

to mineral material development, not available for livestock grazing.

- Willis Ridge, 3,180 acres, to protect old-growth reserves, along with fisheries and wildlife resources. VRM class III, right-of-way avoidance, off-highway vehicle limited, closed to mineral leasing, and closed to mineral material development.

- South Spit, 630 acres, to protect sensitive plant and wetland habitat and cultural resources. Right-of-way avoidance, off-highway vehicle limited, VRM class III, closed to mineral leasing, closed to mineral material development, day use only.

- Corning Vernal Pools, 170 acres, to protect critical habitat that supports threatened and endangered species. Right-of-way exclusion, off-highway vehicle closed, VRM class III, closed to mineral leasing, open to locatable mineral entry, closed to mineral material development, available to livestock grazing if compatible with vernal pool ecology and relevant and important values.

- North Table Mountain, 50 acres, to protect habitat that supports the rare Butte County Golden Clover (*Trifolium jokerstii*). Right-of-way exclusion, off-highway vehicle closed, VRM class III, closed to mineral leasing, recommend for withdrawal from locatable mineral entry, not available for livestock grazing, and closed to mineral material development.

More information on management of ACECs under the BLM's preferred alternative is available in Chapter 2, Table 2-2 and Chapter 3.4.1 of the Draft RMP/EIS.

The preferred alternative would not propose the following potential ACECs for designation: Swasey Drive Clear Creek Greenway and Eden Creek.

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 late spring of 2024 with an approved RMP and Record of Decision in late summer of 2024.

The BLM will hold at least one virtual and two in-person public meetings, in Redding and Arcata, California, on the Draft RMP/EIS during the 90-day public comment period. The specific date(s) and location(s) of these meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media, newspapers, and

the BLM National NEPA Register project page (see **ADDRESSES**).

The BLM will continue to consult with Indian Tribal Nations on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175, BLM MS 1780, and other 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)

Karen E. Mouritsen,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Withdrawal Extension Application and Opportunity for Public Comment for the Halliday Fen Research Natural Area, Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of withdrawal extension.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Agriculture, United States Forest Service (USFS), has filed an application with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) requesting that the Secretary of the Interior extend Public Land Order (PLO) No. 7614 for an additional 20 years. PLO No. 7614 withdrew 646.40 acres of National Forest System land from location and entry under the United States mining laws for 20 years, subject to valid existing rights, to protect the Halliday Fen Research Natural Area (RNA). This notice advises the public of a 90-day opportunity to comment on this application for a withdrawal extension and to request a public meeting.

DATES: Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by December 28, 2023.

ADDRESSES: All comments and meeting requests should be sent to the BLM

Oregon/Washington State Director, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208. The application and case file are available for public examination by interested persons by appointment at the BLM Public Room, 1220 SW 3rd Ave., 11th Floor, Portland, Oregon 97208 during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday except holidays. Please call 503-808-6001 to make an appointment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Luke Poff, Realty Specialist, BLM Oregon/Washington State Office, (503) 808-6249, by email at lpoff@blm.gov, or at the address noted earlier. The USFS can be reached at the Colville National Forest Supervisor's Office, 765 South Main St., Colville, Washington 99114, (509) 684-7000. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, blind, 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: PLO No. 7614 (69 FR 55448) withdrew 646.40 acres of National Forest System land in the Colville National Forest from location and entry under the United States mining laws for 20 years, subject to valid existing rights, to protect the RNA. The RNA preserves the unique characteristics, sensitive fauna, hydrology, and research values of the area, which includes a marl fen, western red cedar and western hemlock forests, and habitat for a variety of rare plant and animal species. The RNA is also within the Salmo Priest Grizzly Bear Management Unit, which is part of the Selkirk Grizzly Bear Recovery Zone in Pend Oreille County, Washington. This notice also revises the legal land description and acreage figure from the 646.40 acres stated in PLO No. 7614 to 646.37 acres. Unless further extended, the withdrawal will expire on September 9, 2024.

The legal land description and acreage figure written in PLO No. 7614 is revised to reflect the BLM Cadastral Survey's Specification for Descriptions of Land. The revised land description does not change the footprint of the lands withdrawn, which is as follows:

Colville National Forest

Willamette Meridian

T. 40 N., R. 44 E.,

Sec. 31, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Together with portions of the following lands as specifically identified and described

by metes and bounds in the "Boundary Description for Halliday Fen Research Natural Area to be Withdrawn from Mineral Location" dated April 19, 2002, in the official records of the BLM Oregon/Washington State Office and the Colville National Forest Office, Colville, Washington:

T. 39 N., R. 43 E.,

Sec. 1, lot 1.

T. 40 N., R. 43 E.,

Sec. 36, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 39 N., R. 44 E.,

Sec. 6, lots 2 thru 5, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 40 N., R. 44 E.,

Sec. 30, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 31, lots 1 thru 4, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 32, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The areas described aggregate 646.37 acres.

The use of a right-of-way, interagency agreement, or cooperative agreement would not adequately preserve the unique resources located at this site. There are no suitable alternative sites since preserving the unique resource within the lands described in PLO No. 7614 is the reason for the application for withdrawal extension.

Comments will be available for public review. 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 personally identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask the BLM in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

An opportunity for a public meeting may be afforded in connection with the application for withdrawal extension. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the application for this withdrawal extension must submit a written request to the State Director, BLM Oregon/Washington State Office at the address in the **ADDRESSES** section, within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. If the authorized officer determines that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the date, time, and place will be published in the **Federal Register** and local newspapers and posted on the BLM website at: www.blm.gov at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting. This withdrawal extension application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2310.4.

(Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1714)

Dustin Webster-Wharton,

Branch Chief of Land, Mineral, and Energy Development, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon/Washington.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Public Land Order No. 7930; Extension of Public Land Order No. 6476 for Wheeler Creek Natural Area; Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order extends the duration of the withdrawal created by Public Land Order (PLO) No. 6476, as extended by PLO No. 7572, for an additional 20-year period. PLO No. 6476 withdrew 334 acres of National Forest System lands in the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest from location and entry under the United States mining laws to protect the Wheeler Creek Research Natural Area (RNA).

DATES: This PLO takes effect on October 5, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Luke Poff, Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management Oregon/Washington State Office, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, OR 97208, (503) 808-6249, or by email at lpoff@blm.gov. The United States Forest Service, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest Supervisor's Office can be reached at 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon 97504, (541) 618-2200. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, blind, 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 purpose of the withdrawal extended by this PLO is to maintain the protection of the Wheeler Creek RNA. PLO No. 6476 (48 FR 45395 (1983)), as extended by PLO No. 7572 (68 FR 42127 (2003)), incorporated herein by reference, withdrew 334 acres of National Forest System lands from location and entry under the United States mining laws to protect the Wheeler Creek RNA in Curry County, Oregon, from any adverse impacts of such activities. The

withdrawal extension is necessary to continue that protection.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f), it is ordered as follows:

1. PLO No. 6476, as extended by PLO No. 7572 for an additional 20-year period, which withdrew 334 acres of National Forest System lands from location and entry under the United States mining laws to protect the Wheeler Creek Research Natural Area in support of Forest Service programs, is hereby extended, subject to valid existing rights, for an additional 20-year period.

2. This withdrawal will expire 20 years from the effective date of this order unless, as a result of a review conducted prior to the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be further extended.

(Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1714(f))

Robert T. Anderson,

Solicitor.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Resource Advisory Council, Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Rocky Mountain Resource Advisory Council (RAC) is announcing its 2023 fall meeting.

DATES: The Rocky Mountain RAC will meet in-person on November 9, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Mountain Time (MT). A virtual participation option will be available and the meeting is open to the public.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the BLM's Royal Gorge Field Office, 3028 East Main Street, Cañon City, CO 81212. A virtual option will be offered