

and local agencies, and affected public land users.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process. Comments on issues and concerns can be submitted in writing to the address listed below and will be accepted throughout the creation of the Draft RMP amendment/EA. All public meetings will be announced through the local news media, newsletters, and the BLM Web site at: <http://www.co.blm.gov/ccdo/canon.htm>, at least 15 days prior to the event. The minutes and list of attendees for each meeting will be available to the public and open for 30 days to any participant who wishes to clarify the views they expressed.

Public Participation: Public meetings will be held during the plan scoping period. Early participation is encouraged and will help determine the future travel management of the public lands involved in this amendment. In addition to the ongoing public participation process, formal opportunities for public participation will be provided through comment upon the publication of the BLM draft RMP amendment, EA, and an unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Bureau of Land Management, Royal Gorge Field Office, ATTN: Arkansas River TMP, 3170 East Main Street, Canon City, CO 81212; FAX 719-269-8599. Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Royal Gorge Field Office. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Royal Gorge Field Office during regular business hours (8 am to 4:30 pm), Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EA. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Dave Walker, Team Leader, at the Royal Gorge Field Office address listed above

or by calling (719) 269-8545, or e-mail at David.Walker@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The use of roads and trails for motorized and non-motorized recreation activities is an important use of BLM Public Lands. In response to recommendations made by the Front Range Resource Advisory Council, the BLM proposes developing a travel management plan and establishing OHV travel designations to restrict motorized travel to designated roads and trails. Preliminary issues and management concerns have been identified by BLM personnel, other agencies, and in meetings with individuals and user groups. They represent the BLM's knowledge to date on the existing issues and concerns with current management. The preliminary issues include: Impacts to public land users and adjacent private landowners; impacts to wildlife habitat; and impacts to water quality, vegetation, including riparian and wetland areas, and soils. These issues, along with others that may be identified through public participation, will be considered in the planning process. After gathering public comments on what issues the plan amendment should address, the suggested issues will be placed in one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the plan amendment;
2. Issues resolved through policy or administrative action; or
3. Issues beyond the scope of this plan amendment.

Rationale will be provided in the plan for each issue placed in category two or three. In addition to these major issues, a number of management questions and concerns will be addressed in the plan amendment. The public is encouraged to help identify these questions and concerns during the scoping phase.

An interdisciplinary approach will be used to develop the plan amendment in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Disciplines involved in the planning process will include specialists with expertise in rangeland management, minerals and geology, forestry, outdoor recreation, law enforcement, archaeology, wildlife and fisheries, lands and realty, hydrology, soils, vegetation, and fire.

Notification will be made to the Governor of Colorado, the Fremont and Custer County Commissioners, adjacent landowners, and potentially affected members of the public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Designate Routes of Travel and Amend the Redding Resource Management Plan

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

ACTION: Notice of intent to designate routes of travel and amend the Redding Resource Management Plan (RMP).

DATES: Scoping comments will be accepted in person, by mail and email until July 9, 2003. Comment periods and planning meetings will be publicized in Shasta and Trinity counties through local news media.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Charles M. Schultz, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Redding Field Office, 355 Hemsted Dr., Redding, CA 96002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andy Isola, Outdoor Recreation Planner, at the above address, telephone number (530) 224-2126, or e-mail: aisola@ca.blm.gov.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management proposes to amend the Redding Resource Management Plan pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 43 CFR 1610.2(c). The proposed amendment would establish or revise designations of ways, routes, and trails for off-highway vehicles in accordance with 43 CFR part 8342. The proposals will include public lands in the Interlakes Special Recreation Management Area, a complex of routes west of French Gulch Road and east of County Line Road North, the Sacramento River Bend Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), and other areas that may be identified in the planning process.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Input from previous public meetings and written comments from previous public discussions will be used to define issues. Preliminary issues identified include: Off-highway vehicle recreation use; adequate vehicle access for other casual uses, and visitor safety. All vehicular travel on public lands in the planning area will be restricted to the designated routes.

Planning criteria will honor valid existing rights. The amendment will be consistent with officially approved resource related plans, policies and programs of other Federal agencies, State and local governments, and Indian Tribes, so long as the guidance and plans are consistent with the purposes,