

The Spatial Data Transfer Standard (SDTS) deals with transferring geospatial data among computer systems. The Raster Profile of SDTS is remotely related to the proposed swath standard because the Raster Profile can also be used to deal with remote sensing data. However, two important factors distinct them. First SDTS Raster Profile is a transfer standard while the proposed swath standard is a content standard. Second, SDTS Raster Profile only deals with two-dimensional geocoded raster data while the swath standard handles one, two, or higher dimensional data in raw sensor geometry. No other current FGDC, national, or international standard addresses this important facet of sharing remote sensing swath data.

Development and Completion Schedule

Execution of the timeline below will begin immediately following approval of this proposal.

1. Set up review committee—within 4 weeks after approval of proposal.
 2. Produce working draft of standard—within 6–8 weeks after committee impaneled.
 3. Conduct committee review—during 4–6 weeks after completion of working draft.
 4. Revise working draft—within 2 weeks after receipt of committee comments.
 5. Submit draft to SWG—within 2 weeks of final committee approval.
- The following steps will take place according to the timing specified by the FGDC review process.
6. Review revised draft (SWG).
 7. Produce revised draft for public review (NASDA/ESDIS).
 8. Conduct public review (FGDC).
 9. Respond to public comments (NASDA/ESDIS).
 10. Evaluate response to public comments (SWG).
 11. Approve standard for endorsement (SWG).
 12. Endorse standard (FGDC).

Resources Required

NASA/GSFC ESDIS Project will fund this project to develop the content standard for swath data.

Potential Participants

NASA, through its Mission to Planet Earth, is already bringing together many diverse groups within the remote sensing community. Through the continuing data standards work done for ESDIS, NASA has gained considerable insight into the requirements of these various groups. Other Federal agencies who produce a large amount of remote sensing data, such as NOAA, NIMA, and

USGS, can also participate in the standard development. Participation of the commercial remote sensing community in the standard development is also welcomed. In addition, under the auspices of the CEOS WGISS, many national and international space agencies will have the opportunity to participate in the development of the swath data model. These agencies play major roles within the remote sensing community.

Other Target Authorization Bodies

This proposed standard is not currently targeted for consideration by any other authorizing bodies. FGDC will serve as the target authorization body. As the FGDC content data standard for remotely sensed swath data, it is expected that this proposed standard could be subsequently authorized by ANSI, ISO, CEOS, or other groups.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 1, 1997.

CONTACT AND ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted via Internet mail or by submitting an electronic copy on diskette. Send comments via Internet to: gdc-swth@www.fgdc.gov. Comments e-mailed as attachments must be in ASCII format.

A soft copy version may be submitted on a 3.5 × 3.5 diskette in WordPerfect 5.0 or 6.0/6.1 format, along with one hardcopy version of the comments, to the FGDC Secretariat (attn: Jennifer Fox) at U.S. Geological Survey, 590 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20192.

Dated: July 25, 1997.

Richard E. Witmer,

Chief, National Mapping Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Coal Action, New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability, Record of Decision (ROD) for the Thermal Energy Preference Right Lease Applications (PRLA's) San Juan County, New Mexico.

SUMMARY: The PRLA process requires that ROD be made available to the public. The ROD is the document announcing the BLM's decision regarding PRLA commercial quantities determinations. This action establishes

the availability of the ROD for Thermal Energy's PRLA's.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the ROD can be obtained at the New Mexico State Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115.

Dated: July 25, 1997.

Richard A. Whitley,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Availability of Beaty Butte Allotment Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

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

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Beaty Butte Allotment Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (AMP/DEIS).

SUMMARY: The Lakeview District has analyzed the potential environmental impacts of a proposed AMP for the Beaty Butte Allotment (0600) in Lake and Harney Counties, Oregon. The proposed plan covers livestock grazing management activities on approximately 400,000 acres of public lands administered by the BLM.

DATES: This notice announces the opening of the public review period. Interested individuals, organizations, and other agencies are encouraged to provide written comments to the following address within 60 calendar days of the date the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency publishes its' Notice of Availability of the document in the **Federal Register** which is expected on or about August 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Scott Florence, Area Manager, Lakeview Resource Area, BLM, PO Box 151, Lakeview, OR 97630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Those individuals, organizations, native American tribes, agencies, and local governments with a known interest in the proposal have been sent a copy of the AMP/DEIS. Reading copies are also available at the Lake, Klamath, and Harney County, Oregon libraries, and at the Public Room, Oregon State Office, BLM, 1515 SW 5th, Portland, Oregon. Comments on the draft document will be considered in the preparation of the AMP/Final EIS. Because of recent court rulings, it is very important that those interested in the proposed action

participate during this comment opportunity so that any substantive comments are provided at a time when the BLM can meaningfully consider them.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard W. Mayberry, Project Coordinator, at address above, or telephone (541) 947-2177. Copies of the document may also be requested by contacting Mr. Mayberry or Paul Whitman at this same telephone number.

Scott R. Florence,

Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Bay-Delta Advisory Council Meetings

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Bay-Delta Advisory Council (BDAC) will meet to discuss several issues including: general concurrence on a CALFED Bay-Delta Program watershed management plan; update from the fact finding BDAC Ecosystem Restoration Work Group and discussion on the independent scientific review of the CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan; an update on the activities of the Ecosystem Restoration program and the Ecosystem Roundtable subcommittee; an update from the fact BDAC Assurances Work Group; discussion on the detailed evaluation of the Phase II alternatives and comparison of several alternatives using a sample decision matrix; and other issues. The Ecosystem Roundtable (a subcommittee of the BDAC) will meet to discuss the following issues: an update on the type and number of proposals received as a result of the 1997 Category III Request for Proposals; the evaluation and selection process for the proposals; and future priorities and schedule for the Restoration Coordination Program. Interested persons may make oral statements to the BDAC or to the Ecosystem Roundtable or may file written statements for consideration.

DATES: The Bay-Delta Advisory Council meeting will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 4, 1997. The Ecosystem Roundtable will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Bay-Delta Advisory Council will meet at the Berkeley Marina

Marriott, 200 Marina Blvd., Berkeley, CA 94710; Phone 510-548-7920. The Ecosystem Roundtable will meet in Room 1131, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For the BDAC meeting, contact Sharon Gross, CALFED Bay-Delta Program, at (916) 657-2666. For the Ecosystem Roundtable meeting contact Kate Hansel, CALFED Bay-Delta Program, at (916) 657-2666. If reasonable accommodation is needed due to a disability, please contact the Equal Employment Opportunity Office at (916) 653-6952 or TDD (916) 653-6934 at least one week prior to the meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta system) is a critically important part of California's natural environment and economy. In recognition of the serious problems facing the region and the complex resource management decisions that must be made, the state of California and the Federal government are working together to stabilize, protect, restore, and enhance the Bay-Delta system. The State and Federal agencies with management and regulatory responsibilities in the Bay-Delta system are working together as CALFED to provide policy direction and oversight for the process.

One area of Bay-Delta management includes the establishment of a joint State-Federal process to develop long-term solutions to problems in the Bay-Delta system related to fish and wildlife, water supply reliability, natural disasters, and water quality. The intent is to develop a comprehensive and balanced plan which addresses all of the resource problem. This effort, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program (Program), is being carried out under the policy direction of CALFED. The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is exploring and the developing a long-term solution for a cooperative planning process that will determine the most appropriate strategy and actions necessary to improve water quality, restore health to the Bay-Delta ecosystem, provide for a variety of beneficial uses, and minimize Bay-Delta system vulnerability. A group of citizen advisors representing California's agricultural, environmental, urban, business, fishing, and other interests who have a stake in finding long term solutions for the problems affecting the Bay-Delta system has been chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) as the Bay-Delta Advisory Council (BDAC) to advise CALFED on the program mission, problems to be addressed, and objectives for the

CALFED Bay-Delta Program. BDAC provides a forum to help ensure public participation, and will review reports and other materials prepared by CALFED staff. BDAC has established a subcommittee called the Ecosystem Roundtable to provide input on annual work plans to implement ecosystem restoration projects and programs.

Minutes of the meetings will be maintained by the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, Suite 1155, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California 95814, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday within 30 days following the meeting.

Dated: July 29, 1997.

Roger Patterson,

Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing that the information collection requests for the titles described below have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The information collection requests describe the nature of the information collections and their expected burden and cost.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 3, 1997, to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

To request a copy of either information collection request, explanatory information and related form, contact John A. Trelease at (202) 208-2783. You may also contact Mr. Trelease at jtreleas@osmre.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities