

annual estimate of burden hours. This is then multiplied by median average wage of a "Management Analyst" according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics for 2021 to arrive at a total annual cost.

### B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

### C. Authority

Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35.

#### Steven Durham,

*Acting Chief, Office of Policy, Programs and Legislative Initiatives.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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### Hunting and Wildlife Conservation Council; Request for Nominations

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of the Interior and Department of Agriculture are seeking member nominations to the Hunting and Wildlife Conservation Council (Council) to fill one vacancy for a representative from a State fish and wildlife management agency. The Council provides recommendations to the Federal Government, through the Secretary of the Interior and the

Secretary of Agriculture, regarding the establishment and implementation of existing and proposed policies and authorities with regard to wildlife and habitat conservation endeavors that benefit wildlife resources; encourage partnership among the public, sporting conservation organizations, wildlife-associated recreation interests, and Federal, State, Tribal, and territorial governments; and benefit fair-chase recreational hunting and safe recreational shooting sports.

**DATES:** Nominations for the Council must be submitted by April 24, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit nominations via email to [doug\\_hobbs@fws.gov](mailto:doug_hobbs@fws.gov).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Douglas Hobbs, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), by telephone at (703) 358-2336, or by email at [doug\\_hobbs@fws.gov](mailto:doug_hobbs@fws.gov). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (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 Council is established under the authority of the Secretaries of the Department of the Interior (DOI) and the Department of Agriculture and regulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (FACA; 5 U.S.C. 10). The Council's duties are strictly advisory and consist of, but are not limited to, providing recommendations for implementation of Executive Order (E.O.) 13443, Facilitation of Hunting Heritage and Wildlife Conservation; E.O. 14008, Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad; and Secretarial Order (S.O.) 3362, Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors. Duties include, but are not limited to:

A. Assessing and quantifying implementation of E.O. 13443, E.O. 14008, and S.O. 3362 across relevant departments, agencies, and offices and making recommendations to enhance and expand their implementation as identified;

B. Making recommendations regarding policies and programs that accomplish the following objectives:

1. Conserve and restore wetlands, grasslands, forests, and other important wildlife habitats, and improve management of rangelands and agricultural lands to benefit wildlife;
2. Promote opportunities for fair chase hunting and safe recreational shooting

sports and wildlife-associated recreation on public and private lands;

3. Encourage hunting and recreational shooting sports safety, including by developing sighting-in ranges on public lands;

4. Recruit and retain hunters;

5. Increase public awareness of the importance of wildlife conservation and the social and economic benefits of fair chase hunting, safe recreational shooting sports, and wildlife-associated recreation; and

6. Encourage coordination among the public; the hunting and shooting sports communities; wildlife conservation groups; wildlife-associated recreation interests; and Federal, State, Tribal, and territorial governments.

The Secretaries appoint members and their alternates to the Council to serve up to a 3-year term. The Council will not exceed 18 discretionary primary members, up to 18 alternate members, and 4 ex officio members. Ex officio members include:

- Secretary of the Interior or designated DOI representatives;
- Secretary of Agriculture or designated Department of Agriculture representatives; and
- Executive Director, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

The Secretaries select remaining members from among, but not limited to, the organization/interests listed below. These members must be senior-level representatives of their organization and/or have the ability to represent their designated constituencies.

- State fish and wildlife management agencies;
- Wildlife and habitat conservation/management organizations;
- Upland bird hunting organizations;
- Waterfowl hunting organizations;
- Big game hunting organizations;
- Shooting sports interests;
- Archery interests;
- Wildlife-associated recreation interests;
- Tourism, outfitter, and/or guide industries related to hunting and/or wildlife conservation;
- Tribal resource management organizations;
- Agriculture interests;
- Ranching interests; and
- Veterans' service organizations.

### Vacancies to Fill

Nominations are sought to fill one primary member vacancy to represent State fish and wildlife management agencies.

### Nomination Method and Information

Nominations should include a cover letter or email, and resume providing an

adequate description of the nominee's qualifications, including information that would enable DOI to make an informed decision regarding meeting the membership requirements of the Council and the national interest potentially represented, and to permit DOI to contact a potential member.

Members of the Council serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business, Council and subcommittee members engaged in Council or subcommittee business that the DFO approves may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5703, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Federal Government service.

**Public Disclosure 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. 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: 5 U.S.C. 10)

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Competitive Offer for Solar Energy Development on Public Lands in Saguache County, CO

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of competitive offer.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Rocky Mountain District, Cañon City, Colorado, will accept competitive bids to lease public lands for solar energy projects on approximately 1,064 acres in Saguache County, Colorado.

**DATES:** The BLM will hold a competitive live auction at 10 a.m. local time on April 27, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** The auction will be held at: BLM Rocky Mountain District Office, 3028 East Main Street, Cañon City, CO 81212.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cathy Cook, District Manager, BLM Rocky Mountain District Office, by telephone: 719-269-8554 or email: [ccook@blm.gov](mailto:ccook@blm.gov). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Ms. Cook. 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 BLM Rocky Mountain District Office has received interest to lease lands within the De Tilla Gulch Solar Energy Zone (SEZ). The BLM will offer a lease for solar energy development within the SEZ in accordance with the competitive process described in 43 CFR part 2800, subpart 2809.

Based on the expressed interest, the SEZ will be offered in its entirety. The SEZ being offered for competitive solar lease is described in Public Land Order No. 7818, published in the **Federal Register** on July 5, 2013 (78 FR 40499), and available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2013/07/05/2013-16215/public-land-order-no-7818-withdrawal-of-public-lands-for-the-protection-and-preservation-of-solar>, with additional information as follows:

#### De Tilla Gulch Solar Energy Zone

##### *Saguache County, Colorado*

The De Tilla Gulch SEZ consists of approximately 1,064 contiguous acres of public land, identified in the 2012 Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Solar Energy Development in Six Southwestern States (Solar Programmatic EIS) and subsequent Approved Resource Management Plan (Solar RMP) Amendments/Record of Decision (ROD) as suitable for utility-scale solar energy development. The De Tilla Gulch SEZ is managed by the BLM's San Luis Valley Field Office. Detailed information on this SEZ, including maps, completed resource studies, and recommended design features can be viewed and downloaded at: <https://blmsolar.anl.gov/solar-peis/sez/co/de-tilla-gulch/>.

As provided in 43 CFR 2809.13(a), bidding will occur in a competitive auction, conducted in-person. The auction will be open to the public with potential limitations based on room capacity, and the event may be live-streamed. More information will be made available at <https://>

[eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2020899/510](https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2020899/510). Interested bidders are required to pre-register by accessing the ePlanning site no later than 1 week prior to the scheduled auction to allow sufficient time for the BLM to verify qualifications. Under the requirements of 43 CFR 2803.10, qualified bidders must be:

- An individual, association, corporation, partnership, or similar business entity, or a Federal agency or State, Tribal, or local government;
- Technically and financially able to construct, operate, maintain, and terminate the use of the public lands being applied for; and
- Of legal age and authorized to do business in Colorado.

Bidders must have or be able to demonstrate technical and financial capability to construct, operate, maintain, and terminate a project throughout the leasing process and authorization period. You can demonstrate your financial and technical capability to construct, operate, maintain, and terminate a project by:

- Providing documentation of any previous successful experience in construction, operation, and maintenance of a similar facility on either public or non-public lands;
- Providing information on the availability of sufficient capitalization to carry out development, including the preliminary study stage of the project and the environmental review and clearance process; or
- Providing written copies of conditional commitments of Federal and other loan guarantees; confirmed power purchase agreements; engineering, procurement, and construction contracts; and supply contracts with credible third-party vendors for the manufacture or supply of key components for the project facilities.

Pre-registered bidders will be confirmed and assigned a bidder number before the auction commences. Complete details and frequently asked questions on the screening and bidding process can be found online at: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2020899/510>.

The BLM has determined a minimum acceptable bid for the De Tilla Gulch SEZ of \$35,824.88. The minimum bid consists of the following:

- (1) Administrative costs incurred by the BLM—An administrative fee of approximately \$6.79 per acre to cover the BLM's costs in preparing for and conducting the competitive offer, including preparation of the 2022 Offer for Competitive Leasing for De Tilla