

will meet on Thursday, September 24, 1998, in the Grand Junction District Conference Room, 2815 H. Road, Grand Junction, Colorado.

Newly-appointed Resource Advisory Council Members will be introduced at the meeting. Other agenda items include a discussion about the U.S. Forest Service joining the advisory council, a discussion about proposed statewide recreation guidelines, and subcommittee reports.

The meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements at the meetings or submit written statements following the meeting. Per-person time limits for oral statements may be set to allow all interested persons an opportunity to speak.

Summary minutes of council meetings are maintained in both the Grand Junction and Craig District Offices. They are available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting.

Dated: August 24, 1998.

Mark T. Morse,

District Manager, Craig and Grand Junction Districts.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-067-1990-00 (0002)]

Southeast New Mexico Playa Lakes Coordinating Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Southeast New Mexico Playa Lakes Coordinating Committee Meeting.

DATES: September 29, 1998, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Bowers, Acting Field Office Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 620 E. Greene Street, Carlsbad, NM 88220 (505) 887-6544.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee is responsible for coordinating investigations and mitigation measures needed to resolve the issue of wildlife mortality on the playas in southeastern New Mexico. The agenda will include discussing action measures to bring closure to this issue and discuss whether there is a need to continue with the Committee. The meeting will be held at the Carlsbad Field Office, 620 E. Greene St., Carlsbad, NM. Summary minutes will be

maintained in the Carlsbad Field Office and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours (7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) within 30 days following the meeting. Copies will be available for the cost of duplication.

Dated: August 26, 1998.

Gary Bowers,

Acting Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-017-98-1430-00; COC-60216]

Notice of Intent To Amend the White River Resource Management Plan, Colorado

Notice of Exchange Proposal (COC-61936)

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

ACTION: Notice of Intent To Amend the White River Resource Management Plan; Notice of Exchange Proposal.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Bureau of Land Management, White River Resource Area, Colorado, will be preparing an Environmental Assessment-level plan amendment to the White River Resource Management Plan. The plan amendment will assess impacts of complete revocation of the Oil Shale Withdrawal (PLO 4522) as it affects lands within the jurisdictional boundaries of the White River Resource Area. The applicable decision in the Resource Management Plan, approved July 1, 1997, was to modify the withdrawal to allow discretionary actions.

Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is considering an exchange of public lands in Garfield County for private lands owned by Union Oil Company of California, also in Garfield County, pursuant to Section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716), as amended. The following public lands are being considered for exchange by the United States:

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 4 S., R. 95 W., 6th P.M.,

Sec. 22, W¹/₂;

Sec. 23, SE¹/₄NW¹/₄, E¹/₂SW¹/₄;

Sec. 34, SW¹/₄.

T. 5 S., R. 95 W.,

Sec. 4, lots 5 and 7.

T. 5 S., R. 96 W.,

Sec. 15, SE¹/₄NE¹/₄.

T. 6 S., R. 96 W.,

Sec. 21, NE¹/₄SW¹/₄.

Containing 753.38 acres.

The following private lands are being considered for exchange to the United States:

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 4 S., R. 95 W.,

Sec. 35, S¹/₂S¹/₂N¹/₂, S¹/₂;

Sec. 36, S¹/₂S¹/₂N¹/₂, S¹/₂.

Containing 800 acres.

The actual acreage transferred may be adjusted, based on values as determined by an appraisal.

The above-noted environmental assessment will also address the exchange proposal. The described public lands are identified in the Resource Management Plan as Category II lands for the purposes of land tenure adjustment. They are suitable for disposal by exchange, but not by direct sale under Section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. Since the Oil Shale Withdrawal precludes disposal by any method, it must be modified or revoked to complete the proposed exchange. Based on an initial determination that the potential for non-discretionary actions within the withdrawn area is low, review of revoking the withdrawal is now deemed reasonable.

If a patent to the above described public lands is issued pursuant to an exchange, it will be subject to valid existing rights, and the United States will reserve the oil, gas, and coal. Any water rights appurtenant to and used on the respective parcels would be conveyed, provided that water rights used elsewhere, or not appurtenant to the specified parcels would be reserved. Union will convey only the surface estate in the offered parcels.

As a part of this exchange, Union would also convey to the United States a non-exclusive easement over segments of the Cow Creek Road crossing private parcels not subject to the exchange proposal. They would also reserve a non-exclusive easement for roads crossing the offered parcels.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted for a period of 30 days following the publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, White River Resource Area, 73544 Highway 64, Meeker, CO 81641.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vern Rholl, BLM White River Resource Area, 970-878-3601.