

determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

Dated: March 31, 1997.

**Bob Armstrong,**

*Assistant Secretary of the Interior.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-985-0777-66; WYW 136534]

#### Proposed Realty Action, Park County, Wyoming

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Realty Action.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) Cody Resource Area has examined the following described public land and Bureau of Reclamation-withdrawn (BOR) land in Park County, Wyoming and have determined the land to be suitable for classification and lease to the city of Cody under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). The Area Manager, Wyoming Area Office, of the BOR has concurred with the examination and determination.

#### Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming

*T. 52 N., R. 100 W.,*

Sec. 6, a strip of land 350 feet long, 40 feet wide (0.32 acre), across a portion of lot 43 C as defined by map survey.

Sec. 7, W $\frac{1}{2}$  of lot 5, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of lot 5, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of lot 5, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$  of lot 39, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of lot 39, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 8, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Containing 148.18 acres, more or less.

The area to be leased consists of 92.5 acres for the archery range, and 3.63 acres for an access road (total 96.13 acres). The city of Cody proposes to use the land as an archery range, with a separate agreement between the city of Cody and the Cody Archery Club allowing the club to construct, operate, and maintain the archery range.

The area classified as suitable (148.18 acres) is greater than the area to be leased because of the need to include the access road in the lease. The land is not needed for Federal purposes. Leasing is consistent with current BLM land use planning, and would be in the public interest. Because of safety and vandalism concerns, the lease area 996.13 acres) would be closed to

general public use involving firearms, off-road vehicles, overnight camping, and after-dark activities. The lease, when issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. All valid existing rights documented on the official public land records at the time of lease issuance.

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

4. Any other reservations that the authorized officer determines appropriate to ensure public access and proper management of Federal lands and interest therein.

An open house was held on February 24th, 1997, to inform the public, including adjacent landowners, of the proposal. No adverse comments were received.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws.

**Classification Comments:** Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for an archery range. 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 an archery range facility. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the BLM State Director. 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**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Cody Resource Area, 1002 Blackburn Avenue, Cody, Wyoming.

**COMMENTS:** 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 classification or lease of the

lands to the Area Manager, Cody Resource Area, P.O. Box 518, Cody, Wyoming 82414-0518. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondent will be available for public review at the Cody District Office, 1002 Blackburn Avenue, Cody, Wyoming during regular business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: April 2, 1997.

**Darrell Barnes,**

*Worland District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-980-1430-00; WYW 139351]

#### Proposed Exchange and Intent To Conduct a Planning Review for Great Divide Resource Area, Rawlins, WY

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Great Divide Resource Area, Rawlins, Wyoming, pursuant to Section 206 of the Act of October 21, 1976, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 1716, has entered into an agreement to initiate a land exchange in Carbon County, Wyoming. The BLM invites the public to identify issues and concerns to be addressed in the environmental analysis of the proposed exchange and planning review.

**DATES:** As part of this process, three public scoping meetings have been scheduled. The first scoping meeting is scheduled for April 21, 1997, at 6:30 p.m., at the Jeffrey Center Memorial Community Center, Third and Spruce, Rawlins, Wyoming. The second scoping meeting will take place in Saratoga, Wyoming, at 7:30 p.m., April 22, 1997, at the Saratoga High School. On April 24, 1997, at 6:30 p.m., the third scoping meeting will be held at the Town of

Hanna Administration Office, 301 S. Adams, Hanna, Wyoming.

Any additional public involvement activities that may become necessary will be announced through other notices, mailings, or news releases. If the planning review results in the need to amend the Great Divide Resource Management Plan (RMP), a 30-day comment/protest period on the amendment proposal will also be announced through other notices, mailings, or news releases.

Interested parties may submit comments concerning the proposed exchange to the Area Manager, Great Divide Resource Area, at the address below. In order to be considered in the environmental analysis of the proposed exchange, comments must be in writing to the Area Manager and must be postmarked or delivered no later than 45 days after initial publication of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Interested parties may obtain further information or request to be placed on the Rawlins BLM District mailing list by contacting John Spehar, Project Coordinator, at the Great Divide Resource Area Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1300 North Third Street, Rawlins, Wyoming 82301, telephone 307-328-4264.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The exchange has been jointly proposed by Wyoming Land Exchange Limited Liability Company (Wyoming Land Exchange) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The exchange would result in the BLM acquiring private lands east of Seminoe Reservoir and Palm Livestock Company acquiring scattered lands in Carbon County, Wyoming. The proposed exchange would lock up in Federal ownership a 50,000 acre block of land east of Seminoe Reservoir and transfer into private ownership parcels of Federal land that are isolated and difficult to manage.

The following public lands located south, west, and east of Walcott, Wyoming, in the vicinity of Elk Mountain, and east, west, and north of Saratoga, Wyoming, are being considered for exchange by the United States:

**Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming**

*T. 19 N., R. 80 W., 6th P.M., Carbon County, Wyoming*

Section 2: Lots 1-4, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

*T. 19 N., R. 81 W., 6th P.M., Carbon County, Wyoming*

Section 6: Lots 1-7, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> (ALL)

Section 8: N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Section 14: S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

Section 18: Lots 1-4, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> (ALL)

Section 26: N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

*T. 20 N., R. 81 W., 6th P.M., Carbon County, Wyoming*

Section 2: NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Section 6: Lots 1-6, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Section 8: NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Section 18: Lots 5-16

Section 20: SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Section 28: SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Section 30: Lots 1-4, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> (ALL)

Section 32: All

*T. 21 N., R. 81 W., 6th P.M., Carbon County, Wyoming*

Section 32: S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>,

NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Section 34: SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

*T. 17 N., R. 82 W., 6th P.M., Carbon County, Wyoming*

Section 33: SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Section 34: SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

*T. 19 N., R. 82 W., 6th P.M., Carbon County, Wyoming*

Section 2: Lot 1, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Section 12: Lots 1-16 (ALL)

Section 14: SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Section 18: Lots 1-4, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> (ALL)

Section 22: Lot 1

Section 24: Lots 1-12

*T. 20 N., R. 82 W., 6th P.M., Carbon County, Wyoming*

Section 2: Lots 1-4, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

Section 4: Lots 1-4, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

Section 6: Lot 6, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Section 8: All

Section 10: All

Section 12: All

Section 14: All

Section 18: Lots 1-4, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> (ALL)

Section 20: SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Section 24: All

Section 26: N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

Section 28: SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Section 30: Lots 1-4, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> (ALL)

*T. 19 N., R. 83 W., 6th P.M., Carbon County, Wyoming*

Section 18: Lots 1-4, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> (ALL)

Section 20: All

Section 28: W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

Section 32: All

*T. 20 N., R. 83 W., 6th P.M., Carbon County, Wyoming*

Section 2: S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

Section 4: S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>,

SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

Section 10: All

Section 12: All

Section 14: All

Section 24: All

Section 34: E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

*T. 17 N., R. 84 W., 6th P.M., Carbon County, Wyoming*

Section 6: Lots 2-6, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; with mineral estate included in exchange.

*T. 18 N., R. 84 W., 6th P.M., Carbon County, Wyoming*

Section 2: Lots 1-4, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> (ALL)

Section 4: Lots 1-4, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> (ALL)

Section 8: N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>,

NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Section 10: All

Section 14: All

Section 26: N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

*T. 19 N., R. 84 W., 6th P.M., Carbon County, Wyoming*

Section 24: ALL

*T. 21 N., R. 85 W., 6th P.M., Carbon County, Wyoming*

Section 8: Lots 4, 8, NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

*Total Selected Federal Lands:*

Approximately 24,626 acres.

**Reservations:**

Public lands patented pursuant to this exchange will have the following reservations:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States pursuant to the Act of August 30, 1890, 43 U.S.C. 945.

2. Where minerals are to be reserved to the United States, the following is standard patent language:

All minerals in the lands so patented pursuant to Section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1719, including, without limitation, substances subject to disposition under the general mining laws, the general mineral leasing laws, the Materials Act and the Geothermal Steam Act, and to it, or persons authorized by it, the right to prospect for, mine and remove the minerals from the same under applicable law and such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe. This includes all necessary and incidental activities conducted in accordance with the provisions of the mining, geothermal and mineral leasing, and material disposal laws in effect at the time such activities are undertaken, including, without limitation, necessary access and exit rights, all drilling, underground, open pit or surface mining operations, storage and transportation facilities deemed necessary and authorized under law and implementing regulations.

3. Covenants for the protection of archaeological sites that are determined to be of National Historic Register quality may be in the patent. Covenants would include restrictions on disturbance of the sites, removal of artifacts, guaranteed access to the sites for evaluation by BLM and the State Historic Preservation Officer, and penalties for violating the archaeological covenants.

In exchange, the United States would acquire the following described lands located east of Seminoe Reservoir in Carbon County:

**Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming**

T. 22 N., R. 83 W., 6th P.M., Carbon County, Wyoming

Section 1: All  
Section 3: All  
Section 5: All  
Section 7: All  
Section 9: All  
Section 11: All  
Section 13: All  
Section 15: All  
Section 17: W<sup>1/2</sup>  
Section 19: All  
Section 21: All  
Section 23: All  
Section 29: All  
Section 31: All

T. 23 N., R. 83 W., 6th P.M., Carbon County, Wyoming

Section 1: All

Less that portion situated below elevation of 6,357 feet above sea level as conveyed to the United States of America, as described in Warranty Deed dated October 7, 1938, and recorded in Book 236 Page 138, of the Records of Carbon County, Wyoming.

Section 3: All  
Section 5: All  
Section 7: All  
Section 9: All  
Section 11: All  
Section 13: All  
Section 15: All  
Section 17: All  
Section 19: All  
Section 21: All  
Section 23: All  
Section 27: All  
Section 29: All  
Section 31: All  
Section 33: All  
Section 35: All

T. 24 N., R. 83 W., 6th P.M., Carbon County, Wyoming

Section 19: All  
Section 27: All  
Section 29: All  
Section 31: All  
Section 33: All  
Section 35: All

Less that portion of Section 19, 27, 29, and 35 situated below elevation 6,357 feet above sea level as conveyed to the United States of America, as described in Warranty Deed dated October 7, 1938, and recorded in Book 236 Page 138 of the Records of Carbon County, Wyoming.

T. 23 N., R. 84 W., 6th P.M., Carbon County, Wyoming

Section 1: All  
Section 11: All  
Section 13: All  
Section 23: All  
Section 25: All

Less that portion of Sections 1, 11, 13, 23, and 25, situated below elevation 6,357 feet above sea level as conveyed to the United States of America and as described in Warranty Deed dated October 7, 1938, and recorded in Book 236 Page 138 of the Records of Carbon County, Wyoming.

T. 24 N., R. 84 W., 6th P.M., Carbon County, Wyoming

Section 23: All  
Section 25: All

Section 35: All

Less that portion of Sections 23, 25, and 35 situated below elevation 6,357 feet above sea level as conveyed to the United States of America and as described in Warranty Deed dated October 7, 1938, and recorded in Book 236 Page 138 of the Records of Carbon County, Wyoming.

*Total Offered Non-Federal Lands:*  
Approximately 24,900 acres.

The proposed exchange would be based on fair market value appraisal which would result in equal value for equal value, not necessarily acre for acre. This would ensure an equitable trade for the public and Wyoming Land Exchange and Palm Livestock Company.

Subject to valid existing rights, the public lands identified above have been segregated from appropriation under the public land laws and mineral laws for a period of 5 years.

Where the mineral estate is not included in the exchange, the mineral estate would remain in Federal ownership. The public lands identified above have a variety of rights-of-record, including rights-of-way. The records are located in the Great Divide Resource Area office in Rawlins, Wyoming.

Dated: April 2, 1997.

**Alan R. Pierson,**

*State Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

[NV-010-2811-01]

**Carson City District Fire Management Plan Amendment**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a plan amendment and environmental analysis and invitation for public participation.

**SUMMARY:** The Carson City field office of the Bureau of Land Management proposes to amend the Lahontan and Walker Resource Management Plans to address the management of fire within the Carson City District. Fire is an integral part of the ecosystem of the Carson City District. The Federal Wildland Fire Policy states that wildland fire, as a critical natural process, must be reintroduced into the ecosystem. The RMP's do not address fire management and its role in the natural ecosystem. The resource management plan amendment process will serve as the basis for decisions on

the management of fire in the Carson City District.

**DATES AND ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the plan amendment and environmental analysis are welcomed until May 6, 1997. Comments should be sent to Rosemary Thomas, Fire Management Officer, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, 1535 Hot Springs Road, Carson City, NV 89706.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The public is invited to participate in the identification of issues related to the management of fire in the Carson City District, located in western Nevada and northeastern California. Anticipated issues for the plan amendment are:

- Protection of human life
- Protection of Property
- Protection of natural/cultural resources
- Safe reintroduction of fire into natural ecosystems
- Reducing the cost of fire suppression
- Integration of fire and resource management strategies
- Air quality
- Recreation
- Watershed management
- Livestock grazing
- Visual resources
- Wildlife habitat

The plan amendment will focus on the following questions:

- Where is wildland fire not desired at all?
- Where is unplanned wildland fire likely to cause negative effects, but these effects may be mitigated or avoided through fuels management, prescribed fire, or other strategies?
- Where is fire desired to manage ecosystems, but there are constraints because of the existing vegetation condition?
- Where is fire desired, and there are no constraints associated with resource conditions or social and economic considerations?

A previous **Federal Register** Notice (Vol. 60, No. 57, page 15580, March 24, 1995) announced the District's intent to amend the Walker Resource Management Plan to address motorized vehicle designations and fire/woodland management for the Pine Nut Mountains. The fire/woodlands management issue will be incorporated into the District-wide fire management amendment. All public comments on the fire/woodland issue for the Pine Nut Mountains will be included as part of this scoping process for the District-wide fire management amendment. The Pine Nut Mountains Amendment will focus on the motorized vehicle management issue.

Planning documents and other pertinent materials may be examined at the Bureau of Land Management office in Carson City between 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.