

3, 1879, 43 U.S.C. 31 and Executive Order 12906.

**DATES:** The Program Announcement and application forms for this program are expected to be available on or about February 1, 1999. Applications must be received on or before March 2, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of Program Announcement No. 99HQPA0005 for the NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program may be obtained through the Internet at <[www.usgs.gov/contracts/index.html](http://www.usgs.gov/contracts/index.html)>. Copies of the Program Announcement may also be obtained by writing to: Ms. Karen Staubs, U.S. Geological Survey, Office of Acquisition and Federal Assistance, Mail Stop 205B, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, (703) 648-7372, FAX (703) 648-7901. Requests for paper copy must be in writing. Telephonic requests will not be honored.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For the NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program contact Ms. Kathleen Craig, U.S. Geological Survey, Office of Acquisition and Federal Assistance, Mail Stop 205B, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192; (703) 648-7357, fax (703) 648-7901.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program proposals are to be directed towards either of two types of effort. The first is the creation of descriptions (metadata) of 'framework' digital geospatial data sets and serving those descriptions for search and retrieval through the distributed, electronically connected network of public internet-based clearinghouses—the National Spatial Data Infrastructure National Geospatial Data Clearinghouse. The second type of effort is providing clearinghouse/metadata technical assistance to organizations to enable the documentation and serving of metadata for 'framework' data. The geographic data themes known as 'framework' data are transportation, hydrography, elevation, digital orthoimagery, government boundaries, geodetic control, and cadastral information.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-020-1220-00]

#### Sonoma-Gerlach and Paradise-Denio Management Framework Plan Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of comment period extension.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102 (2) (c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, notice is given that the Winnemucca Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the management of the West Arm of the Black Rock Desert, located in Humboldt, Pershing and Washoe Counties, Nevada.

**DATES AND ADDRESSES:** A 30 day extension to the comment period has been granted. Written comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement must be postmarked by February 15, 1999.

A copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement can be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca Field Office, ATTN: Gerald Moritz, Project Manager, 5100 E. Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is available for inspection at the following additional locations: Bureau of Land Management, Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, Nevada; Humboldt County Library, Winnemucca, Nevada; Pershing County Public Library, Lovelock, Nevada; Washoe County Public Library, Reno, Nevada; Washoe County Branch Library, Gerlach, Nevada; Susanville Library District, Susanville, California; University of Nevada Library in Reno, Nevada; and the Sacramento City College Library, Sacramento. In addition, the entire document is available on the World Web at the following address: [www.nv.blm.gov/Winnemucca/BlackrockEIS.htm](http://www.nv.blm.gov/Winnemucca/BlackrockEIS.htm)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gerald Moritz, Project Manager at the above Winnemucca Field Office Address or telephone (702) 623-1500.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

#### Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service

[MT-920-08-1220-00, 1617P]

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for an Off-Highway Vehicle Amendment to Resource Management Plans and Forest Plans

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior and Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and U.S. Forest Service (FS), Region 1, propose to amend their respective resource management plans and forest plans in Montana, North Dakota, and portions of South Dakota. This action is necessary so managing agencies can responsibly manage the land and meet people needs. With an increase of off-highway vehicle (OHV) traffic; i.e., motorcycles, four-wheel drive vehicles, all terrain vehicles, etc., the BLM and the FS have observed the spread of noxious weeds, user conflicts, soil erosion, damage to cultural sites, and disruption of wildlife and wildlife habitat. The BLM and FS propose changing the areas currently open seasonally or yearlong to cross-country OHV use to a designation that allows for travel only on roads and trails. However, this amendment would not change most of the current limited or closed designations, or designated intensive off-road vehicle use areas. Exceptions for off-road travel will be considered in the analysis for game retrieval, camping, or disabled access. Access allowed under the terms and conditions of a federal lease or permit would not be affected by the proposal.

In the future, areas could be identified for intensive use and/or trail development. As joint lead agencies, the BLM and FS will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to analyze the impacts of this proposal and any alternatives. Travel planning currently under consideration at individual FS and BLM offices will continue and those analyses with recent decisions will remain in place under this proposal.

**DATES:** Comments and recommendations on this notice should be received in writing no later than March 31, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments concerning this notice to OHV Plan