

than 30 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency notice of availability of the FEIS is published in the Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: Protests on the proposed Green River RMP should be sent to the Director (480), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW., MS-314 LS, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill LeBarron, Chief of Support Services or Renee Dana, Green River RMP Team Leader at the Rock Springs BLM District Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901, telephone 307-382-5350.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Proposed Green River RMP FEIS documents the review of BLM-administered public lands along waterways for their eligibility and suitability for inclusion in the Wild and Scenic Rivers System (WSRS). Seven parcels of BLM-administered lands, making up a total of about 9.7 miles of the Sweetwater River, have been found to meet the suitability factors to be given further consideration for inclusion in the WSRS. Tentative classifications of the various parcels include wild, scenic, and recreational. The FEIS also addresses interim management of these parcels until the Congress decides to consider them further for possible inclusion in the WSRS.

The Proposed Green River RMP FEIS also documents the results of conducting the coal planning/screening process, including application of the Coal Unsuitability Criteria, in the planning area. In applying the 20 coal unsuitability criteria (43 CFR 3461) to the Federal coal lands with development potential in the planning area, about 12,600 acres were found to be unsuitable for further consideration for leasing under 5 of the criteria:

- Criterion 1—Federal Land Systems
- Criterion 2—Rights-of-Way and Easements
- Criterion 3—Wilderness Study areas
- Criterion 16—Floodplains
- Criterion 17—Municipal Watersheds

All other phases of the coal screening/planning process, including identification of the Federal coal lands that would be unacceptable and acceptable for further leasing consideration under each alternative, are also documented in the FEIS.

Three new ACECs proposed for designation in the proposed Green River RMP would be given management priority and emphasis to maintain or enhance the following values:

- Candidate threatened and endangered plant species in four separate locations

- Visual and historical integrity of historic trails and their surrounding viewscape in the South Pass area
- Wildlife habitats and vegetation communities in the Steamboat Mountain area

The designations on the existing ACECs would be retained and would be given management priority and emphasis to maintain or enhance the following values:

- Important cultural, scenic and wildlife habitat values in the Cedar Canyon area
- Unique and unusual geological features associated with the sand dunes, Boars Tusk, diverse biological interrelationships supported by the sand dunes, especially the Steamboat desert elk herd, mule deer herd, and other dependent plants and animals, in the Greater Sand Dunes area
- Unique and important cultural, historical, recreational, and geological values in the Natural Corrals area
- Historic landmark, significant wildlife values, and the scenic integrity in the Oregon Buttes area
- Important cultural, historic, and prehistoric resource values in the Pine Springs area
- Fragile soils, Colorado River cutthroat trout, and water quality values in the Red Creek Watershed area
- Educational opportunities and important cultural, wildlife, scenic, and Native American values in the White Mountain Petroglyphs area

Additionally, two of the existing ACECs would be expanded in size. The Pine Springs ACEC would be expanded to include more historic resource values, and the Red Creek watershed would be expanded to include a larger watershed area and habitat for the Colorado River cutthroat trout, a candidate species for listing as a threatened or endangered species.

The management actions for each proposed, existing, and expanded ACEC include restrictions on surface disturbing activities and other land uses, such as limitations on oil and gas and coal exploration and development activities, geophysical exploration, right-of-way construction, and vehicular travel. Portions of the ACECs may be closed to future locatable mineral exploration and development, subject to valid existing rights. The level of these various kinds of restrictions and the types of land uses affected would be different in each ACEC. Copies of the proposed Green River RMP FEIS are available at the Green River Resource Area Office at the above address.

Dated: March 28, 1996.

Alan R. Pierson,
State Director.

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Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council; Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District.

NOTICE: Notice of Meeting of Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project Subgroup of the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council.

ACTION: Meeting of Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project Subgroup of the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council; Spokane, Washington; April 26, 1996.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project Subgroup of the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council will be held on April 26, 1996, at the Quality Inn Valley Suites Hotel, East 8923 Mission Avenue, Spokane, Washington, 99212. The meeting will convene at 1:30 p.m. and adjourn at 4:30 p.m. or upon completion of business. Public comments will be received from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The topic of the meeting is to review the status of the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Hubbard, Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District Office, 1103 N. Fancher Road, Spokane, Washington, 99212; or call 509-536-1200.

Dated: April 2, 1996.

Cathy L. Harris,
Acting District Manager.

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Resource Advisory Council Meeting, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting of the Wyoming Resource Advisory Council.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and agenda for a meeting of the Wyoming Resource Advisory Council (RAC).

DATES: May 9, 1996, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. and May 10, 1996, from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: UW Meeting Center, Room 150, 951 North Poplar, Casper, WY 82602.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terri Trevino, RAC Coordinator, Wyoming Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82003, (307) 775-6020.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda for the meeting will include:

1. Status of Green River Basin Advisory Committee
2. Reports from RAC sub-groups
3. Committee Training
4. Public Comment

This meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to the Council or file written statements for the council's consideration. Anyone wishing to make an oral statement should notify the RAC Coordinator, at the above address by May 1, 1996.

Depending on the number of persons wishing to make oral statements, a time limit, per person, may be established by the Chair of the Resource Advisory Council.

Alan R. Pierson,
State Director.

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Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification; Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The following public lands in Sublette County, Wyoming has been examined and found suitable for classification for conveyance to Sublette and Teton Counties, under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act (as amended 43 USC 869 et. seq.). Sublette County and Teton County propose to use the land for a landfill.

Sixth Principal Meridian

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Sec. 22, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.
These lands contain 160 acres.

The lands are not needed for Federal purposes. Conveyance is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest.

The patent, when issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purpose Act and to all applicable

regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Resource Area, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming, or by calling Grace Jensen, Realty Specialist, at (307) 367-4358.

Upon publication of this notice in the Federal Register, the lands will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purpose Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register, interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed conveyance or classification of the lands to the Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Resource Area, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941.

Classification Comments: Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a landfill. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

Application Comments: Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for a landfill.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the Rock Springs District Manager. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register.

Dated: March 14, 1996.

David E. Harper,
Realty Specialist.

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Special Area—Fee Adjustment

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Fee adjustment for use of Special Area within Butte County, California.

SUMMARY: The BLM is adjusting the daily fee from \$1.50 per site, per day to \$2.50 per site, per day for recreational mineral collection at the Forks of Butte Creek Special Recreation Management Area. This fee adjustment is required to reflect the current market value of the recreation opportunity being offered by BLM, and to reduce over-crowding within the Special Recreation Management Area.

DATES: This fee adjustment will take effect April 5, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles M. Schultz, Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 355 Hemsted Drive, Redding, CA 96002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forks of Butte Creek Special Recreation Management Area in Butte County, California, was placed under protective withdrawal (S 4528) by Public Land Order 5329 on January 18, 1973, to segregate the area from all forms of appropriation, including the mining laws. While the mineral rights to much of this area continue to be held under mining claims that pre-date this withdrawal, several segments (sites of Butte Creek are not encumbered with mining claims. These sites have become extremely popular for recreational mineral collection via panning, sluicing and dredging.

Since April 15, 1987, the BLM has required recreational panners, sluicers and dredgers to obtain, and operate under the terms of, a use permit for mineral collection within the Forks of Butte Creek Special Recreational Management Area. Use permits are required for all forms of intrusive mineral collection such as dredging, pumping, sluicing, and extensive panning. Extensive panning is defined as panning which uses a digging instrument with a blade larger than 4 inches wide and 8 inches long. No use permit is required for non-intrusive gold panning, using only a small spoon or trowel for digging.

The fee for intrusive use has been \$1.50 per site, per day. By adjusting the fee to \$2.50 per site, per day, the fee better reflects the market value of the opportunity being offered, and reduce over-crowding on the creek.

The authority for this fee adjustment is 43 CFR 8372. Any person who