

an MDP to the BLM for the Bull Mountain Unit. The Unit is located on approximately 19,645 acres of Federal and private subsurface mineral estate approximately 30 miles northeast of the Town of Paonia and bisected by State Highway 133. The proposal is to drill up to 146 natural gas wells and 4 water disposal wells, and develop associated pads, access roads, gas and water pipelines, screw compressors and overhead electric lines. This project was analyzed in a preliminary EA; the BLM determined it is necessary to prepare an EIS due to projected air quality impacts.

The project was initially scoped from October 29 to December 12, 2008, for 55 natural gas wells and 5 water disposal wells. The MDP proposal changed in September 2009 to include up to 146 natural gas wells and 4 water disposal wells. The BLM held a new public scoping period for the revised MDP from September 21 to November 13, 2009. The BLM released the preliminary EA for a 30-day public review and comment period on March 23, 2012.

While there will not be another formal scoping period, all previous comments from the public will be considered in the EIS. The BLM will continue to accept and consider public comments to guide the development of this EIS and the resulting decision. Written comments on the scope of alternatives and issues will be particularly helpful for the BLM. The BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft EIS

At present, the BLM has identified the following preliminary issues: Air quality; water quality and supply; threatened, endangered, and sensitive wildlife species; wildlife and wildlife habitat; recreation and visual resources; socio-economics; and transportation. The BLM will use NEPA public participation requirements to assist 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 Bull Mountain Unit MDP 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 Bull Mountain Unit MDP may request or be requested by the BLM to participate in the development of the EIS 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.

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Helen M. Hankins,

BLM Colorado State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for a Public Meeting; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management and Budget proposes to withdraw, on behalf of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), 2,214.31 acres of public lands in Chaffee County, Colorado, to protect the scenic, recreational, and other natural resource values along with the capital investments of developed recreational facilities found within the scenic Browns Canyon corridor along the Arkansas River. This notice segregates the public lands for up to 2 years from location and entry under the United States mining laws and gives the public an opportunity to comment on the application and to request a public meeting.

DATES: Comments and public meeting requests must be received on or before July 2, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the BLM Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, CO 80215-7093.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John D. Beck, Chief, Branch of Lands and

Realty, 303-239-3882. Persons who use a telecommunication 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 BLM filed an application requesting the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget to withdraw, subject to valid existing rights, the following described public lands from location and entry under the United States mining laws, for a period of 20 years, to protect the scenic, recreational, and other natural resource values along with the capital investments of developed recreational facilities found within the scenic Browns Canyon corridor along the Arkansas River:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 51 N., R. 8 E.,

Sec. 11, lots 1, 2, and 3, S¹/₂NE¹/₄, E¹/₂SE¹/₄, NW¹/₄SE¹/₄, and E¹/₂SW¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 12, W¹/₂W¹/₂SW¹/₄;

Sec. 13, W¹/₂NW¹/₄NW¹/₄;

Sec. 14, NE¹/₄, SE¹/₄NW¹/₄, E¹/₂SW¹/₄, and W¹/₂SE¹/₄;

Sec. 23, W¹/₂NE¹/₄, E¹/₂E¹/₂NW¹/₄, E¹/₂SW¹/₄, and W¹/₂W¹/₂SE¹/₄;

Sec. 26, W¹/₂NE¹/₄, NE¹/₄NW¹/₄,

E¹/₂SE¹/₄NW¹/₄, E¹/₂SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄SW¹/₄SW¹/₄, NW¹/₄SE¹/₄, and W¹/₂SW¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 34, S¹/₂NE¹/₄NE¹/₄ and SE¹/₄NE¹/₄;

Sec. 35, N¹/₂NW¹/₄ and N¹/₂SW¹/₄NW¹/₄.

Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 15 S., R. 77 W.,

Sec. 30, lots 2, 3, and 4;

Sec. 31, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, and W¹/₂E¹/₂W¹/₂.

T. 15 S., R. 78 W.,

Sec. 12, SW¹/₄SW¹/₄;

Sec. 13, E¹/₂SW¹/₄ and SW¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 24, W¹/₂NE¹/₄ and N¹/₂SE¹/₄;

Sec. 25, SE¹/₄NE¹/₄ and E¹/₂SE¹/₄.

The areas described aggregate 2,214.31 acres of public lands in Chaffee County.

The Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget approved the BLM's petition/application; therefore, the petition constitutes a withdrawal proposal of the Secretary of the Interior (43 CFR 2310.1-3(e)).

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect scenic, recreational, and other natural resource values found within the scenic Browns Canyon corridor along the Arkansas River and the capital investments of developed recreational sites. The proposed withdrawal is within the boundaries of the Browns Canyon Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). The ACEC includes all of the

Browns Canyon Wilderness Study Area to the east of the river and was established to protect the area's naturalness, water-related recreation, scenic, and visual qualities.

The use of a right-of-way, interagency or cooperative management agreement would not adequately constrain non-discretionary uses that could irrevocably destroy the area's scenic and recreational values.

There are no suitable alternative sites as the described lands contain the natural resource and recreation values in need of protection.

No water rights would be needed to fulfill the purpose of the requested withdrawal.

Records relating to the application may be examined by contacting Debbie Bellw, BLM Colorado State Office at the above address or by telephone at 303-239-3707.

For the period until July 2, 2013, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal application may present their views in writing to the BLM Colorado State Office at the address noted above. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM Colorado State Office, at the address above, during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Individual respondents may request confidentiality. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or any other personal identifying information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment—including 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 view, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. If you wish to withhold your name, street address, and/or email address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the BLM Colorado

State Director no later than July 2, 2013. If the authorized officer determines that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** and through local media, newspapers, and the BLM Web site at: <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en.html>, at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

For a period until April 3, 2015, the lands described in this notice will be segregated from location and entry under the United States mining laws unless the application is denied or cancelled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. Licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, or discretionary land use authorizations of a temporary nature which will not significantly impact the values to be protected by the withdrawal may be allowed with the approval of the authorized officer of the BLM during the temporary segregative period.

This application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2310.3.

Helen M. Hankins,
State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Temporary Closure on Public Lands in Boise County, ID

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Temporary Closure

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Springs Fire closure to all human use is in effect on public lands administered by the Four Rivers Field Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

DATES: The Springs Fire closure will be in effect from April 3, 2013 through June 30, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terry Humphrey, Four Rivers Field Manager, at 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83705, phone (208) 384-3300. 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 individuals during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individuals. You will

receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Springs Fire closure affects public lands surrounding Skinny Dipper Hot Springs, near Banks, Idaho, that burned August 5, 2012. The affected public lands include Lot 3; Section 25, T. 9 N., R. 3 E., Boise Meridian, Boise County, Idaho, containing approximately 41 acres. The Springs Fire closure is necessary because there is an increased danger to the recreating public around the hot springs due to fire damage, as a result of the loss of stabilizing vegetation upstream from the hot springs as identified in the Springs Fire Emergency Stabilization and Burned Area Rehabilitation Plan dated August 28, 2012. Rainfall during the spring season (April-June) could result in rock falls, flooding, or debris flows. Reestablishment of vegetation is anticipated to occur during this year's spring growth, which will significantly reduce the safety risk.

The BLM will post closure signs at main access and entry points to the closed area. The closure notices will also be posted in the BLM Boise District office. Maps of the affected areas and other documents associated with these closures are available at the BLM Boise District Office, 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83705 and on the BLM-Idaho Web site: <http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/advisories-closures.html>.

The BLM will enforce the following rule within the Springs Fire closure: Human activity is not allowed within the closed area.

Exemptions: The following persons are exempt from this order: Federal, State, and local officers and employees in the performance of their official duties; members of organized rescue or fire-fighting forces in the performance of their official duties; and persons with written authorization from the BLM. The Springs Fire human use closure does not apply to normal highway traffic along the Banks-Lowman Highway.

Penalties: Any person who violates the above rule may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined, not to exceed \$1,000, imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Violators may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for in 18 U.S.C. 3571.

Authority: 43 CFR 8360.0-7; 43 CFR 8364.1.

Matthew McCoy,
Four Rivers Assistant Field Manager.

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