Act established both the Sloan Canyon NCA of 48,438 acres and the North McCullough Wilderness Area (14,763 acres entirely contained within the NCA), which are located southeast of the City of Las Vegas, adjacent to the City of Henderson in Clark County, Nevada. The Clark County Act requires the BLM to develop a plan for the appropriate use and management of the Sloan Canyon NCA and Wilderness within three years of enactment. The Draft RMP/EIS fulfills the needs and obligations set forth by NEPA, FLPMA, the Clark County Act, and BLM management policies described in the Las Vegas RMP of 1998. Upon completion, this RMP/EIS will amend the Las Vegas RMP regarding management of the 48,438 acres within Sloan Canyon NCA and North McCullough Wilderness Area. The management alternatives considered in the Draft RMP/EIS include: Continuing current management practices (no action alternative), an alternative that emphasizes natural character, one that allows moderate developed use while maintaining natural character, and another that emphasizes developed uses. The no action alternative is required by NEPA, and would continue current management as described in the Las Vegas RMP, in conjunction with the requirements of the Clark County Act. The alternatives contain both land use planning decisions and implementing decisions to provide planning structure to facilitate management of the Sloan Canyon NCA. The analysis of the alternatives includes an evaluation of indirect, direct, and cumulative impacts.

Major resources and activities addressed in the Draft RMP/EIS include: Recreation, the North McCullough Wilderness Area, cultural resources, special designations, visual resources, interpretation, facilities, lands and realty, transportation, vegetation management, wildlife management, wildland fire management, water resources and quality, air quality, livestock grazing, geology and soils, minerals, abandoned mines, hazardous materials, and socioeconomics and environmental justice.

Dated: January 10, 2005.

Helen Hankins,

Field Manager, Las Vegas.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV–020–1610–DO–015F]

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Initiate the Public Scoping Process

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Winnemucca Field Office (WFO), Nevada, is initiating a planning effort to prepare the Winnemucca RMP and associated EIS. The RMP would replace the existing 1982 Sonoma-Gerlach and Paradise-Denio Management Framework Plans and one land use plan amendment titled the ''Paradise-Denio and Sonoma-Gerlach Management Framework Plan-Lands Amendment (Jan. 1999).''

DATES: The scoping comment period will commence with the publication of this notice and will end on May 24, 2005. However, collaboration with the public will continue throughout the planning process. Public meetings will be announced through the local news media, newsletters, and a BLM Web site at least 15 days prior to the event. Comments on issues and planning criteria should be received on or before the end of the scoping period at the address listed below.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the Winnemucca Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445 or via fax at (775) 623–1503. Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM WFO, during regular hours 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Monday–Friday, except holidays. 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 and 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 Jeff Johnson, Project Lead, Telephone (775) 623–1500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the public scoping process is to identify issues that should be considered in the RMP/EIS and to initiate public participation in the planning process. BLM personnel will also be present at scoping meetings to explain the planning process and other requirements for preparing the RMP/EIS.

The planning area includes lands within the BLM WFO administrative boundary. The WFO RMP decision area encompasses about 7.1 million acres of public lands, which are located within Humboldt, Pershing, Lyon, Churchill and Washoe Counties, Nevada. The decision area includes public lands administered by the BLM WFO, and does not include private lands, state lands, tribal trust lands, federal lands not administered by the BLM, and lands located within the planning area of the RMP for the Black Rock Desert—High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area, associated Wilderness Areas, and other contiguous lands.

The plan will fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and associated Council of Environmental Quality Regulations 40 CFR part 1500. The plan also fulfills requirements of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA: 43 U.S.C. 1711), applicable planning regulations at 43 CFR part 1600, and BLM management policies.

The BLM WFO will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management actions and decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns of the public, subject to planning criteria to be developed to guide the plan. Preliminary issues and management concerns have been identified by the BLM, other agencies, and meetings with individuals and user groups. The major issue themes to be addressed in the RMP effort include:

- Management and protection of public land resources while allowing for multiple uses.
- Management of riparian areas and water quality concerns.
- Recreation/visitor use and safety management.
- Travel management, including Off Highway Vehicle.
- Management of areas with special values.
- Energy and minerals management.
- Management of wildlife habitat including protection of sensitive species habitat.

- Land Tenure Adjustments.

After gathering public comments, issues will be placed in one of three categories.

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

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. 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 in order to consider the variety of issues and concerns identified. Disciplines involved in the planning process will include specialists with expertise in rangeland management, minerals and geology, outdoor recreation, archaeology, paleontology, wildlife, fisheries, wild horse & burro, weeds, lands and realty, hydrology, soils, engineering, fire, wilderness, hazardous materials, and social and economic. The BLM has identified some preliminary planning criteria to guide the development of the plan. The following planning criteria have been proposed to guide the development of the plan, to avoid unnecessary data collection and analyses, and to ensure the plan is tailored to issues. Other criteria may be identified during the public scoping process. Proposed planning criteria include the following:

- The plan will comply with all applicable laws, regulations and current policies.
- Broad-based public participation will be an integral part of the planning and EIS process.
- The plan will recognize valid existing rights.
- Areas with special designations as appropriate.

Dated: December 16, 2004.

Vicki L. Wood,

Acting Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Meeting notice for the Eugene District, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Advisory Committees under Section 205 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000 (P.L. 106–393).

SUMMARY: This notice is published in accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Meeting notice is hereby given for the Eugene District BLM Resource Advisory Committee pursuant to Section 205 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106–393 (the Act). Topics to be discussed by the BLM Resource Advisory Committee include selection of a chairperson, public forum and proposed projects for funding in ''Round 5, FY 06'' under Title II of the Act.

DATES: The BLM Resource Advisory Committees will meet on the following dates: The Eugene Resource Advisory Committee will meet at the BLM Eugene District Office, 2890 Chad Drive, Eugene, Oregon 97440, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on June 16, 2005 and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on July 21, 2005. The public forum will be held from 12:30–1 p.m. on both days.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Act, five Resource Advisory Committees have been formed for western Oregon BLM districts that contain Oregon & California (O&C) Grant Lands and Coos Bay Wagon Road lands. The Act establishes a six-year payment schedule to local counties in lieu of funds derived from the harvest of timber on federal lands, which have dropped dramatically over the past 10 years.

The Act creates a new mechanism for local community collaboration with federal land management activities in the selection of projects to be conducted on federal lands or that will benefit resources on federal lands using funds under Title II of the Act. The BLM Resource Advisory Committees consist of 15 local citizens (plus 6 alternates) representing a wide array of interests.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional information concerning the BLM Resource Advisory Committees may be obtained from Wayne Elliott, Designated Federal Official, Eugene District Office, P.O. Box 10226, Eugene, Oregon 97440, (541) 683–6600, or *wayne_elliott@or.blm.gov.*

Dated: March 17, 2005.

Mark Buckbee,

Acting Eugene District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY–957–05–1320–BJ]

Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of filing of plats of survey, Wyoming.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has filed the plats of survey of the lands described below in the BLM Wyoming State Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming, on March 15, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These surveys were executed at the request of the Bureau of Land Management, and are necessary for the management of resources. The lands surveyed are:

The plat and field notes representing the corrective dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, Township 17 North, Range 94 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, was accepted March 15, 2005.

The plat and field notes representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the Thirteenth Standard Parallel North, through Range 76 West, a portion of the Ninth Auxiliary Meridian West, through Township 52 North, between Ranges 76 and 77 West, a portion of the south boundary, and the subdivisional lines, Township 52 North, Range 76 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, was accepted March 15, 2005.

Copies of the preceding described plats and field notes are available to the public at a cost of $1.10 per page.

Dated: March 15, 2005.

John P. Lee,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Division of Support Services.

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