

Each year, the BLM responds to wildland fires that burn thousands of acres of land for which BLM has fire protection responsibility. The BLM has wildland fire protection responsibility on more than 12 million acres of public land in Arizona. By agreement, the BLM also protects approximately 9 million acres of other federal and state agency lands in Arizona.

Recent fire history statistics demonstrate the connection between past fire management practices and threats to human life and safety, risk of severe wildland fire, and disruption of critical ecological processes. The deaths of 34 firefighters during the 1994 fire season emphasized the danger that fuels accumulation poses to firefighters, and led to the 1995 Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy and Program. The effect of severe wildland fire on resource values is an additional concern to resource-management agencies. In 2002, wildland fires raged across Arizona, with over 600,000 of acres impacted, the largest number of acres to be impacted by wildland fire in the states history. Nationally, more acres burned in 2002 than in any other year in the last half-century.

BLM personnel, other agencies, individuals and user groups have identified preliminary issues and management concerns. Additional issues and modifications to known issues will be identified during public scoping. The major issues identified so far include management of public land resources including natural resource management; cultural resource management and protection; recreation/visitor use and safety; management of grazing, and other uses; as well as integration of public land management with the local community, tribal groups, and other agency needs and plans.

After gathering public comments on what issues the plan should address, BLM will place the suggested issues in one of three categories and provide an explanation for each issue placed into category two or three:

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

The public is encouraged to help identify planning issues and concerns during the scoping phase.

An interdisciplinary approach will be used to develop the plan in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Disciplines involved in the planning process will include but not limited to rangeland management, outdoor recreation, fire, archaeology, wildlife, wilderness,

hydrology, soils, sociology, and economics.

Frank B. Miller,

*Acting Deputy State Director Resources,
Arizona BLM State Office.*

[FR Doc. 03-1740 Filed 1-24-03; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4310-32-P

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-160-1220-PG]

Notice of Public Meeting, Central California Resources Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Advisory Council (RAC) for Central California will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held Friday and Saturday, January 31, February 1 in the Arletta Douglas Room of the Holbrooke Hotel, 212 West Main Street, Grass Valley, California beginning at 8 a.m. both days. The agenda calls for an orientation session on Friday, and a field trip to the Yuba Goldfields on Saturday with a return to the meeting room for discussion. There will be a public comment period beginning at 3:30 p.m. on Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Mercer, Public Affairs Officer, Bureau of Land Management, 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308, telephone 661-391-6010.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 12 member Central California Resource Advisory Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of public land issues associated with public land management in Central California. At this meeting, topics to be discussed include:

Facilitated orientation and future planning for Council members.

The Yuba Goldfields area on the Yuba River, including issues of public access. All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council, and a time will be allocated for hearing public comments.

Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and the time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special

assistance such as sign language interpretation, tour transportation or other reasonable accommodations should contact the BLM as indicated above.

Dated: January 14, 2003.

Larry Mercer,

Public Affairs Officer.

[FR Doc. 03-1696 Filed 1-24-03; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4310-40-M

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Proposed Agency Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection and request for comment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 21, 2003.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the U.S. International Trade Commission intends to seek approval from the Office of Management and Budget for extension of the currently approved DataWeb user registration form (OMB No.: 3117-0190) in connection with the ITC DataWeb Public Access Project. The user registration forms are required to accurately analyze usage and data reports generated by user sectors and to save user product and country lists for user reference during future logins. Comments concerning the proposed information collection are requested in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8(d).

DATES: To be assured of consideration, written comments must be received not later than 60 days after publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Signed comments should be submitted to Marilyn Abbott, Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the proposed forms and draft Supporting Statement to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget will be posted on the Commission's World Wide Web site at <http://www.usitc.gov> or may be obtained from Peg MacKnight, Office of Operations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436 (telephone no. 202-205-3431). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting our TTD terminal, (telephone no. 202-205-1810).