DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting Location and Time

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting location and time for the Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (Nevada).

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), a meeting of the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC), Nevada, will be held as indicated below. Topics for discussion at the meeting will include, but are not limited to: Manager's reports of current field office activities; Recreation Fee Demonstration fees-expenses report and trail compliance monitoring for Sand Mountain Recreation Area; project updates on the North Valleys Water Projects EIS and the Churchill County Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment/EIS; status of proposed geothermal and wind energy projects; status of northern Nevada acquisition projects funded under the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act; RAC Chair report on the national RAC Chairs meeting held in Phoenix on May 11-13, 2004; and additional topics the council may raise during the meeting. DATE AND TIME: The RAC will meet on Tuesday, July 27, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Wednesday, July 28, 2004, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Sturgeon's Ramada Inn & Casino, Center Club Room, 1420 Cornell, Lovelock, Nevada. A field trip for the RAC will be conducted on July 28, 2004, to the Nevada Cement site near Rye Patch Reservoir, Lovelock Indian Cave and its associated Scenic Byway, Rochester Mine, and lunch at either Rye Patch State Recreation Area or Lovelock Cave. All meetings and field trips are open to the public. A general public comment period, where the public may submit oral or written comments to the joint RACs, will be held at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 27, 2004.

A final detailed agenda, with any additions/corrections to agenda topics and meeting times, will be available on the internet no later than July 13, 2004, at http://www.nv.blm.gov/rac; hard copies can also be mailed or sent via

FAX. Individuals who need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, or who wish a hard copy of the agenda, should contact Mark Struble, Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701, telephone (775) 885–6107, no later than July 20, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Notice of Intent To Prepare a Resource Management Plan Amendment for the Dune Allen II Tract

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management Eastern States (BLM–ES) Jackson Field Office, in Jackson, Mississippi, is initiating the preparation of a Resource Management Plan Amendment to consider the disposal of public land (Dune Allen II Tract) in Walton County, Florida. This action will require the preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA).

DATES: Submit comments on or before July 9, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to BLM-ES, Jackson Field Office; 411 Briarwood Drive, Suite 404, Jackson MS 39206.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Allison, Land Use Planner, (601) 977 4413

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The RMP Amendment will consider the disposal (direct sale) of public land located in:

Tallahassee Meridian, Florida

T. 3 S., R. 10 W. Sec. 3, Lot 37

Containing 0.58 acres, more or less.

The land is identified as the Dune Allen II tract in the Florida Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (October 1994) and Florida Resource

Management Plan and Record of Decision (September 1995). The Palms of Dune Allen Homeowners Association, a non-profit organization, has proposed to purchase, by direct sale, from the United States 0.58 of an acre of public land in Walton County, Florida. The Dune Allen II tract has a boardwalk crossing the dune area (October 1994 RMP). The continued, proposed use of the land, if it is sold, would essentially be limited to the maintenance and use of the boardwalk. The beachfront property lies on the Gulf of Mexico in the Florida panhandle. The coastal environment adjacent to the land has been substantially modified by construction of roads, beach houses and condominiums. The land is closed to off-highway vehicle (OHV) use (October 1994 RMP).

Preliminary Topic

The preliminary topic, for this planning effort, has been identified by BLM personnel. The anticipated topic, that will be addressed in the RMP Amendment, is limited to the proposed transfer of land from government ownership to private ownership. If the tract were to be transferred to private ownership, protective covenants would be included with the transfer of title. These protective covenants would ensure the land is used for both the maintenance of the boardwalk and public access to the beach. This notice initiates the public scoping process.

BLM staff will review additional concerns raised by the public.
Determinations will be made as to whether they (1) will be addressed in the RMP Amendment or (2) are outside the scope of the RMP Amendment.

Planning Criteria

Preliminary planning criteria have been developed to guide the preparation of this RMP Amendment and are listed below.

- 1. Land use planning (RMP Amendment) and environmental analysis (EA) will be conducted in accordance with laws, regulations, executive orders and manuals. Planning will be conducted for the land under the administration of BLM.
- 2. Land use policy, for either the continued retention or proposed disposal of this land, will determine for this BLM-administered land after the RMP Amendment is completed.
- 3. Resource data, needed to evaluate the impacts of the proposed sale of this land, will be collected, as needed.
- 4. BLM staff will work cooperatively with (a) county and local governments and agencies, (b) groups and organizations and (c) individuals. These