

Executive Council (WFEC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The next meeting will be held on March 19–20, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on March 19 and from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on March 20 at the Peppermill Resort, 2707 South Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89502.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shari Eckhoff, Designated Federal Officer, 300 E. Mallard Drive, Suite 170, Boise, Idaho 83706; telephone (208) 334-1552; fax (208) 334-1549; or email Shari_Eckhoff@ios.doi.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The WFEC is established as a discretionary advisory committee under the authorities of the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture, in furtherance of 43 U.S.C. 1457 and provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a–742j), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*), the National Wildlife Refuge System improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee), and the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1600 *et seq.*) and in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. The Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture certify that the formation of the WFEC is necessary and is in the public interest.

The purpose of the WFEC is to provide advice on coordinated national-level wildland fire policy and to provide leadership, direction, and program oversight in support of the Wildland Fire Leadership Council. Questions related to the WFEC should be directed to Shari Eckhoff (Designated Federal Officer) at Shari_Eckhoff@ios.doi.gov or (208) 334-1552 or 300 E. Mallard Drive, Suite 170, Boise, Idaho 83706–6648.

Meeting Agenda: The meeting agenda will include: (1) Welcome and introduction of Council members; (2) Wildland Fire Governance; (3) Barriers and Critical Success Factors related to the Cohesive Strategy; (4) Regional Action Plans; (5) Communications Update; (6) Administrative Items; (7) Public comments which will be scheduled for 10:00 to 11:00 on March 20; (8) and closing remarks.

Participation is open to the public.

Public Input: All WFEC meetings are open to the public. Members of the public who wish to participate must notify Shari Eckhoff at Shari_Eckhoff@ios.doi.gov no later than the Friday preceding the meeting. Those who are not committee members and wish to present oral statements or obtain information should contact Shari

Eckhoff via email no later than the Friday preceding the meeting. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited.

Questions about the agenda or written comments may be emailed or submitted by U.S. Mail to: Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, Office of Wildland Fire, Attention: Shari Eckhoff, 300 E. Mallard Drive, Suite 170, Boise, Idaho 83706–6648. WFEC requests that written comments be received by the Friday preceding the scheduled meeting. Attendance is open to the public, but limited space is available. Persons with a disability requiring special services, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact Ms. Eckhoff at (202) 527-0133 at least seven calendar days prior to the meeting.

Dated: February 19, 2013.

Shari Eckhoff,

Designated Federal Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Colorado Plateau Rapid Ecoregional Assessment

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) first Rapid Ecoregional Assessment (REA) covering land in four western states. The Colorado Plateau REA includes parts of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah. It has an area of 32,387 square miles and includes all or portions of 16 BLM field offices.

ADDRESSES: The REA, and its associated data, are available through the BLM Web site at: http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/Landscape_Approach.html.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Prentice, Natural Resource Specialist, 202-912-7223, kprentic@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individuals during business hours. The FIRS is available 24

hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces the availability of the first REA issued by the BLM covering land in four western states. Although the BLM is publishing this Notice for the first REA, subsequent REAs will be made available on the Web site listed in the **ADDRESSES** section without publication in the **Federal Register**. REAs assemble information that can be used to guide public lands management. They use existing scientific information to identify resource conditions and trends within an ecoregion, a large geographic area that shares similar characteristics. This innovative large-scale approach is designed to help identify patterns of environmental change that may not be evident when managing smaller land areas. Additional REAs covering the Central Basin and Range, Mojave Basin and Range, Northwestern Great Plains/Northwestern Glaciated Plains, Middle Rockies, Sonoran Desert, and the Seward Peninsula-Nulato Hills-Kotzebue Lowlands ecoregions are in preparation and will be made publicly available on the BLM Web site as they are completed. In 2013, the BLM plans to complete REAs for the Northern Basin and Range, Snake River Plain, Wyoming Basin, and Yukon River Lowlands/Kuskokwim Mountains/Lime Hills, all of which began in 2011. The BLM is conducting pre-assessment work for potential REAs in the Beaufort Coastal Plain, Brooks Hills, Chihuahuan Desert, Southern Great Plains (3 ecoregions), and Madrean Archipelago. Each REA highlights and maps areas of both high and low ecological values. Lands with relatively high ecological values can be managed to ensure that their wildlife habitat is properly conserved. Lands with relatively low ecological value could be best-suited for siting future development, such as transmission lines. Each REA also gauges the potential risks to these lands from four key environmental "change agents:" Climate change, wildfires, invasive species, and development. REAs use information about the natural resources of all the lands within an ecoregion. In this way, the REAs can provide a foundation for formulating coordinated strategies that can respond more effectively to climate change, wildfire, and other environmental challenges that transcend land management boundaries. The BLM prepared its REAs in cooperation with

other Federal and state land management agencies.

Procedural Requirements: The REAs provide science-based information and tools for land managers and stakeholders to consider in resource planning and decision-making processes, such as Resource Management Plans and Environmental Impact Statements. Consequently, the REAs do not contain findings and recommendations, nor do they make management decisions or allocate resource uses. The issuance of REAs by the BLM does not constitute a rulemaking.

Edwin Roberson,

Assistant Director, Bureau of Land Management.

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Notice of Public Meetings: Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will hold two meetings in Nevada in fiscal year 2013. The meetings are open to the public.

DATES AND TIMES: April 4–5 at the BLM Carson City District Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road in Carson City, Nevada and a field trip on April 5; August 8–9 at the BLM Winnemucca District Office, 5100 East Winnemucca Blvd. and a field trip on August 9. Approximate meeting times are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. However, meetings could end earlier if discussions and presentations conclude before 4 p.m. All meetings will include a public comment period at approximately 2 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Ross, Public Affairs Specialist, Carson City District Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701, telephone: (775) 885-6107, email: lross@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf

(TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Nevada. Topics for discussion at each meeting will include, but are not limited to:

- April 4–5 (Carson City)—rangeland health assessments, Carson City Resource Management Plan, greater sage-grouse/Bi State conservation, recreation, and fire restoration (field trip on April 5).
- August 8–9 (Winnemucca)—landscape vegetative management and ongoing monitoring, recreation/wilderness management and Emergency Stabilization and Restoration (field trip on August 9).

Managers' reports of field office activities will be given at each meeting. The Council may raise other topics at the meetings.

Final agendas will be posted on-line at the BLM Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin RAC Web site at http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/res/resource_advisory.html and will be published in local and regional media sources at least 14 days before each meeting.

Individuals who need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, or who wish to receive a copy of each agenda, may contact Lisa Ross no later than 10 days prior to each meeting.

Erica Haspiel-Szlosek,

Chief, Office of Communications.

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Notice of Public Meetings: Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will hold three meetings in Nevada in fiscal year 2013. The meetings are open to the public.

DATES AND TIMES: March 21–22 in Las Vegas, Nevada, location to be determined; July 11 in Las Vegas, Nevada, location to be determined; and Sept. 12 via video teleconference. Meeting times will be published in local and regional media sources at least 14 days before each meeting. All meetings will include a public comment period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chris Hanefeld, Public Affairs Specialist, Ely District Office, 702 North Industrial Way, HC 33 Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301, telephone: (775) 289-1842, email: chanefel@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Nevada. Topics for discussion at each meeting will include, but are not limited to:

- March 21–22 (Las Vegas)—Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA), Battle Mountain District and Southern Nevada District resource management plans, and permitted recreation (date of field trip to be determined).

• July 11 (Las Vegas)—Energy and transmission, Battle Mountain District and Southern Nevada District resource management plans, and permitted recreation.

• September 12 (video teleconference)—Energy and transmission, and desert tortoise. Managers' reports of field office activities will be given at each meeting. The Council may raise other topics at the meetings.

Final agendas will be posted on-line at the BLM Mojave-Southern Great Basin RAC Web site at http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/res/resource_advisory.html and will be published in local and regional media