

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[UT-060-1610-016J]

**Notice of Availability of Moab Field Office Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Proposed Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement (PRMP/FEIS) for the Moab Field Office.

**DATES:** The BLM planning regulations (43 CFR 1610.5-2) state that any person who meets the conditions as described in the regulations may protest the BLM's PRMP/FEIS. A person who meets the conditions and files a protest must file the protest within 30 days of the date that the Environmental Protection Agency publishes this notice in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Moab Field Office PRMP/FEIS were sent to affected Federal, state, and local government agencies and to interested parties. Copies of the PRMP/FEIS are available for public inspection at:

Moab Field Office, 82 East Dogwood, Moab, UT, 84532.

Utah State Office, 440 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84145.

Interested persons may also review the PRMP/FEIS on the Internet at <http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/moab/planning.html>. All protests must be in writing and mailed to the following addresses:

*Regular Mail:* BLM Director (210), Attention: Brenda Hudgens-Williams, P.O. Box 66538, Washington, DC 20035.

*Overnight Mail:* BLM Director (210), Attention: Brenda Hudgens-Williams, 1620 L Street, NW., Suite 1075, Washington, DC 20036.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Brent Northrup, Moab Field Office, 82 East Dogwood, Moab, UT, 84532; phone: (435)259-2100; or e-mail at: [Brent\\_Northrup@blm.gov](mailto:Brent_Northrup@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Moab RMP planning area is located in southeastern Utah. The BLM administers approximately 1.8 million

acres of surface estate and 1.9 million acres of Federal mineral estate within the planning area.

The Moab RMP will provide future broad-scale management direction for land use allocations and allowable uses on public lands within the planning area. Implementation of the decisions of the PRMP/FEIS would apply only to BLM-administered public lands and Federal mineral estate. In the Moab Field Office Draft RMP/EIS (DRMP/DEIS), which was released for a 90-day public review and comment period in August 2007, four alternatives were analyzed, including a No Action alternative. These alternatives were developed through issue identification during the scoping process. Such issues included: travel management, recreation, special designations, minerals, non-WSA lands with wilderness characteristics.

The PRMP/FEIS would designate five new Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs), and the continuation of no existing ACECs, totaling 63,232 acres. Resource use limitations that apply to the proposed ACECs include a range of different prescriptions as described in Table 1 below.

TABLE 1—EVALUATION OF AREAS OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN

Area name	Values of concern	Resource use limitations	Acres
Behind the Rocks .....	Threatened, sensitive and endangered plants, cultural, scenic.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 .....	5,201
Cottonwood Diamond Watershed .....	Natural systems .....	4, 5 (outside WSA), 6 (outside WSA), 9, 10, 11 (inside WSA), 12, 13, 14 (inside WSA).	35,830
Highway 279 Shafer Basin/Long Canyon	Cultural, scenic, natural systems, wildlife	3, 5, 6, 7, 27 (except Highway 279 and Long Canyon, 1), 28.	13,500
Mill Creek Canyon .....	Cultural, scenic, natural systems .....	1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22.	3,721
Ten Mile Wash .....	Cultural, natural systems, natural hazards, wildlife.	5, 6, 7, 8, 9 (downstream from Dripping Springs), 12, 23 (at Dripping Springs), 24, 25 (at Green River), 26.	4,980

1. VRM Class I.
2. No Vegetation treatments.
3. Vehicle-based camping, campfires only in campgrounds.
4. No new motorized or mechanized routes.
5. Motorized/ mechanized use limited to designated routes.
6. No surface occupancy for oil and gas leasing.
7. Preclude surface use.
8. No collection of woodland products.
9. Not available for livestock grazing.
10. Closed to vehicle use at the end of Class-B road system.
11. Closed to mechanized and motorized travel.
12. No competitive events.
13. Suspend commercial permits.
14. Closed to oil and gas leasing.
15. No vehicle-based camping.
16. No campfires in riparian areas.
17. No motorized competitive events.
18. Recreational events confined to designated roads.
19. Recreation facility limited to day-use only.
20. No recreational mining.
21. No fuel wood harvesting permits.
22. Campfire wood gathering in upland areas only.
23. Camping in designated sites only.
24. Establish speed limits.
25. Restrict vehicle access.

26. Permits required for groups larger than 25 vehicles or if monitoring indicates long-term damage.  
 27. VRM Class I.  
 28. Permitted activities would be confined to main roads within crucial bighorn lambing habitat from April 1 through June 15. This restriction would not apply to filming if the filming meets the minimum impact criteria.

Comments on the Moab Field Office DRMP/DEIS received from the public and internal BLM review were considered and incorporated as appropriate into the PRMP/FEIS. Public comments resulted in the addition of clarifying text, but did not significantly change proposed land use plan decisions.

Instructions for filing a protest with the Director of the BLM regarding the PRMP/FEIS may be found in the Dear Reader Letter of the PRMP/FEIS and at 43 CFR 1610.5-2. E-mail and faxed protests will not be accepted as valid protests unless the protesting party also provides the original letter by either regular or overnight mail postmarked by the close of the protest period. Under these conditions, the BLM will consider the e-mail or faxed protest as an advance copy and it will receive full consideration. If you wish to provide the BLM with such advance notification, please direct faxed protests to the attention of the BLM protest coordinator at 202-452-5112, and e-mails to [Brenda\\_Hudgens-Williams@blm.gov](mailto:Brenda_Hudgens-Williams@blm.gov). All protests, including the follow-up letter (if e-mailing or faxing) must be in writing and mailed to the appropriate address, as set forth in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

Before including your phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your protest, you should be aware that your entire protest—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your protest to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Selma Sierra,**  
*Utah State Director.*

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1506.6, 43 CFR 1610.2, 43 CFR 1610.5-1.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[MT-926-1910-BJ-5RSD]

#### Montana: Filing of Plat of Survey

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, Interior.

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

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of survey of the lands described below in the BLM Montana State Office, Billings, Montana, (30) days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Marvin Montoya, Cadastral Surveyor, Branch of Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669, telephone (406) 896-5124 or (406) 896-5009.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This survey was executed at the request of the Fort Peck Agency, through the Rocky Mountain Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and was necessary to determine Trust and Tribal land.

The lands we surveyed are:

**Principal Meridian, Montana**  
 T. 3 S., R. 33 E.

The plat, in 2 sheets, representing the dependant resurvey of a portion of the Buffalo Creek Guide Meridian, through Township 3 South, a portion of the subdivisional lines, a portion of the subdivision of section 18, the adjusted original meanders of the former right and left banks of the Big Horn River, downstream, through section 18, and the subdivision of section 18, and the survey of a portion of the meanders of the present right bank of the Big Horn River, downstream, through section 18, the meanders of the former right and left banks of two relicted channels of the Big Horn River, downstream, through section 18, the limits of erosion, through section 18, the medial line of two relicted channels of the Big Horn River, through section 18, and certain division of accretion and partition lines Township 3 South, Range 33 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted July 18, 2008.

We will place a copy of the plat, in 2 sheets, and related field notes we described in the open files. They will be available to the public as a matter of information.

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

We will not officially file this plat, in two sheets, until the day after we have accepted or dismissed all protests and

they have become final, including decisions or appeals.

Dated: July 24, 2008.

**Michael T. Birtles,**

*Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Division of Resources.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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#### Notice of Public Meeting: Off-Highway Vehicle and Recreation Transportation Management Sub-Group of the Resource Advisory Council to the Boise District, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, U.S. 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, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Boise District, Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) and Recreation Transportation Management Sub-group of the Resource Advisory Council, will hold meetings as indicated below.

**DATES:** The first meeting will be held August 11, 2008, beginning at 7 p.m. and adjourning at 9 p.m. The meeting will be held in a meeting room at the Owyhee County Historical Museum in Murphy Idaho. A public comment period will be held before the conclusion of the meeting.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The five-member Sub-group provides advice to the 15-member Council in the form of recommendations that relate to public concerns regarding Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) and Recreation Transportation Management actions and issues related to the BLM-managed public lands located in the Boise District. This advice is then forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, in the form of recommendations. Items on the