

and in the nomination form. Nominees may be professionals from agencies, academia, businesses, Alaska Native organizations, or the public-at-large. Nominees selected to serve on the Science Technical Group will serve only in their professional capacity and will not serve to represent any group, agency or entity with whom they may be affiliated.

The Executive Director shall collect the nomination forms and letters of reference and distribute them to the Oversight Group for the NSSI. The Oversight Group will submit their recommendations through the Bureau of Land Management to the Secretary of the Interior who has responsibility for making the appointments.

Members on the Science Technical Group will serve without monetary compensation. Members will be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses at current rates for Federal Government employees.

#### Certification

I hereby certify that the establishment of the Science Technical Group for the North Slope Science Initiative is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the Secretary of the Interior's responsibilities to manage the lands, resources and facilities of the Department of the Interior.

Date Signed: September 1, 2005.

**Gale A. Norton,**

*Secretary of the Interior.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CO600-05-1040-MO]

#### Notice of Public Meeting, Southwest Resource Advisory Council Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Southwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The Southwest Colorado RAC meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 4 p.m. on October 28, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** The Southwest Colorado RAC meeting will be held at the Uncompahgre Field Office, 2505 S. Townsend Ave., Montrose, Colorado.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara Sharrow, Field Manager, BLM Uncompahgre Field Office, 2505 S. Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO, telephone (970) 240-5300; or Melodie Lloyd, Public Affairs Specialist, BLM Western Slope Center, 2815 H Rd., Grand Junction, CO, telephone (970) 244-3097.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public lands managed by the BLM in southwestern Colorado. All meetings are open to the public.

The purpose of the meeting:  
Field manager updates.

Briefing on BLM sage grouse policies and strategies.

Briefing on improved processes for lease sale notification.

Briefing on land acquisition projects in southwestern Colorado.

Schedule 2006 meetings.

There will be an opportunity for the public to address the RAC at 2:30 p.m. Written comments may be submitted for the RAC's consideration. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided above.

Date Signed: September 1, 2005.

**Barbara Sharrow,**

*Lead Designated Federal Officer and Uncompahgre Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[ES-960-1910-BJ-4789] ES-053726, Group No. 27, Illinois

#### Eastern States: Filing of Plat of Survey

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management.

**ACTION:** Notice of Filing of Plat of Survey; Illinois.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of survey of the lands described below in the BLM-Eastern States, Springfield, Virginia, 30 calendar days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Land Management, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153. Attn: Cadastral Survey.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This survey was requested by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The lands we surveyed are:

#### Fourth Principal Meridian, Illinois

T. 13 S., R. 1 W.

The plat of survey represents the survey of a portion of the Lock and Dam No. 26 acquisition boundary on an island in the Mississippi River in Township 13 South, Range 1 West, of the Fourth Principal Meridian, in the State of Illinois, and was accepted September 2, 2005. We will place a copy of the plat we described in the open files. It will be made available to the public as a matter of information.

Date Signed: September 2, 2005.

**Stephen D. Douglas,**

*Chief Cadastral Surveyor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[ES-960-1420-BJ-TRST] ES-053722, Group No. 170, Minnesota

#### Eastern States: Filing of Plat of Survey

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

**ACTION:** Notice of filing of plat survey; Minnesota.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of survey of the lands described below in the BLM-Eastern States, Springfield, Virginia, 30 calendar days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Land Management, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153. Attn: Cadastral Survey.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This survey was requested by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The lands we surveyed are:

#### Fifth Principal Meridian, Minnesota

T. 143 N., R. 37 W.

The plat of survey represents the dependent resurvey of portions of the south, east, west and north boundaries, a portion of the subdivisional lines; and the dependent resurvey and survey of the subdivision of sections 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 16, 23, 24, 25, 27, 30, 32, 34 and 36, Township 143 North, Range 37 West, of the Fifth Principal Meridian, in the State of Minnesota., and was accepted September 1, 2005. We will place a copy of the plat we described in the open files. It will be available to the public as a matter of information.

If BLM receives a protest against this survey, as shown on the plat, prior to the date of the official filing, we will stay the filing pending our consideration of the protest.