

for the DOI Landscape Conservation Cooperatives.

We are seeking nominations for individuals to be considered as Committee members. Nominations should include a resume that describes the nominee's qualifications in enough detail to enable us to make an informed decision regarding meeting the membership requirements of the Committee and to contact a potential member.

Members of the Committee will be composed of approximately 25 members from both the Federal Government, and the following interests: (1) State and local governments, including state membership entities; (2) Non-governmental organizations, including those whose primary mission is professional and scientific and those whose primary mission is conservation and related scientific and advocacy activities; (3) American Indian tribes and other Native American entities; (4) Academia; (5) Individual landowners; and (6) Business interests.

In addition, the Committee may include scientific experts, and will include rotating representation from one or more of the institutions that host the DOI Climate Science Centers.

The Committee will meet approximately 2–4 times annually, and at such times as designated by the DFO. The Secretary of the Interior will appoint members to the Committee. Members appointed as special Government employees are required to file on an annual basis a confidential financial disclosure report.

No individual who is currently registered as a Federal lobbyist is eligible to serve as a member of the Committee.

*Certification Statement:* I hereby certify that the establishment of the Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science is necessary, is in the public interest, and is established under the authority of the Secretary of the Interior, in connection with the performance of the responsibilities of the Department of the Interior under Section 2 of the Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1262), as amended, and the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008, Public Law 110–161.

Dated: September 25, 2012.

**Ken Salazar,**

*Secretary of the Interior.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan and Associated Environmental Assessment, San Bernardino County, CA

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Barstow Field Office, Barstow, California, intends to prepare an amendment to the 1980 California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan with an associated Environmental Assessment (EA) to identify an 80-acre parcel of public land for possible direct sale. With this notice, the BLM is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public scoping process for the plan amendment with an associated EA. Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until November 5, 2012. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through the local news media. In order to be included in the EA, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 30-day scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. The BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the EA as appropriate.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to the plan amendment EA by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* [bhoover@blm.gov](mailto:bhoover@blm.gov).
- *Fax:* 760–252–6099.
- *Mail:* Birgit Hoover, Realty Specialist, BLM Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311.

Documents pertinent to this notice will be available for public review at the Barstow Field Office: 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, California 92311.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Birgit Hoover, Realty Specialist, BLM Barstow Field Office, telephone 760–

252–6035; address 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question for the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document provides notice that the BLM Barstow Field Office, Barstow, California, intends to prepare a plan amendment with an associated EA for the 1980 CDCA Plan, announces the beginning of the scoping process, and seeks public input on issues and planning criteria. The planning area is located in San Bernardino County, California, and encompasses approximately 80 acres of public land that has been identified for possible direct sale. The BLM received a request from OMYA, Inc., to purchase the planning area, by direct sale, under the authority of Section 203 of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1713). However, the public land described above is currently not available for sale under the 1980 CDCA Plan as amended, and a plan amendment is required to process a direct sale. This plan amendment will be limited to an analysis of whether the public land described above meets Section 203 sales criteria of FLPMA. The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the planning process. Preliminary issues for the plan amendment area have been identified by BLM personnel. The issues include: Mineral resources, special status species, and cultural resources. Preliminary planning criteria include:

1. Compliance with FLPMA, NEPA, and all other applicable laws;
2. Coordination with local and county governments; and
3. Government-to-government consultation with federally recognized tribes.

You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing to the BLM at any public scoping meeting, or you may submit them to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above. To be most helpful, you should submit comments by the close of the 30-day scoping period or within 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later.

The BLM will use the NEPA public participation requirements to assist the agency in satisfying the public

involvement requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (16 U.S.C. 470(f)) pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). The information about historic and cultural resources within the area potentially affected by the proposed action will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources in the context of both NEPA and Section 106 of the NHPA.

The BLM will consult with Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175 and other policies. Tribal concerns, including impacts on Indian trust assets and potential impacts to cultural resources, will be given due consideration. Federal, State, and local agencies, along with tribes and other stakeholders that may be interested in or affected by the proposed action that the BLM is evaluating, are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM to participate in the development of the environmental analysis as a cooperating agency. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. The minutes and list of attendees for each scoping meeting will be available to the public and open for 30 days after the meeting to any participant who wishes to clarify the views he or she expressed. The BLM will evaluate identified issues to be addressed in the plan, and will place them into one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the plan amendment;
2. Issues to be resolved through policy or administrative action; or
3. Issues beyond the scope of this plan amendment.

The BLM will provide an explanation in the EA as to why an issue was placed in category two or three. The public is also encouraged to help identify any management questions and concerns that should be addressed in the plan. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns.

The BLM will use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the plan amendment in order to consider the

variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Specialists with expertise in the following disciplines will be involved in the planning process: Minerals and geology, wildlife and fisheries, archaeologists, hydrology, soils, and lands and realty.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1501.7 and 43 CFR 1610.2

**Thomas Pogacnik,**

*Deputy State Director, California.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Filing of Plats of Survey, Wyoming

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is scheduled to file the plats of survey of the lands described below thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication in the BLM Wyoming State Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bureau of Land Management, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This survey was executed at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and is necessary for the management of these lands. The lands surveyed are:

The plat and field notes representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the west boundary of the Wind River Indian Reservation and the subdivisional lines, and the metes-and-bounds survey of Tract 37, Township 5 North, Range 6 West, Wind River Meridian, Wyoming, Group No. 846, was accepted September 26, 2012.

Copies of the preceding described plat and field notes are available to the public at a cost of \$1.10 per page.

Dated: September 28, 2012.

**John P. Lee,**

*Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Division of Support Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Public Meeting, Farmington District Resource Advisory Council Meeting, New Mexico

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

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

**DATES:** The meeting dates are October 17-18, 2012, at the BLM Farmington District Office, 6251 College Blvd., Farmington, New Mexico 87402, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days. The public may send written comments to the RAC at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bill Papich, BLM Farmington District Office, 6251 College Blvd., Farmington, NM 87402, telephone 505-564-7620.

Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8229 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 10-member RAC advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in New Mexico. Planned meeting agenda items include discussion of a planned wild horse gathering and a proposed amendment to the Farmington Field Office Resource Management Plan that would revise how the Farmington Field Office manages the BLM Glade Run Recreation.

Other items on the meeting agenda include discussion of the Taos Field Office transportation plan, an update on the proposed management plan for the Taos Plateau and discussion of the Old Spanish Trail.

A half-hour public comment period during which the public may address the RAC is scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m. at Thursday's meeting on October 18. All RAC meetings are open to the public. Depending on the number of