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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Southeastern Oregon Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Vale District.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Southeastern Oregon Resource Management Plan (SEORMP) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (40 CFR 1550.2), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has issued a ROD for the Proposed SEORMP EIS. The ROD documents approval of BLM's plan to manage the public lands within the Jordan and Malheur Resource Areas of the Vale District during the next 15-20 years and beyond. The SEORMP establishes direction for management on approximately 4.6 million acres of BLM administered public lands in southeast Oregon. The SEORMP is the same as the Proposed SEORMP published in November 2001.

EFFECTIVE DATES: Two protests were submitted during the 30-day protest period for the Proposed SEORMP. Both of the protests were responded to and resolved by the Director of the BLM. Resolution of the protests, signing of the ROD, and publication of this notice allows for immediate implementation of the approved SEORMP.

ADDRESSES: The approved plan is being published and will be mailed to all persons or groups who are on the current RMP mailing list. Additional copies will be available upon request at the District Office. The document will also be available on line at <http://www.or.blm.gov/Vale/>, and on compact disks available at the Vale District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, OR 97918.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Taylor, Jordan Field Manager; or Tom Dabbs, Malheur Field Manager by telephone at (541) 473-3144.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SEORMP is a general land use plan that establishes guidance for managing a broad spectrum of land uses and allocations and contains resource objectives, land use allocations, management actions and direction needed to achieve program and multiple use goals. The Record of Decision documents selection of the preferred alternative as presented in the Proposed SEORMP and Final EIS issued November 2001, with associated Appendices, Tables and Maps, as the approved RMP.

The following are the major components of the approved RMP:

- Direction to meet or exceed Air Quality Standards.
- Provide opportunities for exploration and development of energy and mineral resources while protecting other sensitive resources.
- Provide for an appropriate management response on all wildfires, while providing for fire fighter and public safety and protecting resource values.
- Recognize and utilize fire as a critical natural process to protect, maintain, and enhance resources.
- Restore, protect, and enhance the diversity and distribution of desirable vegetation communities.
- Manage big sagebrush cover in seedings and on native rangeland to meet the life history requirements of sagebrush-dependent wildlife.
- Control the introduction and proliferation of noxious weed species and reduce the extent and density of established weed species to within acceptable limits.
- Manage ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, and western larch communities to emphasize forest health.
- Manage western juniper and aspen woodlands to restore and promote productivity.
- Manage public land to maintain, restore, or enhance populations and habitats of special status plant and animal species.
- Manage public lands by ensuring that surface water and ground water influenced by BLM activities comply with or are making progress toward achieving State of Oregon water quality standards for beneficial uses as established per stream by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.
- Manage riparian/wetland areas for the restoration, maintenance, or improvement of riparian vegetation, habitat diversity, and associated watershed function to achieve healthy and productive riparian areas and wetlands.

- Restore, maintain, or improve habitat to provide for diverse and self-sustaining communities of fishes and other aquatic organisms.
- Manage upland habitats so that the forage, water, cover, and structure necessary for wildlife are available on public land.
- Maintain and manage wild horse herds in seven established herd management areas (HMA's) of Vale District and Heath Creek-Sheephead HMA of Burns District at appropriate management levels (AML's) to ensure a thriving natural ecological balance between wild horse populations, wildlife, livestock, vegetation resources, and other resource values.
- Provide for a sustained level of livestock grazing consistent with other resource objectives and public land use allocations.
- Provide and enhance developed and undeveloped recreation opportunities, while protecting resources, to manage the increasing demand for resource-dependent recreation activities.
- Manage off-highway vehicle (OHV) use to protect resource values, promote public safety, provide OHV use opportunities where appropriate, and minimize conflicts among various users. Designate public lands for OHV use as "Open" on 2,615,066 acres, "Limited" on 2,004,369 acres, and "Closed" on 15,826 acres.
- Manage public land actions and activities in a manner to be consistent with visual resource management (VRM) class objectives. Designate and manage 1,308,297 acres as VRM Class I, 217,226 acres as VRM Class II, 639,657 acres as VRM Class III, and 2,469,509 acres as VRM Class IV.
- Retain and/or designate 26 areas totaling 206,257 acres as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs).
- Manage the congressionally designated Main Owyhee (120 miles, 35,240 acres), West Little Owyhee (58 miles, 12,520 acres) and North Fork Owyhee (10 miles, 1,247 acres) components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.
- Recommend and manage four river segments (42.5 miles) as administratively suitable for designation as wild and scenic rivers. Release from further wild and scenic river consideration 145.5 miles of eligible study river segments determined to be non-suitable for wild and scenic river designation.
- Continue managing 32 wilderness study areas (WSA's—1,273,015 acres) under BLM's "Interim Management Policy for Land under Wilderness Review" (IMPLWR).

- Manage public land and pursue partnerships to provide social and economic benefits to local residents, businesses, visitors, and future generations.
- Provide for the protection and conservation of cultural and paleontological resources.
- Consult and coordinate with American Indian groups to ensure their interests are considered and their traditional religious sites, landforms and resources are taken in to account.
- Meet public needs for use authorizations such as rights-of-way, leases and permits consistent with other resource objectives.
- Acquire and maintain legal public access to public land consistent with other resource objectives.
- Lands are identified for retention and acquisition to consolidate public land holdings while retaining and acquiring land with high and public resource values.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested

ACTION: 30-day notice of information collection; under review; extension of a currently approved collection; National Corrections Reporting Program.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Office of Justice Programs has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** volume 68, number 15, page 3273 on January 23, 2003, allowing for a 60 day comment period.

The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days for public comment until May 5, 2003. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially the estimated public burden and associated response time,

should be directed to The Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503. Additionally, comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile to (202) 395-7285.

Request written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) *Type of information collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the form/collection:* National Corrections Reporting Program. The collection includes the forms: Prisoner Admission Report (all States), Prisoner Release Report (all States), Parole Release Report (all States), and Prisoner in Custody at Year-end Report (only for States submitting data electronically).

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Form number(s): NCRP-1A, NCRP-1B, NCRP-1C, and NCRP-1D. Corrections Statistics Unit, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* The National Corrections Reporting Program (NCRP) is the only national data collection furnishing annual individual-level information for State prisoners admitted or released during the year, those in custody at year-end, and persons discharged from parole supervision. The NCRP collects data on sentencing, time served in prison and on parole, offense, admission/release type, and demographic information. BJS, the Congress, researchers, and criminal justice practitioners use these data to described annual movements of adult offenders through State correctional systems. Providers of the data are personnel in the State Departments of Corrections and Parole.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* BJS anticipates 44 respondents for report year 2003 with a total annual burden of 2,491 hours. Magnetic media or other electronic formats are expected from 41 respondents and 3 respondents are expected to report annually. The respondents who have an automated data system will require an estimated 24 hours of time supply the information for

their annual caseload and an additional 2 hours documenting or explaining the data. The estimate of respondent burden for these States includes time required for modifying computer programs, preparing input data, and documenting the tape format and record layout. The estimated average amount of time required to manually complete the NCRP-1A, NCRP-1B, and NCRP-1C questionnaire are 10 minutes, 5 minutes, and 3 minutes per inmate, respectively. The responded burden is directly related to the number of cases reported. For 2000, the three manually reporting States submitted about 3,100 completed questionnaire for the NCRP-1A, about 2,700 for the NCRP-1B, and about 580 for the NCRP-1C. The estimated total burden for these respondents who submitted data manually was 771 hours. We expect no additional manual reporters in the future; and we expect an insignificant amount of increase in the number of prison admissions, prison releases and parole exists in the three States that currently report manually.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* There are an estimated 2,491 burden hours annually associated with this information collection.

If additional information is required contact: Mrs. Brenda E. Dyer, Deputy Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 1600, Patrick Henry Building, 601 D Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35). A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor. To obtain documentation, contact Darrin