

HCP that will outline actions to avoid, minimize, and mitigate potential impacts to the American burying beetle. In coordination with NPPD, we will determine the duration of the HCP and permit, which would depend on the anticipated life of the project, time needed to realize benefits of the HCP's conservation measures, and the timeframe in which adverse effects to American burying beetles can be reliably predicted.

Proposed American burying beetle conservation measures that may be considered for the HCP to adopt include: (1) Adjustment in timing of certain construction activities to avoid American burying beetle active periods; (2) avoidance of high-quality habitat areas; (3) reduction in habitat disturbance by prioritizing use of existing disturbed areas for laydown and structure placement; (4) reduction in direct disturbance by modifying construction techniques; (5) reclamation of temporarily disturbed areas; (6) compensation for habitat loss; and (7) removal of carrion. The HCP will also include monitoring and adaptive management features. Monitoring would help determine compliance with and effectiveness of the HCP; validate assumptions, information, and models used to develop the HCP; and provide information to support revisions, if necessary, to the conservation measures over the life of the HCP.

### Public Scoping

The primary purpose of the scoping process is for the public to assist the Service in developing a DEIS for the proposed permit action by identifying important issues and alternatives related to NPPD's proposed project, to provide the public with a general understanding of the background of the proposed HCP and activities it would cover, and an overview of the NEPA process. To ensure that we identify a range of issues and alternatives related to the proposed permit action, we invite comments and suggestions from all interested parties.

The scoping meetings will consist of an open house format from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. about the proposed action and NEPA process. The open house format will provide interested members of the public an opportunity to learn about the proposed action, permit area, and the covered species. We will accept oral and written comments throughout the public meeting. A court reporter and an interpreter will be present if deemed necessary. You may also submit your comments and materials by one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

### Public Comments

We request data, comments, new information, or suggestions from the public, other concerned governmental agencies; the scientific community; tribes; industry; or any other interested party on this notice. We and NPPD will consider these comments in developing the DEIS and the draft HCP related to the proposed project. We particularly seek comments on the following:

1. The direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that implementation of any reasonable alternative to the proposed project could have on endangered or threatened species and other unlisted species, including migratory birds and their habitats;
2. Other reasonable alternatives to the proposed project and permit issuance that should be considered;
3. Relevant biological data and additional information concerning the American burying beetle;
4. Current or planned activities in the subject area and their possible impacts on the American burying beetle;
5. The presence of archaeological sites, buildings and structures, historic sites, sacred and traditional areas, and other historic preservation concerns;
6. The scope of covered activities, including potential avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures for incidental take of the American burying beetle;
7. Appropriate monitoring and adaptive management provisions that should be included in the HCP; and
8. Identification of any other environmental issues that should be considered regarding the proposed project and permit action.

### Public Availability of Comments

Comments and materials we receive in response to this notice and at the public meeting, as well as supporting documentation we use in preparing the DEIS, will become part of the public record and will be available for public inspection at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (see **ADDRESSES**). Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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.

### Environmental Review and Next Steps

The DEIS will include analyses of potential impacts on the American

burying beetle from the HCP and the permit and from each identified alternative to the action. The DEIS will provide biological descriptions of affected species and habitats, as well as the effects of the alternatives on other resources, such as vegetation, wetlands, wildlife, geology and soils, air quality, water resources, water quality, cultural resources, land use, recreation, water use, the local economy, and environmental justice. Following completion of the environmental review, we will publish a notice of availability and request for public comments on the DEIS, NPPD's permit application, and the draft HCP. The DEIS and draft HCP are expected to be completed and available for the public review during the first three months of the 2016 calendar year.

### Authority

Our environmental review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), Council of Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), other applicable Federal laws and regulations, and the Service's applicable policies and procedures. This notice is being furnished in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.7 of the NEPA regulations to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the DEIS.

Dated: October 8, 2014.

**Nicole Alt,**

*Acting Assistant Regional Director—  
Ecological Services, Mountain-Prairie Region,  
Denver, CO.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Public Meeting of the Carrizo Plain National Monument Advisory Committee

**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) Carrizo Plain National Monument Advisory

Committee (MAC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2014, at the Carrisa Plains Elementary School, located approximately 2 miles northwest of Soda Lake Road on Highway 58. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and finish at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will focus on scoping the Travel Management Plan and provide updated information on the continued implementation of the resource management plan. There will be a public comment period from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be available for under \$10.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Johna Hurl, Monument Manager, Bakersfield Field Office, 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308, (661) 391-6093, [jhurl@blm.gov](mailto:jhurl@blm.gov) or John Kelley, Carrizo Program Support Technician, Bakersfield Field Office, 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308, (661) 391-6088, [jtkelley@blm.gov](mailto:jtkelley@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The ten-member MAC advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of public land issues associated with public land management in the Carrizo Plain National Monument in Central California. At this meeting, Monument staff will present the proposed Travel Management Plan for the Monument and updated information on the continued implementation of the Resource Management Plan. This meeting is open to the public. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and the time available, the time allotted 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 indicated above.

Dated: October 7, 2014.

**Gabriel Garcia,**

*Field Manager, Bakersfield Field Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

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#### Notice To Extend the Public Comment Period for the Collection and Compilation of Water Pipeline Field Performance Data Information Collection Request

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Reclamation is announcing a 30-day extension of the public comment period for the Collection and Compilation of Water Pipeline Field Performance Data Information Collection Request (ICR). The current comment period for this ICR ends on October 31, 2014, and is being extended to December 1, 2014. This comment period was reopened through the publication of a **Federal Register** notice on October 1, 2014 (79 FR 59291).

**DATES:** Submit comments on this ICR on or before December 1, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Mr. Lee Sears, Materials Engineering Research Laboratory, 86-68180, Bureau of Reclamation, P.O. Box 25007, Denver, CO 80225; or via email at [lsears@usbr.gov](mailto:lsears@usbr.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lee Sears at (303) 445-2392.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Public Disclosure Statement

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.

Dated: October 24, 2014.

**Richard W. LaFond,**

*Chief, Civil Engineering Services Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Mine Safety and Health Administration

#### Petitions for Modification of Application of Existing Mandatory Safety Standards

**AGENCY:** Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 and 30 CFR Part 44 govern the application, processing, and disposition of petitions for modification. This notice is a summary of petitions for modification submitted to the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) by the parties listed below to modify the application of existing mandatory safety standards codified in Title 30 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

**DATES:** All comments on the petitions must be received by the Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances on or before December 1, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit your comments, identified by “docket number” on the subject line, by any of the following methods:

1. *Electronic Mail:* [zzMSHA-comments@dol.gov](mailto:zzMSHA-comments@dol.gov). Include the docket number of the petition in the subject line of the message.

2. *Facsimile:* 202-693-9441.

3. *Regular Mail or Hand Delivery:* MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2350, Arlington, Virginia 22209-3939, Attention: Sheila McConnell, Acting Director, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances. Persons delivering documents are required to check in at the receptionist's desk on the 21st floor. Individuals may inspect copies of the petitions and comments during normal business hours at the address listed above.

MSHA will consider only comments postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or proof of delivery from another delivery service such as UPS or Federal Express on or before the deadline for comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Barron, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances at 202-693-9447 (Voice), [barron.barbara@dol.gov](mailto:barron.barbara@dol.gov) (Email), or 202-693-9441 (Facsimile). [These are not toll-free numbers.]

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

Section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act) allows the mine operator or representative of miners to file a petition to modify the application of any