

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to request public nominations for five members of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) Monument Advisory Committee (MAC). The MAC provides advice and recommendations to GSENM management on science issues and the achievement of GSENM Management Plan objectives. GSENM will accept public nominations until April 26, 2013.

DATES: A completed nomination form and accompanying nomination/recommendation letters must be received at the address listed below no later than April 26, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Headquarters Office, 669 South Highway 89A, Kanab, UT 84741.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Crutchfield, Public Affairs Officer, GSENM Headquarters Office, 669 South Highway 89A, Kanab, UT 84741; phone 435-644-1209 or email: lcrutchf@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of the Interior established the GSENM MAC pursuant to section 309 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1739) and in conformity with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2). The 15 appointed members of the MAC perform several primary tasks: (1) Review evaluation reports produced by the Management Science Team and make recommendations on protocols and projects to meet overall objectives; (2) Review appropriate research proposals and make recommendations on project necessity and validity; (3) Make recommendations regarding allocation of research funds through review of research and project proposals as well as needs identified through the evaluation process above; and (4) Provide advice on issues such as protocols for specific projects.

The Secretary appoints persons to the MAC who are representatives of the various major citizen interests pertaining to land use planning and management of the lands under the BLM management in GSENM.

Each MAC member will be a person who, as a result of training and experience, has knowledge or special expertise that qualifies him or her to provide advice from among the categories of interests listed below. As appropriate, certain committee members may be appointed as Special Government Employees. Special Government Employees serve on the MAC without compensation, and are subject to financial disclosure

requirements in the Ethics in Government Act and 5 CFR 2634.

This notice, published pursuant to 43 CFR 1784.4-1 and in accordance with the Approved Management Plan for Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (February 2000), requests the public to submit nominations to fill five positions on the MAC. Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nomination forms may be obtained from the GSENM Headquarters Office (address listed above). To make a nomination, submit a letter of nomination, a completed nomination form, letters of reference from the represented interests or organizations associated with the interest represented by the candidate, and any other information that speaks to the candidate's qualifications. The Obama Administration prohibits individuals who are currently federally registered lobbyists from being appointed or re-appointed to FACA and non-FACA boards, committees, or councils.

Three new MAC members, one for each category, will be appointed for the following categories:

- An educator, to represent the educational community;
- A representative of the environmental community; and
- An outfitter and guide operating within the GSENM, to represent commercial users.

Two new MAC members, one for each category, will be appointed as Special Government Employees for the following areas of expertise:

- Social science.
- Wildlife biology.

The specific category the nominee would represent should be identified in the letter of nomination and in the nomination form. The BLM-Utah State Director and Monument Manager will review the nomination forms and letters of reference. The State Director shall confer with the Governor of the State of Utah on potential nominations. The BLM State Director will then forward recommended nominations to the Secretary of the Interior who has responsibility for making the appointments.

Members will serve without monetary compensation but will be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses at current rates for government employees. The MAC meets at least twice a year. Additional meetings may be called by the Designated Federal Officer.

Approved:

Jenna Whitlock.

Associate State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Call for Nominations for the California Desert District Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) California Desert District is soliciting nominations from the public for five members to serve 3-year terms on its Desert District Advisory Council. Council members provide advice and recommendations to the BLM on the management of public lands in Southern California.

DATES: Nominations will be accepted until May 13, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Teresa Raml, District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District Office, 22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Briery, BLM California Desert District External Affairs, 951-697-5220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The California Desert District Advisory Council is comprised of 15 private individuals who represent different interests and advise BLM officials on policies and programs concerning the management of 10.8 million acres of public land in Southern California. The Council meets in formal session three to four times each year in various locations throughout the California Desert District. Council members serve without compensation other than travel expenses. Members serve 3-year terms and may be nominated for reappointment for an additional 3-year term.

Section 309 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of BLM-administered lands. The Secretary also selects Council nominees consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), which requires nominees appointed to the Council be balanced in terms of points of view and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands. The Council also is balanced geographically and the BLM will try to find qualified representatives from areas throughout the California Desert District. The District covers portions of eight counties, and includes

more than 10.8 million acres of public land in the California Desert Conservation Area of Mono, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, and Imperial counties, as well as 300,000 acres of scattered parcels in San Diego, western Riverside, western San Bernardino, and Los Angeles Counties (known as the South Coast).

The five positions to be filled include one elected official, one representative of renewable resources groups or organizations, and three representatives of the public-at-large. Two positions are immediate vacancies (elected official and one public-at-large) and their 3-year terms would begin immediately upon appointment by the Secretary of the Interior. The other three positions (renewable resources and two public-at-large) become vacant on Dec. 10, 2013.

Any group or individual may nominate a qualified person, based upon education, training, and knowledge of the BLM, the California Desert, and the issues involving BLM-administered public lands throughout Southern California. Qualified individuals also may nominate themselves.

The nomination form may be found on the Desert Advisory Council Web page: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/rac/dac.html>. The following must accompany the nomination form for all nominations:

- Letters of reference from represented interests or organizations;
- A completed background information nomination form; and
- Any other information that addresses the nominee's qualifications.

Nominees unable to download the nomination form may contact the BLM California Desert District External Affairs staff at 951-697-5220 to request a copy. Advisory Council members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. The Obama Administration prohibits individuals who are currently federally registered lobbyists to serve on all FACA and non-FACA boards, committees or councils.

Timothy J. Wakefield,

Associate California Desert District Manager.

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Notice of Proposed Expansion, Extension, and Notification of a Public Meeting for the Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range Withdrawal; CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 808 of the California Military Lands Withdrawal and Overflight Act of 1994 (Act), the Department of the Navy (DoN), on behalf of the U.S. Marines, has filed an application to modify and extend the current legislative withdrawal of public lands from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, the mineral leasing laws, and the geothermal leasing laws, for military use of the Chocolate Mountain Aerial Gunnery Range (CMAGR) in Imperial and Riverside Counties, California. The lands are currently withdrawn under the Act, which is a part of the California Desert Protection Act, which reserves these lands for defense-related purposes for a period of 20 years. Unless Congress extends the withdrawal, it will expire on October 30, 2014. The extension application includes a request that additional Federal lands be withdrawn in aid of a proposed legislative adjustment to the boundary for the purpose of improving management. This notice gives an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed withdrawal expansion and extension and announces the date, time, and location of a public meeting.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 25, 2013. The BLM will hold a public meeting in connection with the proposed withdrawal extension on April 25, 2013. For the time and location, please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Cynthia Staszak, Assistant Deputy State Director, Natural Resources (CA-930), California Bureau of Land Management, 2800 Cottage Way, Suite 1834, Sacramento, CA 95825-1886.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Easley, Realty Specialist, 916-978-4673. 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. 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 Act provides that the DoN may seek an extension of the CMAGR withdrawal and requires the Secretary of the Navy both to submit an application to extend the withdrawal to the Secretary of the Interior for processing in accordance with the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) regulations pertaining to withdrawals, and to publish a Draft Legislative Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) addressing legislative alternatives and the effects of continued withdrawal. The CMAGR Draft Legislative EIS, published on August 31, 2012, is available at www.chocolatemountainrenewal.com. The Department of the Navy's Notice of Availability can be found at 77 FR 53189. The Draft Legislative EIS evaluates the environmental effects of extending the withdrawal for an additional 25 years, as well as expanding the area withdrawn in order to facilitate restructuring the existing range boundary to improve efficiency in the management of the CMAGR and adjacent lands, safeguard public use of adjacent public lands, and consolidate the lands for more efficient environmental stewardship. As a result of the proposed boundary restructuring, Federal and non-Federal lands may be added to the existing withdrawal.

This notice temporarily segregates the additional 24,700 acres Federal lands from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the United States mining laws, and from the operation of the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, and the Mineral Materials Act of 1947, for up to 2 years while the legislative withdrawal application is being processed. Approximately 24,700 acres of Federal lands may be added to the existing 225,100 acre withdrawal. This notice also invites the public to comment on the proposed extension and expansion of the CMAGR withdrawal, and initiates a 90-day comment period on the withdrawal extension/expansion application. The lands involved in the application are:

Federal Lands Currently Withdrawn

San Bernardino Meridian

- T. 13 S., R. 18 E.,
Secs. 1 to 6, inclusive, unsurveyed;
Sec. 8, E¹/₂, unsurveyed;
Secs. 9, 10, and 11, unsurveyed.
- T. 12 S., R. 16 E.,
Secs. 2 and 12.
- T. 12 S., R. 17 E.,
Secs. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, and 14;
Sec. 15, S¹/₂;