

Federal side and in Assembly Bill 1986 (AB 1986), Headwaters Forest, Owl Creek, and Grizzly Creek, on the state side. The Federal legislation authorizing acquisition, (1) established a specific boundary and point of access, (2) called for joint federal-state acquisition, with management by the federal government and an easement to guarantee conservation management granted to the state, and (3) established the requirement for the development of a management plan.

The 7,500-acre tract acquired includes 3,100 acres of unharvested conifer forests dominated by redwood groves and surrounded by 4,400 acres of previously harvested forest. It is located in the northwestern coast ranges of California near Humboldt Bay in Humboldt County, part of California's north coast region. The Reserve includes the headwaters of three streams draining into Humboldt Bay; South Fork Elk River, Little South Fork Elk River, and Salmon Creek. The Reserve contains three federally listed threatened fish species: southern Oregon/northern California coasts Coho salmon, northern California steelhead, and California coastal Chinook salmon, and two federally listed threatened animals: marbled murrelet and northern spotted owl. The Reserve is designated critical habitat for the Coho, Chinook, and the Murrelet. The Reserve is identified in the PALCO HCP as a site for monitoring undisturbed baseline conditions for water quality and wildlife habitat.

BLM has considered an array of alternatives including specific land use allocations and prescriptions consistent with the legislative intent for the Reserve. Species management, forest and watershed restoration, recreation, critical resource values, and research are addressed.

The planning process includes an opportunity for administrative review through a plan protest to the BLM Director should a previous commenter on the plan believe that the decision has been issued in error. Only those persons or organizations who participated in the planning process may protest. Protests from parties having no previous involvement will be denied without further review. A protesting party may raise only those issues which were submitted for the record during the planning process. New issues raised in the protest period should be directed to the BLM, Arcata Field Manager, 1695 Heindon Road, Arcata, CA 95521 for consideration in plan implementation, as potential plan amendments, or as otherwise appropriate. The period for filing protests begins when the EPA publishes in the **Federal Register** its

Notice of Receipt of the FEIS containing the proposed resource management plan. To be considered "timely" the protest must be postmarked no later than the last day of the 30-day protest period. Also, although not a requirement, it is recommended that the protest be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested. E-mail protests will not be accepted. Faxed protests will be considered as potential valid protests provided (1) that the signed faxed letter is received by the Washington Office protest coordinator by the closing date of the protest period and (2) that the protesting party also provides the original letter by either regular or overnight mail postmarked by the close of the protest period. Please direct faxed protests to "BLM Protest Coordinator" at 202-452-5112. Please direct the follow-up letter to the appropriate address provided below. Protest must be filed in writing to: Director (210), Attention: Brenda Williams, P.O. Box 66538, Washington, DC 20035; or by overnight mail to: Director (210), Attention: Brenda Williams, 1620 L Street NW., Suite 1075, Washington, DC 20036. In order to be considered complete, the protest must contain, at a minimum, the following information:

1. The name, mailing address, telephone number, and interest of the person filing the protest.
2. A statement of the issue or issues being protested.
3. A statement of the part or parts of the plan being protested. To the extent possible, this should be done by reference to specific pages, paragraphs, sections, tables, maps, etc. included in the proposed RMP.
4. A copy of all documents addressing the issue or issues which were submitted during the planning process or a reference to the date the issue or issues were discussed by you for the record.
5. A concise statement explaining why the decision of the BLM California State Director is believed to be incorrect. This is a critical part of the protest. Take care to document all relevant facts. As much as possible, reference or cite the planning documents, environmental analysis documents, available planning records (*i.e.* meeting minutes or summaries, correspondence, *etc.*) A protest which merely expresses disagreement with the proposed decision, without supporting data will not provide additional basis for the Director's review of the decision.

Please note that comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, are available for public review and/or release under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Individual respondents may request confidentiality. Respondents who wish to withhold name and/or street address from public review or from disclosure under FOIA, must state this prominently at the beginning of the 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 made available for public inspection in their entirety.

The Director will promptly render a decision on the protest. The decision will be in writing and will be sent to the protesting party by certified mail, return receipt requested. The decision of the Director shall be the final decision of the Department of the Interior.

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Arcata Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Utah Resource Advisory Council (RAC) 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) Utah Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: A one-day meeting is scheduled for November 6, at the Sheraton Hotel, Seasons South Conference Room, 150 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah. The meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Sherry Foot, Special Programs Coordinator, Utah State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 324 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84111; phone (801) 539-4195.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A one-day meeting is being held to welcome the