

copies of their written comments, if possible. Comments that BLM receives after the date indicated in the **DATES** section or at locations other than the location in the **ADDRESSES** section will not necessarily be considered in preparing the final environmental impact statement.

#### Electronic Access and Filing Address

Commenters may transmit comments electronically via the Internet to: 3809EIS@wo.blm.gov. Please include your name and address in the message. The system will confirm receipt of your Internet message. The DEIS is also accessible on BLM's home page at <http://www.blm.gov>.

#### Confidentiality of Public Comments

BLM will make comments, including names, street addresses, and other contact information of commenters, available for public review at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. If you are an individual commenter and wish to have BLM withhold your name, street address, and other contact information (such as Internet address or FAX or phone number) from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, please state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. BLM will honor requests for confidentiality to the extent allowed by law. However, BLM will make available for public inspection in their entirety all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses.

#### Public Hearings

BLM will hold public hearings on the DEIS and proposed rule at the following locations on the dates and local times specified:

##### Alaska

Fairbanks—Tuesday, March 30, 1999—Carlson Center, 2010 Second Avenue; 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

##### Arizona

Phoenix—Tuesday, March 30, 1999—Sheraton Hotel, 2620 Dunlap Avenue; 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

##### California

San Francisco—Tuesday, April 20, 1999—Holiday Inn Civic Center, 50 Eighth Street; 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Ontario—Wednesday, April 21, 1999—Doubletree Hotel; times to be determined.

Sacramento—Thursday, April 22, 1999—Red Lion Inn, 1401 Arden Way; 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

##### Colorado

Lakewood—Tuesday, March 30, 1999—Sheraton Denver West Hotel and Conference Center, 360 Union Blvd., Golden Room; 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

##### Washington, D.C.

Wednesday, April 14, 1999—Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Circle, NW, Monroe Room; 12:30 p.m.

##### Idaho

Boise—Tuesday, April 27, 1999—BLM State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Sagebrush-Ponderosa Conference Room; 6:00 p.m.

##### Montana

Helena—Wednesday, April 14, 1999—Colonial Inn, 2301 Colonial Drive; 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

##### New Mexico

Socorro—Wednesday, March 31, 1999—Macey Center, 801 Leroy, Galina Room; 3:00 p.m.

##### Nevada

Reno—Tuesday, March 23, 1999—Silver Legacy Hotel; 2:00 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Elko—Thursday, March 25, 1999—Convention Center; 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

##### Oregon

Eugene—Thursday, April 22, 1999—BLM District Office, 2890 Chad Street, Conference Room; 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

##### Utah

Salt Lake City—Wednesday, April 7, 1999—Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Rooms 1040/50, 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

##### Washington

Spokane—Tuesday, April 20, 1999—Doubletree Inn; 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

##### Wyoming

Casper—Wednesday, March 31, 1999—Casper Parkway Plaza Inn, 123 West E Street; 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

In order to assist the transcriber and to ensure an accurate record, BLM requests that persons who testify at a hearing give the transcriber a copy of their testimony. The meeting sites are accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability who will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the hearing, such as interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format, must notify the person listed under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section two weeks

before the scheduled hearing date. Although BLM will attempt to meet a request received after that date, the requested auxiliary aid or service may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange it.

Dated: February 10, 1999.

**Willie R. Taylor,**

*Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-1430-00; WYW-142433]

#### Notice of Availability of the Red Gulch Dinosaur Tracksite Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact, and the Proposed Designation of an Area of Critical Environmental Concern for Public Review and Comment, Wyoming

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Red Gulch Dinosaur Tracksite describes three alternatives for managing the review area, including the Bureau of Land Management's Preferred Alternative. The environmental consequences of implementing each of the alternatives are also presented in the document. The planning review area encompasses about 1,800 acres of BLM-administered public land in the Washakie Planning Area of the Worland Field Office.

A review of existing land-use planning decisions is being conducted to decide how to manage public lands, resources, educational opportunities, and other values associated with the recent discovery of dinosaur tracks on BLM-administered public lands near Shell, Wyoming. The tracks were not addressed in the Washakie Resource Management Plan (RMP) which was completed in 1988, and the BLM is evaluating the adequacy of existing management prescriptions for the discovery area for protecting the tracks and related values. The BLM's Preferred Alternative would emphasize management of the Red Gulch Dinosaur Tracksite for scientific research, public education, and recreation. The tracksite would be designated an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) and would become part of an existing Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA). In addition, the BLM would close the area to the staking and

development of mining claims and would prohibit most other surface-disturbing activities under the Preferred Alternative. Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the EA, it has been determined that the impacts are not expected to be significant and that an Environmental Impact Statement is not needed.

The Washakie RMP will be amended, if necessary, after the BLM reviews comments on the EA, resolves any protests, makes any needed changes to the EA, and releases a Decision Record.

**DATES:** Reviewers will have 30 (thirty) days (by March 19, 1999) after the Notice Of Availability (NOA) of this EA is published in the **Federal Register** to submit protests on the proposed decision (Preferred Alternative) as provided by 43 CFR 1610.5-2. All parts of the proposed decision may be protested. Protests shall be filed with the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, Attention: Ms. Brenda Williams, Protests Coordinator, WO-210/LS-1075, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240.

The same 30-day time period will be allowed for commenting on the proposed decision, other elements of the EA, and the Finding of No Significant Impact; and 60 (sixty) days beginning on the same date, will be allowed for review and comment on the proposed ACEC designation (see 43 CFR 1610.7-2(b)). Comments should be directed to Bob Ross, Worland Field Office Planning Coordinator, P.O. Box 119, Worland, Wyoming 82401-0119.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bob Ross at (307) 347-5178. Copies of the EA are available from the Worland Field Office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Following the discovery of the Red Gulch Dinosaur Tracksite, the BLM completed a temporary management plan for the lands in and around the fossil discovery area and offered opportunities for public participation in the planning review.

The steps followed in this planning review are: (1) Paleontologists and geologists are consulted on the significance and vulnerability of the dinosaur tracks. (2) Temporary measures are put into effect to protect the health and safety of tracksite visitors, allow for scientific research during the summer field season, and prevent damage to the fossil resources. These measures include a temporary segregation (closure) of the public lands to the staking and development of mining claims. (3) A notice of intent to conduct a planning review is published to inform the public of known and

anticipated issues and of opportunities for public participation and comment. (4) An interdisciplinary planning team describes and analyzes the existing management in the planning review area and describes the affected environment. (5) Public contacts and meetings are held for scoping and for review of the preliminary issues and alternatives. (6) With the help of the public, management alternatives for the area are formulated and analyzed in the EA. (7) A notice is published to inform the public of the availability of the EA for review. If any protests are received on proposed decisions to be added to or changed in the RMP, these are resolved by the BLM Director. (8) The EA is then revised, if necessary, and a Decision Record is issued with a description of the comments and/or protests on the proposed decisions, along with an explanation of how the comments and/or protests were answered. If appropriate, the Decision Record will incorporate additional or changed land-use planning decisions, thereby amending the Washakie RMP.

Based on the public's input and analysis by the BLM interdisciplinary team, the following issues have been identified. (1) Whether the area should be managed for scientific research, public education, and recreation with the development of interpretive signs and facilities. (2) Whether the area should be managed primarily for scientific research with little or no development. (3) Whether the area should be designated an ACEC to emphasize the protection of significant fossil resources. (4) Whether the area should be included within the West Slope of the Bighorn Mountains SRMA to allow for more intensive recreation management. (5) Whether commercial outfitters should be allowed to take visitors on tours of the tracksite. (6) Whether withdrawing some or all of the area from mining claim development would be necessary. (7) Whether other measures, in addition to those required by the Washakie RMP, are necessary to protect the tracks from surface-disturbing activities.

The three alternatives analyzed in the EA are: (1) No Action (continuation of existing management); (2) Management for Scientific Research; and (3) Management for Scientific Research, Public Education, and Recreation (BLM's Preferred Alternative). The various impacts that would be expected from implementing each of the alternatives is also presented in the EA.

Depending on the results of the comment and protest periods, the Washakie RMP could be amended at the time a Decision Record is issued.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents will be available for public review at the Worland Field Office, 101 South 23rd Street, Worland, 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: February 10, 1999.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before February 6, 1999. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR Part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded to the National Register, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW, NC400, Washington, DC 20240. Written comments should be submitted by March 4, 1999.

**Carol D. Shull,**

*Keeper of the National Register.*

### ARKANSAS

#### Chicot County

Saunders House, 4236 US 82 E, Lake Village vicinity, 99000264

#### Independence County

Wyatt House, Jct. AR 25 and Gainer Ferry Rd., Desha, 99000263

### COLORADO

#### Fremont County

Colorado Women's Prison, 201 N. 1st St., Canon City, 99000265

#### Montezuma County

Albert Porter Pueblo (Great Pueblo Period of the McElmo Drainage Unit MPS), Address