

Pokanoket/Wampanoag Federation/
Wampanoag Nation/Pokanoket Tribe/
And Bands, c/o Bernice Young, 77
Aquarius Drive, Warwick, Rhode
Island 02889. January 5, 1998.

Montaukett Tribe of Long Island, c/o
Robert D. Cooper, P.O. Box 126,
Austin Drive, East Hampton, New
York 11937-0126. March 16, 1998.

Comanche Penateka Tribe, c/o George
H. Salazar, 80 Lyerly, #82, Houston,
Texas 77022. April 3, 1998.

Western Arkansas Cherokee Tribe, c/o
Paul Thomas Vickers, P.O. Box 1131,
Midway, Arkansas 72653. April 7,
1998.

Calusa-Seminole Indian Nation, c/o
Wayne Bowen, 343 Soquel Avenue
#93, Santa Cruz, California 95062.
April 28, 1998.

Western Cherokee Nation of Arkansas
and Missouri, c/o Lola Smith Scholl,
Hwy. 351, Paragould, Arkansas 72450.
May 1, 1998.

Cherokee Nation West—Southern Band
of the Eastern Cherokee Indians of
Arkansas & Missouri, c/o Lee R.
Brodie, 1611 Cherokee Avenue, P.O.
Box 918, Seneca, Missouri 64865.
May 11, 1998.

The Displaced Elem Lineage
Emancipated Members Alliance
(DELEMA), c/o Richard J. Steward,
3357 Hoen Avenue, Santa Rosa,
California 95405. May 11, 1998.

Tribal Council of the Carrizo/
Comecrudo Nation of Texas, c/o Juan
B. Macias, 5319 East 6th Street,
Lubbock, Texas 79403. July 6, 1998.

Southern Pequot Tribe, c/o Ransford L.
Collins, 97 Fog Plain Road, Waterford,
Connecticut 06385. July 7, 1998

Shawnee Nation, Ohio Blue Creek Band
of Adams County, c/o Cora Tula
Watters, 696 Black's Run Road, Lynx,
Ohio 45650. August 5, 1998.

Konkow Valley Band of Maidu, c/o
Alfred E. Clark, 360B Grand Avenue,
Oroville, California 95965. August 11,
1998.

Piedmont American Indian Association,
c/o Howard E. (Gene) Norris, 411
Tebblewood Drive, Simpsonville,
South Carolina 29680. August 20,
1998

Mississippi Band of Chickasaw Indians,
c/o David Tomby, P.O. Box 3251,
Jackson, Mississippi 39207.
September 15, 1998.

Seaconke Wampanoag Tribe, c/o
Wilfred Greene, 347C Mishnock Road,
Greenwich, Rhode Island 02817.
October 29, 1998.

Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians of
California, c/o Susan Frank, P.O. Box
3022, Beaumont, California 92223.
November 3, 1998.

T'si-akim Maidu, c/o Donald E. Ryberg,
P.O. Box 3951, Quincy, California
95972. November 16, 1998.

This is a notice of receipt of these
letters of intent to petition and does not
constitute notice that the petitions are
under active consideration. Notice of
active consideration will be sent by mail
to the petitioner and other interested
parties at the appropriate time.

Under Section 83.9(a) of the Federal
regulations, third parties may submit
factual and/or legal arguments in
support of or in opposition to each
group's petition and may request to be
kept informed of all general actions
affecting the petition. Third parties
should provide copies of their
submissions to the petitioner. Any
information submitted will be made
available on the same basis as other
information in the BIA's files. The
petitioner will be provided an
opportunity to respond to such
submissions prior to a final
determination regarding the petitioner's
status.

The petitions may be examined, by
appointment, in the Department of the
Interior, BIA, Branch of
Acknowledgment and Research, Room
3427-MIB, 1849 C Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20240, Phone: (202)
208-3592.

Dated: December 28, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-951-99-1020-00]

**Call for Nominations for Butte
Resource Advisory Council**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is
to solicit public nominations for a
vacant Category 3 position on the Butte
Resource Advisory Council (RAC).
Category 3 is made up of individuals
who are representatives of state, county
and local government; Native American
tribes; academicians involved in natural
sciences; and the public at large. The
term of the position will expire in
September 1999.

The RACs provide advice and
recommendations to the Bureau of Land
Management (BLM) on land use
planning and management of public
lands within their geographic areas.

Public nominations will be
considered for 45 days after the

publication of this notice. Individuals
may nominate themselves or others;
nominees must be residents of Montana.
Nominees will be evaluated based on
their education, training, and
experience on the issues and knowledge
of the geographical area covered by the
Butte RAC. Nominees should have
demonstrated a commitment to
collaborative resource decision-making.

All nominations must be
accompanied by letters of reference
from represented interests or
organizations, a completed background
information nomination form, and any
other information that speaks to the
nominee's qualifications.

DATE: All nominations must be received
by the BLM Butte Field Office no later
than February 26, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeanne Sullivan, BLM Butte Field
Office, 106 North Parkmont, PO Box
3388, Butte, Montana 59701; telephone
406-494-5059.

Dated: December 30, 1998.

Bill Weatherly,

Acting Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[DES-98-57]

**Notice of Availability of Draft
Environmental Impact Statement**

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that
the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
has prepared a Draft Environmental
Impact Statement (EIS) for the Colorado
Sodium Products Development Project
(Project), located in Rio Blanco County
and Garfield County, Colorado.

DATES: In accordance with the National
Environmental Policy Act, the BLM will
conduct public meetings to solicit
comments on this draft EIS. These
public meetings will be held in two
locations:

1. Bureau of Land Management, White
River Resource Area Office, 73544
Highway 64, Meeker, Colorado, on
February 10, 1999, at 7:00 PM.

2. Town Hall Council Chambers, 222
Grand Valley Way, Parachute, Colorado,
on February 11, 1999 at 7:00 PM.

Written comments and
recommendations on this Draft EIS
should be received on or before March
9, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments
concerning this notice to Mr. Larry

Shults, Natural Resource Specialist, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, White River Resource Area, 73544 Highway 64, Meeker, CO 81641.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Shults, (970) 878-3601.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: American Soda, L.L.P. (American Soda) intends to construct and operate a commercial nahcolite solution mining operation in the northcentral portion of the Piceance Creek Basin in Rio Blanco County, Colorado. Nahcolite is naturally occurring sodium bicarbonate that is found in association with oil shale deposits. After the nahcolite is removed from the ground, it would be processed into a sodium carbonate solution and transported by a 44-mile pipeline south to a processing operation to be located at an existing industrial site in the Parachute Valley in Garfield County, Colorado. There it would be further processed to commercial grade sodium carbonate, sodium bicarbonate, and other sodium products which would then be shipped from the processing facility via a 4-mile long dedicated rail spur to an interstate rail connection near the town of Parachute.

John J. Mehlhoff,

Resource Area Manager, White River Resource Area.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM 030-1430-01; NMNM 86816]

Public land order No. 7375; Withdrawal of Public Lands for Sacramento Escarpment Area of Critical Environmental Concern; New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws 5,364.87 acres of public lands from surface entry and mining for a period of 20 years, for the Bureau of Land Management to protect and preserve the special status species, scenic values, and unique resources of the Sacramento Escarpment Area of Critical Environmental Concern. The lands have been and will remain open to mineral leasing. An additional 80 acres of non-Federal lands, if acquired by the United States, would become subject to the withdrawal.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 12, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lorraine J. Salas, BLM Las Cruces

District Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, 505-525-4388.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public lands are hereby withdrawn from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1994)), but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, to protect the Bureau of Land Management's Sacramento Escarpment Area of Critical Environmental Concern:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 17 S., R. 10 E.,

Sec. 4, S¹/₂NW¹/₄ and SW¹/₄ (unsurveyed);

Sec. 5, S¹/₂NE¹/₄, SE¹/₄NW¹/₄, and S¹/₂;

Sec. 7, SE¹/₄NE¹/₄, NE¹/₄SE¹/₄, and S¹/₂SE¹/₄;

Sec. 8, N¹/₂, SW¹/₄, NW¹/₄SE¹/₄, and

S¹/₂SE¹/₄;

Sec. 17, E¹/₂ and N¹/₂NW¹/₄ (unsurveyed);

Sec. 20, NE¹/₄ and E¹/₂SE¹/₄;

Sec. 28 (unsurveyed);

Sec. 29, E¹/₂;

Sec. 33 (unsurveyed).

T. 18 S., R. 10 E.,

Sec. 4 (unsurveyed);

Sec. 5, lots 1 and 2, and S¹/₂NE¹/₄;

Sec. 8, E¹/₂NE¹/₄;

Sec. 9 (unsurveyed);

Sec. 35, E¹/₂ (unsurveyed).

T. 19 S., R. 10 E.,

Sec. 2, E¹/₂NE¹/₄, NW¹/₄NE¹/₄,

N¹/₂SW¹/₄NE¹/₄, and N¹/₂NE¹/₄SE¹/₄.

The areas described aggregate approximately 5,364.87 acres in Otero County.

2. The following described non-Federal lands are located within the boundary of the Sacramento Escarpment Area of Critical Environmental Concern. In the event these lands return to Federal ownership, they would be subject to the terms and conditions of this withdrawal:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 17 S., R. 10 E.,

Sec. 8, NE¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 20, NW¹/₄SE¹/₄.

The areas described aggregate 80 acres in Otero County.

3. The withdrawal made by this order does not alter the applicability of those public land laws governing the use of the lands under lease, license, or permit, or governing the disposal of their mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

4. This withdrawal will expire 20 years from the effective date of this order unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (1994), the

Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

Dated: December 23, 1998.

John Berry,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Renewal of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid

AGENCY: United States Agency for International Development.

ACTION: Notice of renewal of advisory committee.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Administrator has determined that renewal of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid for a two-year period, beginning January 1, 1999, is necessary and in the public interest.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Noreen O'Meara, (202) 712-5979.

Dated: January 4, 1999.

Noreen O'Meara,

Director, Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA).

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Malaria Vaccine Development Program; Federal Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the USAID Malaria Vaccine Development Program (MVDP) Federal Advisory Committee. The meeting will be held from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm on January 20, 1999 and from 8:30 to noon on January 21, 1999 at the Conference Room of the Environmental Health Project located in Suite 300, 1611 North Kent Street in Arlington, VA 22209-2111.

The agenda will concentrate on the activities of the MVDP over the past six months and plans for the next year.

The meeting will be open to the public unless it is necessary to discuss procurement sensitive information; should this be the case, it will be announced and the meeting closed at the appropriate time. Any interested person may attend the meeting, may file written statements with the committee