

• *Voluntary Guidelines to Prevent the Introduction and Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species: Recreational Activities*

• *Voluntary Guidelines to Prevent the Introduction and Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species: Water Gardening*

These voluntary guidelines are intended to be used by agencies and organizations to develop materials that inform the public and industry about the risks associated with many everyday activities that may spread aquatic invasive species and harm the environment and the economy. The intent of this information is to encourage the public and industry to take precautions to limit the spread of aquatic invasive species.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by July 31, 2013.

ADDRESSES: *Obtaining Documents:* The two draft documents may be obtained online, by mail, or by email:

- *http://anstaskforce.gov/documents.php;*
 - *U.S. mail:* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Branch of Aquatic Invasive Species, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 740, Arlington, VA 22203; or
 - *Email:* Laura_Norcutt@fws.gov.
- Submitting Comments:* Please submit your comments in writing by one of the following methods:

- *U.S. mail:* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Branch of Aquatic Invasive Species, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 740, Arlington, VA 22203; or
- *Email:* Laura_Norcutt@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura Norcutt, 703-358-2398.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Through provisions in Title 50, part 16, of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 16, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) regulates the importation and interstate transport of certain aquatic species that have been determined to be injurious. The Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4701 et seq.) established the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force (ANSTF), an intergovernmental organization co-chaired by the Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and dedicated to prevent and control the spread of aquatic nuisance species. In 2000, the ANSTF developed *Recommended Voluntary Guidelines for Preventing the Spread of Aquatic Nuisance Species Associated with Recreational Activities* and announced the availability of the guidelines via a **Federal Register** notice (65 FR 82447; December 28, 2000).

Development of Draft Guidelines Documents

In 2011 the ANSTF established committees to revise the *Recommended Voluntary Guidelines for Preventing the Spread of Aquatic Nuisance Species Associated with Recreational Activities* and to develop new guidelines that would prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species by water gardening. The goal of the two committees was to develop clear, easy-to-use standardized national guidelines that are easily communicated to user groups and can be incorporated into education and outreach media. An additional benefit to recreationists and water gardeners who follow these guidelines is to avoid possible violation of Federal, Tribal, and State laws that prohibit the transport of aquatic invasive species.

Recreational Activities

In July 2011, the ANSTF established a committee of about 50 representatives of Federal and State agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and industry to update the recreational guidelines from 2000. The revised draft document, *Voluntary Guidelines to Prevent the Introduction and Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species: Recreational Activities*, will provide guidance to agencies, organizations, and the public on preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species through activities such as angling, boating, scuba diving, waterfowl hunting, and operating seaplanes.

Water Gardening

In November 2011, the ANSTF established a committee to develop guidance to address the potential spread of aquatic invasive species by water gardening. The product, a draft document titled *Voluntary Guidelines to Prevent the Introduction and Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species: Water Gardening*, will provide concise guidelines to be used by agencies, organizations, and the public for education and outreach.

Request for Public Comments

The draft revised guidelines are available on the ANSTF Web site (see **ADDRESSES**) for public review and comment.

We request review and comment on our guidelines from local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public. All comments received by the date specified in **DATES** will be considered in preparing final documents. Methods of submitting comments are in **ADDRESSES**.

Public Availability of Comments

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. You can ask the Service in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review; however, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Responses to individual commenters will not be provided, but we will provide the comments we receive and a summary of how we addressed substantive comments in a document on the ANSTF Web site listed above in **ADDRESSES**. Individuals without internet access may request an appointment to inspect the comments during normal business hours at our office (see **ADDRESSES**).

Dated: April 15, 2013.

Stephen Guertin,

Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare a Resource Management Plan Amendment and an Associated Environmental Assessment for the Brothers/La Pine Planning Area, Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: As required under 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) Prineville District Office, Prineville, Oregon, intends to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) amendment with an associated Environmental Assessment (EA) in order to analyze the plan-level decision to change the Visual Resource Management (VRM) classification of approximately 45 acres at the top of Glass Buttes from a VRM class 2 to a VRM class 4. The BLM intends to concurrently analyze the implementation-level decision of whether to deny, approve, or approve with stipulations the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) and American

Tower Corporation's (AT) requests to construct and maintain communication facilities in an existing communication site plan area atop Glass Buttes in the BLM Prineville District. This notice announces the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

DATES: Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until July 31, 2013. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local news media, newspapers, and the BLM Web site at: www.blm.gov/or/districts/prineville/index.php. In order to be included in the analysis, 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. We will provide additional opportunities for public participation as appropriate.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to the Glass Buttes Communication Site and VRM Plan Amendment EA by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* www.blm.gov/or/districts/prineville/index.php
- *Email:* BLM_OR_PR_GB_Comm_Site_and_VRM_Amendment@blm.gov.
- *Fax:* 541-416-6782
- *Mail:* Glass Buttes Communication Site and VRM Plan Amendment EA, 3050 NE. 3rd Street, Prineville, OR 97754

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Prineville District Office, 3050 NE. 3rd Street, Prineville, OR 97754.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Kroll, Realty Specialist; telephone 541-416-6752; address Mike Kroll, 3050 NE. 3rd Street, Prineville, OR 97754; email mkroll@blm.gov. You may request to have your name added to our mailing list. 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 with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document provides notice that the BLM District Office, Prineville, Oregon, intends to prepare an RMP amendment with an associated EA for the Brothers/La Pine planning area, announces the beginning of the scoping process, and seeks public input on issues and planning criteria. The affected portion of the Brothers/La Pine planning area is an approximately 45-acre contiguous

parcel of land located atop Glass Buttes in Lake County in Oregon as follows: Willamette Meridian, Oregon: T. 23 S., R. 22 E., S1/2SW1/4NE1/4SW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4SW1/4, S1/2SW1/4SW1/4, NW1/4SE1/4SW1/4, sec.22.

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; Federal, State, and local agencies; and other stakeholders. The issues include: How would the proposed VRM classification change affect sage-grouse habitat; how would the proposed VRM classification change affect Native American spiritual and traditional uses; and, how would the proposed VRM classification affect recreation. The planning work will be completed in compliance with FLPMA, NEPA, and all other relevant Federal laws, executive orders, and BLM management policies. Where existing planning decisions are still valid, those decisions may remain unchanged and be incorporated into the new amendment. The plans will recognize valid existing rights, Native American tribal consultations will be conducted in accordance with policy, and tribal concerns will be given due consideration. The planning process will include the consideration of any impacts on Indian trust assets. 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 Native American 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: Rangeland management, minerals and geology, outdoor recreation, visual resource management, archeology, paleontology, wildlife, botany, lands and realty, hydrology, soils, sociology, and economics.

Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 43 CFR 1610.2.

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BLM State Director, Oregon/Washington.
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