

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.