

analysis will assess the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the proposed Federal action on the human environment, comprehensively interpreted to include the natural and physical environment and the relationship of people with that environment. It will also analyze several alternatives to the proposed Federal action, to include no action and other reasonable courses of action (potentially including minimization and mitigation measures not considered in the proposed action). Relevant information provided in response to this notice will aid in developing the draft HCP and NEPA analysis.

Next Steps

In this phase of the project, we are seeking information to assist development of the NEPA analysis and the HCP, and to inform what level of environmental analysis would be necessary for project implementation. We will then develop a draft NEPA document based on the ITP application, draft HCP, any associated documents, and public comments received through this early scoping effort. The NEPA process will vary somewhat, depending on whether the project requires an EA or an EIS. We may solicit additional public, agency, and Tribal input to identify the nature and scope of the environmental issues that should be addressed during NEPA review, following appropriate public notice. We will then publish a notice of availability for the draft NEPA document and draft HCP and seek additional public comment before completing our final analysis to determine whether to issue an ITP.

Public Comments

The Service invites the public to provide comments that will assist our NEPA analysis during this 30-day public comment period (see **DATES**). You may submit comments by one of the methods shown under **ADDRESSES**.

Public Availability of Comments

We will post all public comments and information received electronically or via hardcopy on our Web site at: <http://regulations.gov>. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and will be available to the public. Before including your address, phone number, electronic mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—will be publicly available. If you submit a

hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority

This notice is provided pursuant to NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22).

Dated: November 4, 2013.

Spencer Simon,

Acting Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Northeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting, Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, 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) Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The next regular meeting of the Eastern Montana RAC will be held on December 5, 2013 in Miles City, Montana. The meeting will start at 8:00 a.m. and the public comment period will start at 11:00 a.m. and run for one hour. The meeting will adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting location will be announced in a news release.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Jacobsen, Public Affairs Specialist, BLM Eastern Montana/Dakotas District, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana 59301, (406) 233-2831, mark_jacobsen@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-677-8339 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: The 15-member council advises the Secretary of

the Interior through the BLM on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Montana. At these meetings, topics will include: Eastern Montana—Dakotas District, Miles City and Billings Field Office manager updates, Field Office Resource Management Planning updates, individual council member briefings and other topics that the council may raise. All meetings are open to the public and the public may present written comments to the council. Each formal RAC meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, or other reasonable accommodations should contact the BLM as provided above.

Dated: October 25, 2013.

Diane M. Friez,

Eastern Montana—Dakotas District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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New Dates for Close of Public Comment and Protest Periods Due to Federal Government Shutdown

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has established new dates for certain public comment and protest periods that were ongoing or that ended during the Federal Government shutdown resulting from a lapse in appropriations, which began on October 1, 2013, and ended on October 16, 2013.

DATES: The new dates can be found in the table under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please refer to the contact information and commenting procedures listed in the original **Federal Register** notices. Web links to the original notices are provided in the following table.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Before the Federal Government shutdown, the BLM published notices in the **Federal Register** that informed the public they could obtain copies of various agency documents on BLM Web sites. The notices also contained closing dates for

public comment periods and the submission of protests. Three of the dates originally were set to close during the government shutdown and seven others originally were set to close after the shutdown ended.

The public was unable to access certain documents on the BLM Web site during the government shutdown. Accordingly, the BLM announced new dates through the issuance of a press

release for each of the comment periods and protest periods identified in this **Federal Register** notice. Comment periods and protest periods that were set to conclude during the shutdown have been adjusted by adding the number of days from the beginning of the shutdown to the original due date. These additional days were added to the date of the press release notifying the public of the new dates. Comment

periods and protest periods that were originally set to close after the shutdown were adjusted by adding 16 days, the number of the days of the shutdown. In some cases, the BLM is extending comment periods for an additional period of time. Any additional extensions were reflected in the new dates provided in the individual press releases.

Federal Register notice title	Original date	New date	Web link
Notice of Availability of the Proposed Winnemucca District Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement, NV.	10/7/13	10/29/13	http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-06/pdf/2013-21766.pdf (published 9/6/13). http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-06/pdf/2013-21793.pdf (EPA Federal Register notice (FRN) published 9/6/13).
Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the 3 Bars Ecosystem and Landscape Restoration Project in Eureka County, NV.	11/12/13	11/29/13	http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-27/pdf/2013-23484.pdf (published 9/27/13). http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-27/pdf/2013-23652.pdf (EPA FRN published 9/27/13).
Notice of Availability of the Draft Tri-County Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Las Cruces District Office, New Mexico.	10/12/13	11/4/13	http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-04-12/pdf/2013-08534.pdf (published 4/12/13). http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-04-12/pdf/2013-08661.pdf (EPA FRN published 4/12/13).
Notice of Availability of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment for the Silver State Solar South Project, Clark County, NV.	10/21/13	11/6/13	http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-20/pdf/2013-22877.pdf (published 9/20/13). http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-20/pdf/2013-22963.pdf (EPA FRN published 9/20/13).
Notice of Availability of the Proposed Bureau of Land Management Tres Rios Field Office and San Juan National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement.	10/21/13	11/6/13	http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-20/pdf/2013-22785.pdf (published 9/20/13). http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-20/pdf/2013-22963.pdf (EPA FRN published 9/20/13).
Notice of Availability of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Palen Solar Electric Generating System and Draft California Desert Conservation Area Plan Amendment.	10/24/13	11/14/13	http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-07-31/pdf/2013-18386.pdf (published 7/31/13). http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-07-26/pdf/2013-18059.pdf (EPA FRN published 7/26/13).
Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Jump Creek, Succor Creek, and Cow Creek Watersheds Grazing Permit Renewal, ID.	11/4/13	11/20/13	http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-05-03/pdf/2013-10250.pdf (published 5/3/13). http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-05-03/pdf/2013-10537.pdf (EPA FRN published 5/3/13).
Notice of Availability of a Supplement to the Bighorn Basin Draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, Cody and Worland Field Offices, WY.	10/12/13	11/1/13	http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-07-12/pdf/2013-16630.pdf (published 7/12/13). http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-07-12/pdf/2013-16761.pdf (EPA FRN published 7/12/13).
Notice of Availability of the Draft Visual Resource Management and Areas of Critical Environmental Concern Amendment to the Resource Management Plan for the Rawlins Field Office and Associated Environmental Assessment, WY.	10/28/13	11/13/13	http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-08-30/pdf/2013-21118.pdf (published 8–30–13, no EPA publication).
Notice of Availability of the Northwest Colorado Greater Sage-Grouse Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Northwest Colorado District.	11/14/13	12/2/13	http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-08-16/pdf/2013-19837.pdf (published 8/16/13). http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-08-16/pdf/2013-20019.pdf (EPA FRN published 8/16/13).
Notice of Availability of the North Dakota Greater Sage-Grouse Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement.	12/26/13	1/13/14	http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-27/pdf/2013-23485.pdf (published 9/27/13). http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-09-27/pdf/2013-23652.pdf (EPA FRN published 9/27/13).

Celia Boddington,

Assistant Director, Communications.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

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Change in Discount Rate for Water Resources Planning

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of change.

SUMMARY: The Water Resources Planning Act of 1965 and the Water Resources Development Act of 1974 require an annual determination of a discount rate for Federal water resources planning. The discount rate for Federal water resources planning for fiscal year 2014 is 3.50 percent.