

Disciplines involved in the planning process will include but are not limited to fire and fuels, rangeland, outdoor recreation, cultural resources, wildlife, wilderness, hydrology, soils science, sociology, and economics. Selectable alternatives must contribute to the purpose of the proposed Plan Amendment and protection of communities at risk from catastrophic wildfire. A collaborative process will be used to involve other Federal agencies, Native American tribes, conservation groups, recreationists, the public, and BLM specialists throughout the planning process to ensure that local, regional, and national issues and concerns are addressed, and to participate in developing and analyzing alternatives. The Governor of Utah, County Commissioners for involved counties in Utah, and potentially affected members of the public will be notified of all meetings and comment periods. Agency representatives and interested persons are invited to visit with BLM officials at any time during the planning process. Submitted comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM Utah State Office. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. 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.

A congressional restriction was placed on land use planning in the western portion of Utah under the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000. However, in order to address cumulative impacts and increase cost-efficiencies, it is proposed that the Box Elder RMP and Pony Express RMP in Salt Lake FO, and House Range RMP and Warm Springs RMP in Fillmore FO be included as part of the NEPA analysis relating to the LUP amendment. The decision to amend these RMPs will not be signed unless or until the restriction is removed or resolved. At that time, if circumstances have not changed, the decision to amend these four plans would be signed and implemented.

Dated: March 1, 2004.

**Gene Terland,**

*Utah Associate State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### **Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purpose Act Classification; Oneida County, WI**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of realty action.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act of June 28, 1934 and Executive Order 6964: Withdrawal for Classification of All Public Land in Certain States, dated February 5, 1935, the following described land is classified as suitable for conveyance to the State of Wisconsin Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act of 1926, as amended.

#### **Fourth Principal Meridian**

T. 36 N., R. 8 E.,  
Sec. 22, Lot 12.

The area described contains 32.47 acres in Oneida County.

**DATES:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM)—Eastern States, Milwaukee Field Office must receive comments on or before May 17, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** BLM—Eastern States, Milwaukee Field Office, 626 East Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 200, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marcia Sieckman, 414-297-4402.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the BLM—Eastern States, Milwaukee Field Office, Wisconsin.

On April 2, 2004, the above-described land will be segregated from all forms of disposal or appropriation under the public land laws, except for conveyance under the R&PP Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws. Interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed conveyance or classification of the land to the Field Manager, BLM Eastern States, Milwaukee Field Office until May 17, 2004.

*Classification Comments:* Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for R&PP Act classification, and particularly, 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 the local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with the State and Federal programs.

*Application Comments:* Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, the management plan, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land.

Any adverse comments will be evaluated by the State Director who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. If no adverse comments are received, the classification will become effective on June 1, 2004.

The State of Wisconsin Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL) proposes to add Lot 12 to the Lily Lake Outdoor Recreation and Education Project. Lot 12 is bordered on the west and south by two parcels within the Lily Lake Outdoor Recreation and Education Project. The addition of Lot 12 will consolidate BCPL ownership on Lily Lake. This action classifies the land for disposal, to protect natural resource values and provide recreation and environmental education. The subject land was identified in the Wisconsin Resource Management Plan Amendment approved March 2, 2001, as not needed for Federal purposes and having potential for disposal to eliminate scattered tracts and improve land ownership patterns.

The patent when issued will be subject to the following terms, conditions and reservations:

1. Provisions of the R&PP Act of 1926, as amended and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. Valid existing rights.

3. All minerals are reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine and remove the minerals.

4. Terms and conditions identified through the site specific environmental analysis.

5. Any other rights or reservations that the authorized officer deems appropriate to ensure public access and proper management of Federal lands and interest therein.

**Authority:** 943 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*; 43 U.S.C. 315f; Executive Order 6964; 43 CFR 2741.5(h)(3).

Dated: February 18, 2004.

**Terry Lewis,**

*Acting Milwaukee Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[UT 110-1610-DO-]

#### **Notice of Intent To Prepare a Resource Management Plan for Public Lands and Resources Managed by the Kanab Field Office and Call for Coal Information**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides notice that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) and EIS for lands managed by the Kanab Field Office. These planning activities encompass approximately 600,000 acres of public land in Garfield and Kane Counties, Utah. The plan will fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), and BLM management policies. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, tribal, and national needs and concerns. The public scoping process will identify planning issues and develop planning criteria, including an evaluation of the existing land use plans in the context of the needs and interests of the public.

**ADDRESSES:** For the Kanab Field Office RMP, written comments should be sent to RMP Comments, Bureau of Land Management, Kanab Field Office, 318 N. 100 E., Kanab, UT 84741; or Fax 435-644-4620. Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the BLM's Kanab Field Office.

All comments and/or data received, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Field Office during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EIS. 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 written comment. Such requests will be honored to the

extent allowed by law. Anonymous comments will not be accepted. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information regarding the Kanab RMP and/or to have your name added to this mailing list, contact Lorraine Christian, RMP Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Kanab Field Office, 318 N. 100 E., Kanab, UT 84741, phone: 435-644-4600.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We will hold public meetings throughout the region in order to promote public involvement in this process. In order to ensure local community participation and input, public meetings will be held at a variety of locations, which will likely include Kanab, Escalante, Panguitch, St. George, and Salt Lake City, Utah. These and other locations, if necessary, will be announced in local and regional news media, and planning bulletins. The minutes and list of attendees for each meeting will be available to the public and open for 30 days to any participant who wishes to clarify the views he or she expressed. Comments on issues and planning criteria will be most useful if received during the ongoing scoping period at the address listed above. Written comments will be accepted throughout the planning process at the address shown below. In addition to the ongoing public scoping process, formal opportunities for public participation will be provided during a comment period for the draft alternatives and upon publication of the draft RMP/draft EIS. Early participation by all interested parties is encouraged and will help shape the future management of the public lands in the Kanab Field Office.

Preliminary issues and management concerns have been identified by BLM personnel during planning evaluations and pre-planning analysis for the RMP. They represent the BLM's knowledge to date of the existing issues and concerns with current management. The major issues that will be addressed in the plan revisions are: management and protection of public land resources; management of conflicting and competing uses; access to and transportation on the public-lands; and balancing multiple uses. Other specific issues may include cultural resource management, fire management, woodland harvest and management, lands and realty management, rangeland

health and management potential, establishment of special designation areas, and special-status species management.

43 CFR 3420.1-2(a) requires that the BLM publish a call for coal and other resource information in the **Federal Register** if there are areas with coal occurrence in the planning area. Parties interested in coal leasing and development should provide coal resource data for their area(s) of interest. Identification of interests in future coal leasing, substantiated with adequate coal resources data, allows the BLM to address development potential during the RMP process and helps avoid unnecessary work, delays, or RMP amendments.

Proprietary data marked as confidential may be submitted in response to this call for coal resource information and other resource information. Please submit all proprietary information submissions to the individual at the address listed above. The BLM will treat submissions marked as "Confidential" in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the confidentiality of such information.

In addition to coal resource data, the BLM seeks resource information and data for other public land values and uses (e.g., air quality, cultural resources, fire/fuels, fisheries, forestry, geologic hazards, lands and realty, oil and gas (including coalbed methane), paleontology, rangeland management, recreation, visual resources, water quality, soils, sociology, economics, and wildlife, among others).

After gathering public comments on what issues the plan should address, the suggested issues will be placed in one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the plan;
2. Issues resolved through policy or administrative action; or
3. Issues beyond the scope of this plan.

Rationale will be provided in the plan for each issue placed in category two or three. In addition to the major issues, a number of management questions and concerns will be addressed in the plan. The public is encouraged to help identify these questions and concerns during the scoping phase of plan development. An interdisciplinary approach will be used to develop the plan in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. The Field Office is seeking public involvement at the earliest possible stages of this planning process in order to enhance collaboration. If you have information or concerns you would like to share, including ideas or opportunities that could enhance data