

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****National Park Service**

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**Notice of Availability of the Proposed Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and National Park Service (NPS).**ACTION:** Issuance of a Notice of Availability of a Final EIS for a Proposed Resource Management Plan (RMP)/General Management Plan (hereinafter, Proposed Plan/Final EIS), for the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve. The Monument is located in Blaine, Butte, Lincoln, Minidoka, and Power Counties, in Idaho.**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the National Park and Recreation Act of 1978, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the BLM and the NPS have jointly prepared a Proposed Plan/Final EIS for the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve. The Proposed Plan would provide direction for the management of approximately 740,000 acres of federally-managed land in Blaine, Butte, Lincoln, Minidoka, and Power Counties in south-central Idaho. It would replace the NPS' Craters of the Moon National Monument General Management Plan and portions of the following BLM plans: Big Desert, Big Lost, and Sun Valley Management Framework Plans; and the Monument RMP.**DATES:** No decision on the Proposed Plan will be made for at least 30 days after the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes its notice of availability of this final EIS in the **Federal Register**. BLM regulations (43 CFR 1610.5-2) state that any person who participated in the planning process and has an interest that may be adversely affected may protest those proposed decisions that would be implemented on BLM-administered lands. The protest must be filed within 30 days of the date that the EPA publishes its notice of availability.

The NPS regulations do not provide a formal protest process. Persons wishing to communicate with the Regional Director of the NPS during the 30 days after the EPA's notice is published may do so, however, by writing to Jonathan B. Jarvis, Regional Director, National Park Service, 1111 Jackson Street,

Oakland CA 94607. Instructions for filing protests with the BLM are included in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.**ADDRESSES:** The Proposed Plan/Final EIS is posted on Web sites at <http://www.id.blm.gov/planning/craters/index.htm> or <http://www.nps.gov/crmo> and has been mailed to those who have indicated that they want to receive it in hard copy or on a compact disk. Additional copies in both paper and digital format are available in limited numbers. To receive a copy, write or call one of the individuals identified in the next paragraph.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Richard VanderVoet, Monument Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Shoshone Field Office, 400 West F Streets, Shoshone, ID 83352-1522, phone (208) 732-7200; or Jim Morris, Superintendent, National Park Service, P.O. Box 29, Arco, ID 83213, phone (208) 527-3257.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Established in 1924, the Craters of the Moon National Monument was expanded by Presidential Proclamation 7373 on November 9, 2000, for the purpose of protecting the entire Great Rift volcanic zone and associated lava features, all objects of scientific interest. On August 21, 2002, Public Law 107-213 redesignated the National Park Service portion of the expanded Monument as a National Preserve. The BLM and NPS are managing the National Monument and Preserve cooperatively and are preparing one management plan to be implemented by both agencies.

The Final EIS discusses public and agency comments received on the draft EIS, and describes and analyzes four alternative management strategies, each presenting a different approach to resolving issues identified through public scoping. Alternative A is the "no action" or continuation of present management alternative. Alternative B would promote more travel and accesses within the Monument. Alternative C would emphasize retention and enhancement of the Monument's primitive character. The Proposed Plan is Alternative D, the agency preferred alternative from the draft Plan/EIS, refined by public comment. Alternative D, which emphasizes protection and restoration of physical and biological resources, is also considered to be the environmentally preferred alternative.

The key components of the Proposed Plan are as follows:

- Promotes use of partnerships at off-site facilities such as visitor centers and

state parks to provide Monument information and interpretation.

- Emphasizes protection of vegetation resources in North Laidlaw Park.

- Maintains a road network suitable for aggressive fire suppression and restoration activities within the Monument.

- Encourage outfitter and guide services in the expanded portion of the Monument, instead of new agency-provided services and facilities.

- Promotes a proactive Integrated Weed Management Program.

- Proactively protects and restores sagebrush steppe communities.

- Continues to focus visitor experience within the Monument on the existing lands and facilities located at the north end of the Monument.

- Continues management of the wilderness area within the original National Monument boundary and the wilderness study areas that are awaiting Congressional action. Proposes a joint NPS/BLM wilderness/WSA management plan.

Protests regarding proposed decisions affecting BLM-administered lands must be in writing and filed with the BLM Director. Protests may raise only those issues that were submitted for the record during the planning process. E-mail and faxed protests will not be accepted as valid protests unless the protesting party also provides the original letter by either regular or overnight mail postmarked by the close the protest period. Under these conditions the BLM will consider the e-mail or faxed protest as an advance copy, and it will receive full consideration. If you wish to provide the BLM with such advance notification, please direct faxed protests to the attention of the BLM Protest Coordinator at (202) 452-5112 and e-mails to [Brenda\\_Hudgens-Williams@blm.gov](mailto:Brenda_Hudgens-Williams@blm.gov). Please direct the follow-up letters to the appropriate address provided below. To be considered complete, your protest must contain at minimum, the following information:

- (1) The name, mailing address, telephone number and interest of the person filing the protest;
- (2) a statement of the issue or issues being protested;
- (3) A statement of the part or parts of the plan being protested;
- (4) a copy of all documents addressing the issue or issues that were submitted during the planning process by the protesting party or an indication of the date the issue or issues were discussed for the record; and
- (5) a concise statement explaining why the State Director's decision is believed to be wrong. A protest merely expressing disagreement with the State

Director's proposed decision without providing any supporting data will not be considered a valid protest.

All written protests must be mailed to one of the following addresses:

*Regular Mail:* Director, WO-210/LS-1075, Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Brenda Hudgens-Williams, Department of the Interior, P.O. Box 66538, Washington, DC 20035

*Overnight Mail:* Director, WO-210/LS-1075, Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Brenda Hudgens-Williams, Department of the Interior, 1610 L Street, NW., Suite 1075, Washington, DC 20036

To be considered timely, your protest must be postmarked no later than the last day of the protest period. Though not a requirement, it is suggested that protests be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested. You are also encouraged, but not required, to forward a copy of your protest to the Monument Manager at the address listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. This may allow the BLM to resolve the protest through clarification of intent or discussion with the protestor.

Please note that protests, including names and street addresses, are available for public review and/or release under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Individual respondents may request confidentiality. Respondents who wish to withhold their name and/or street address from public review or from disclosure under FOIA must state so prominently at the beginning of the written correspondence. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representing organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Following resolution of any protests of the proposed decision, a joint record of decision will be signed by the Regional Director of the Pacific West Region of the National Park Service and the State Director of the Bureau of Land Management for Idaho. A notice of availability of the record of decision will be published in the **Federal Register** and through local news media.

Dated: April 20, 2005.

**K. Lynn Bennett**,  
*Bureau of Land Management, Idaho State Director.*

Dated: April 27, 2005.

**Jonathan B. Jarvis**,  
*National Park Service, Regional Director, Pacific West Region.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Filing of Plats of Survey: Oregon/ Washington

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The plats of survey of the following described lands were officially filed in the Oregon State Office, Portland, Oregon, on May 16, 2005.

#### Willamette Meridian

Washington

T. 30 N., R. 33 E., accepted March 15, 2005.

T. 31 N., R. 33 E., accepted March 15, 2005.

T. 21 N., R. 13 W., accepted May 2, 2005.

The plats of survey of the following described lands were officially filed in the Oregon State Office, Portland, Oregon, on July 6, 2005.

#### Willamette Meridian

Oregon

T. 2 N., R. 33 E., accepted, June 1, 2005.

T. 32 S., R. 14 W., accepted, June 9, 2005.

T. 32 S., R. 1 W., accepted, June 14, 2005.

A copy of the plats may be obtained from the Public Room at the Oregon State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 333 SW., 1st Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204, upon required payment. A person or party who wishes to protest against a survey must file a notice that they wish to protest. (at the above address) with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Portland, Oregon.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chief, Branch of Geographic Sciences, Bureau of Land Management, (333 SW., 1st Avenue) PO Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208.

Dated: July 28, 2005.

**Robert D. DeViney, Jr.**,  
*Chief, Branch of Lands and Minerals Resources.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-957-05-1420-BJ]

#### Filing of Plats of Survey, Wyoming

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has filed the plats of survey of the lands described below in the BLM Wyoming State Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming, on August 3, 2005.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Land Management, 5353 Yellowstone Road, PO Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** These surveys were executed at the request of the Bureau of Land Management, and are necessary for the management of resources. The lands surveyed are:

The plat representing the corrective dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, Township 17 North, Range 93 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, was accepted August 3, 2005.

Copies of the preceding described plats and field notes are available to the public at a cost of \$1.10 per page.

Dated: August 4, 2005.

**John P. Lee**,  
*Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Division of Support Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Environmental Documents Prepared for Proposed Oil and Gas Operations on the Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of the Availability of Environmental Documents. Prepared for OCS Mineral Proposals on the Gulf of Mexico OCS.

**SUMMARY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), in accordance with Federal Regulations that implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), announces the availability of NEPA-related Site-Specific Environmental Assessments (SEA) and Findings of No Significant Impact (FONSI), prepared by MMS for the following oil and gas