the Walker Resource Management Plan

The Carson City Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management and Douglas County, Nevada will jointly coordinate preparation of the following: (1) A County Specific Plan for about 625 acres of Federal and private lands in Douglas County, Nevada and (2) a BLM Resource Management Plan Amendment for about 430 acres of BLM lands included in Douglas County's Specific Plan.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an amendment to the Walker Resource Management Plan, notice of scoping period and public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Carson City, Field Office, and Douglas County will jointly direct preparation of a County Specific Plan and Walker Resource Management Plan Amendment and environmental assessment. The Resource Management Plan Amendment will identify specific tracts of BLM managed public lands in the North Douglas County specific Planning Area for potential disposal through exchange or under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act (R&PP) and criteria for BLM acquisition

of private lands or interests in private lands within Douglas County, Nevada. The environmental assessment, to be produced by a third-party contractor, will analyze the impacts (direct, indirect, and cumulative) of the potential disposal of BLM managed public lands and criteria for acquisition or private lands or interests in private lands by the BLM.

EFFECTIVE DATES: A public scoping meeting will be held on May 17, 2000 to allow the public an opportunity to identify issues and concerns to be addressed in the plan amendment and Environmental analysis. Comments will be accepted until June 2, 2000. Scoping comments may be sent to: Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701.

The scheduled public meeting will be held on May 17, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. at the Carson Valley Community Church, located at 3616 North Sunridge Drive.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information, write to the Field Manager of the Carson City Field Office at the address listed in the agency section of this notice, call or email Mike McQueen (BLM NEPA Coordinator) at (775) 885-6120, mmcqueen@nv.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed plan amendment schedule is as follows:

Begin Public Scoping: May 1, 2000
Host Public Scoping Meeting: May 17, 2000

Release Proposed Plan Amendment, EA and FONSI for Public Review,
Governor's Consistency Review:
September 15, 2000

Issue Plan Amendment and Decision
Record: January 15, 2000

Planning Criteria

Planning criteria have been developed to ensure that the plan amendment is tailored to the issues identified and ensure that unnecessary data collection and analysis would be avoided. These criteria may change in response to public comment and coordination with state and local governments or other Federal agencies. The criteria developed for the North Douglas County Plan Amendment are described below. The plan amendment will address the following decisions in the North Douglas County Planning Area:

1. Identify specific parcels of public lands for potential disposal through exchange, or under the R&PP Act to private entities.

2. Identify specific parcels of public lands for potential transfer to the Washoe Tribe or to another Federal

agency for management on behalf of the Tribe.

3. Adopt criteria for BLM acquisition of private lands or interests in lands within Douglas County.

4. Approximately 430 acres of BLM managed public lands located in North Douglas County will be affected by the decisions regarding land disposal through exchange, R&PP Act or transfer to the Tribe or other Federal agency for management on behalf of the Tribe.

5. A significant cultural resource site important to the Washoe Tribe exists on these lands and will require inventory, delineation, management and protection.

6. Criteria for BLM acquisition of lands or interests in lands will focus on the acquisition of conservation easements in the Carson River Flood Plain in order to protect agricultural lands and the associated open space values, wildlife habitat, and flood plain functions. Approximately 25,000 of private lands in the flood plain are expected to be threatened by development in the future.

7. Additional acquisition criteria will be developed or adopted for sensitive lands elsewhere in Douglas County.

8. No lands will be transferred out of or into Federal ownership as a direct result of this plan amendment. Specific exchange proposals or leases under the R&PP will be considered and analyzed case by case after the joint County Specific Plan and BLM Resource Management Plan Amendment are completed.

Dated: April 27, 2000.

Richard Conrad,

Assistant Field Office Manager for Nonrenewable Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-952-00-1420-BJ]

Filing of Plats of Survey; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform the public and interested State and local government officials of the filing of Plats of Survey in Nevada.

EFFECTIVE DATES: Filing is effective at 10:00 a.m. on the dates indicated below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David J. Clark, Chief, Branch of Geographic Services, Bureau of Land

Management (BLM), Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520, 775-861-6541.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. The Plat of Survey of the following described lands was officially filed at the Nevada State Office, Reno, Nevada on February 10, 2000:

The plat, representing the entire survey record of a metes-and-bounds survey in section 1, Township 1 South, Range 68 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, Under Group No. 781, was accepted February 8, 2000.

This survey was executed to meet certain administrative needs of the Bureau of Land Management and Lincoln County, Nevada.

2. The Plat of Survey of the following described lands was officially filed at the Nevada State Office, Reno, Nevada on March 17, 2000:

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of section 14, and a metes-and-bounds survey of Lot 10 in section 14, Township 20 North, Range 20 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, under Group No. 786 was accepted March 17, 2000.

This survey was executed to meet certain administrative needs of the Bureau of Land Management and Holy Cross Catholic Community.

3. The above-listed surveys are now the basic record for describing the lands for all authorized purposes. These surveys have been placed in the open files in the BLM Nevada State Office and are available to the public as a matter of information. Copies of the surveys and related field notes may be furnished to the public upon payment of the appropriate fees.

Dated: April 20, 2000.

David J. Clark,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Nevada.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Record of Decision for the Comprehensive Design Plan for the White House and President's Park and Final Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior, National Park Service has prepared the following Record of