

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to solicit public nominations for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council (RAC) that has an open position to represent environmental/conservation interests. This position will expire in 2006. The RAC provides advice and recommendations to the BLM and the USDA Forest Service on land use planning and management of public lands within their geographic areas. Public nominations will be considered for 60 days after the publication date of this notice.

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of lands administered by BLM.

Section 309 of FLPMA directs the Secretary to select 10- to 15-member citizen-based advisory councils that are established and authorized consistent with requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). As required by the FACA, RAC membership must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with management of public lands.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees for the Eastern Washington RAC must be residents of Washington. Nominees will be evaluated based on their education, training, experience, and their knowledge of the geographical area of the RAC. Nominees should have demonstrated a commitment to collaborative resource decision-making. All nominations submitted must include letters of reference from represented interests or organizations, a completed background information nomination form, as well as any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

DATES: All nominations should be received in the Oregon BLM State Office by March 24, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Robbins: (503) 808-6306, pam_robbins@blm.gov, BLM State Office, 333 Southwest 1st Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Resource Advisory Council Vacancy

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management; Northeast California Resource Advisory Council; Susanville, California.

ACTION: Notice of vacancy and call for nominations.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to authorities in the Federal Advisory Committees Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (Pub. L. 94-579), the U. S. Bureau of Land Management is seeking nominations to fill a vacant seat on the Northeast California Resource Advisory Council. The person selected to fill the vacancy will complete an unexpired term that ends in September 2004. The appointee will be eligible to compete for the full three-year term when the current term expires.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The council vacancy is in membership category three; persons representing issues and concerns of Native American Tribes. The appointment will be made by the Secretary of the Interior, as are all BLM Resource Advisory Council appointments. The person selected must have knowledge or experience in the interest area specified, and must have knowledge of the geographic area under the council's purview (the northeast portion of California and the northwest corner of Nevada).

Qualified applicants must have demonstrated a commitment to collaborate with varied interests to solve a broad spectrum of natural resource issues.

Nomination forms are available by contacting BLM Public Affairs Officer Joseph J. Fontana, 2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA 96130; by telephone (530) 252-5332; or e-mail, jfontana@ca.blm.gov. Nominations must be returned to: Bureau of Land Management, 2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA 96130, Attention Public Affairs Officer by February 24, 2003. Individuals can nominate themselves, or interest groups can submit nominations. Nominations must include letters of support from the interest groups the nominee will represent.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Contact BLM Alturas Field Manager Tim Burke at (530) 233-4666, or Public Affairs

Officer Joseph J. Fontana at the above phone or e-mail address.

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Restoration and Timber Salvage Within the Timbered Rock Fire, Medford District, OR

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

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and conduct public scoping for restoration and timber salvage within the Timbered Rock Fire, Medford District, Oregon.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to prepare an EIS for the restoration and timber salvage within the Timbered Rock Fire, Medford District, Oregon. This planning activity encompasses 11,755 acres of BLM-administered land that was burned in the summer of 2002 Timbered Rock Wildfire, which burned in total 26,974 acres. This EIS will fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), and BLM management policies. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns. The public scoping process will help identify issues to be addressed, possible alternatives, data gaps, and possible conflicts with existing management direction. The purpose of the EIS is to take a more detailed look at restoration activities, salvage logging opportunities, and opportunities for long-term resource studies.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process. Comments on issues and the scope of the analysis can be submitted in writing to the address listed below and will be accepted throughout the creation of the EIS. All public meetings will be announced through the local news media, newsletters, and the Washington/Oregon BLM Web site (<http://www.or.blm.gov>) at least 15 days prior