

(Critical, Full, Limited, and Modified) are identified in the plan. The four management options offer land managers a choice of the full range of suppression alternatives. Aggressive initial attack to surveillance to be implemented by the suppression organizations are options that have been included. BLM-managed lands in Alaska have designated management options. However, wildland fire management encompasses more than suppression actions. A spectrum of fire and fuels management activities to achieve ecosystem sustainability, accomplish resource-related objectives and protect communities or public safety are available. Current Federal fire policy states that land use plans will define and identify overall wildland fire and fuel management direction to meet land use and resource management objectives.

The proposed plan amendment and planning process would improve wildland fire management on BLM-managed lands in Alaska and more adequately integrate fire management direction with resource objectives by: (1) Reviewing management option designations and documenting related resource objectives and criteria to evaluate changing those designations (2) establishing broad objectives for wildland fire and fuels management, (3) identifying general guidelines for fuel treatments, and (4) identifying general restrictions for fire management practices. Anticipated issues for the plan amendments include: protection of human life, protection of property, protection of natural and cultural resources, integration of fire and resource management, and wildlife habitat. The interdisciplinary planning team will be comprised of resource specialists with the expertise necessary to address these issues.

The planning process will allow the public, Native organizations, State and Federal agencies, local elected officials, and BLM subject matter specialists to participate in scoping and alternative development and analysis. Public scoping to identify specific issues to be addressed in the plan will be an early opportunity for the public to provide input. Subsequent opportunities for public involvement will occur at specific stages in the planning process. Agency representatives and interested persons are invited to contact Alaska Fire Service officials at any time during the EA process.

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Henri Bisson,

Alaska State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces that the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board will conduct a meeting on matters pertaining to management and protection of wild, free-roaming horses and burros on the Nation's public lands.

DATES: The Advisory Board will meet Monday, November 3, 2003, from 8 a.m., to 5 p.m., local time, and on Tuesday, November 4, 2003, from 8 a.m., to 3 p.m., local time.

ADDRESSES: The Advisory Board will meet at the Capital Hilton, 1001 16th St. NW., Washington, DC 20036, (202) 393-1000.

Written comments pertaining to the Advisory Board meeting should be sent to: Bureau of Land Management, National Wild Horse and Burro Program, NV-960, Attention: Ramona DeLorme, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, Nevada, 89520. Submit written comments pertaining to the Advisory Board meeting no later than close of business October 29, 2003. *See* **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access and filing address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Neal, Wild Horse and Burro Public Outreach Specialist, (775) 861-6583.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may reach *Ms. Neal* at any time by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Meeting

Under the authority of 43 CFR part 1784, the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board advises the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the BLM, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Chief, Forest Service, on matters pertaining to management and protection of wild, free-roaming horses and burros on the Nation's public lands. The tentative agenda for the meeting is:

Monday, November 3, 2003 (8 a.m.-5 p.m.)

8 a.m.: Call to Order & Introductions:
8:15 a.m.: Old Business:
FY 03 Program Update
FY 04 Gather Strategy
Herd Areas at AML
9:30 a.m.: Break
9:45 a.m.: Old Business (continued):
12:30 p.m.: Lunch
1:30 p.m.: Old Business (continued):
Fertility Control Research
2:30 p.m.: Break
2:45 p.m.: New Business
Action Sub-Committee Report on
Adoption Program
4 p.m.: Public Comments
4:45 p.m.: Recap/Summary
5-6 p.m. Adjourn: Roundtable
Discussion

Tuesday, November 4, 2003 (8 a.m.-3 p.m.)

8 a.m.: New Business (continued):
Further Board Discussion on Sub-
Committee Report
9:45 a.m.—10 a.m.: Break
New Business (continued):
12 p.m.: Lunch
1 p.m.: Board Recommendations
2:30 p.m.: Next Meeting/Date/Site
3 p.m.: Adjourn

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability needing an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting, such as interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format, must notify the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although the BLM will attempt to meet a request received after that date, the requested auxiliary aid or service may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange it.

The Federal advisory committee management regulations [41 CFR 101-6.1015(b),] require BLM to publish in the **Federal Register** notice of a meeting 15 days prior to the meeting date.

II. Public Comment Procedures

Members of the public may make oral statements to the Advisory Board on November 3, 2003, at the appropriate point in the agenda. This opportunity is anticipated to occur at 4 p.m., local time. Persons wishing to make statements should register with the BLM by noon November 3, 2003, at the meeting location. Depending on the number of speakers, the Advisory Board may limit the length of presentations. At previous meetings, presentations have been limited to three minutes in length. Speakers should address the specific