

development with fewer restrictions than Alternative B, but more than Alternative A, in terms of major stipulations and areas determined unacceptable for Federal coal leasing. Alternative C provides for the same number of designated areas (one SRMA, two BCAs, one ACEC), but with reduced sizes and/or less restrictive management actions.

The BLM further considered six additional alternatives but dismissed these alternatives from detailed analysis as explained in the Draft RMP/EIS.

The State Director has identified Alternative B as the preferred alternative. Alternative B was found to best meet the State Director's planning guidance and, therefore, selected as the preferred alternative because it best meets the purpose and need, while aligning with Department of the Interior priorities.

ACECs

Consistent with land use planning regulations at 43 CFR 1610.7–2(b), the BLM is announcing the opening of a concurrent comment period on the ACEC proposed for designation in the preferred alternative. Comments may be submitted using any of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

There is one proposed ACEC included in the preferred alternative: Mud Buttes (960 acres) located in Bowman County, North Dakota.

- Alternative B and C: no surface occupancy for fluid minerals, unacceptable for coal leasing, closed to mineral material disposal, casual collection of invertebrate or plant fossils prohibited.

- Alternative B: right-of-way exclusion area, closed to nonenergy solid leasable minerals, and recommended for withdrawal from locatable mineral entry.

- Alternative C: right-of-way avoidance area, no surface disturbance allowed for nonenergy solid leasable mineral development.

Schedule for the Decision-Making Process

The BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation consistent with the NEPA and land use planning processes, including a 30-day public protest period and a 60-day Governor's consistency review on the Proposed RMP. The Proposed RMP/Final EIS is anticipated to be available for public protest in the summer of 2023, with an approved RMP and Record of Decision in the fall of 2023.

The BLM will continue to consult with Indian Tribal Nations on a government-to-government basis in

accordance with Executive Order 13175, BLM Manual 1780, and Departmental policies. Tribal concerns, including impacts on Indian trust assets and potential impacts to cultural resources, will be given due consideration.

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.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6, 40 CFR 1506.10, 43 CFR 1610.2, 43 CFR 1610.7–2.)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey, Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of official filing of plats of surveys.

SUMMARY: The plat of survey of the following described lands are scheduled to be officially filed in the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Idaho State Office, Boise, Idaho, 30 calendar days from the date of this publication. The surveys, which were executed at the request of the BLM, are necessary for the management of the Birds of Prey National Conservation Area.

Boise Meridian, Idaho

T. 1 N., R. 1 W., Sections 15, 17, 21, 22, 27 and 28, accepted December 23, 2022.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the plat may be obtained from the Public Room at the BLM, Idaho State Office, 1387 S Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709, upon required payment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 7–1–1 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services.

Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The plat, in one sheet, incorporating the field notes of the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines and the subdivision of sections 17, 21 and 22, Township 1 North, Range 1 West, Boise Meridian, Idaho, was accepted December 23, 2022.

A person or party who wishes to protest one or more plats of survey identified above must file a written notice of protest with the Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Idaho, BLM within 30 calendar days from the date of this publication at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. The protest must identify the plat(s) of survey that the person or party wishes to protest and contain all reasons and evidence in support of the protest. The protest must be filed before the scheduled date of official filing for the plat(s) of survey being protested. Any protest filed after the scheduled date of official filing will be untimely and will not be considered. A protest is considered filed on the date it is received by the Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Idaho during regular business hours; if received after regular business hours, a protest will be considered filed the next business day. If a protest against a plat of survey is received prior to the scheduled date of official filing, the official filing of the plat of survey identified in the protest will be stayed pending consideration of the protest. A plat of survey will not be officially filed until the next business day following dismissal or resolution of all protests of the plat.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in a protest, you should be aware that the documents you submit, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available in their entirety at any time. While you can ask us to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

(Authority: 43 U.S.C., chapter 3)

Daniel S. Young,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Idaho.

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