

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Call for Nominations for the Bureau of Land Management's California Desert District Advisory Council**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management's California Desert District is soliciting nominations from the public for five members of its District Advisory Council to serve the 2006–2008 three-year term. Council members provide advice and recommendations to BLM on the management of public lands in southern California.

DATES: Nominations will be accepted through Tuesday, May 31, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to the District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District Office, 22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, California 92553.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Doran Sanchez, BLM California Desert District External Affairs (951) 697–5220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The three-year term would begin January 1, 2006.

The five positions to be filled include:

- One recreation
- One transportation/rights-of-way
- One renewable resources (botanical interests)
- Two public-at-large, one of which will represent Native American interests

The California Desert District Advisory Council is comprised of 15 private individuals who represent different interests and advise BLM officials on policies and programs concerning the management of 11.5 million acres of public land in southern California. The Council meets in formal session three to four times each year in various locations throughout the California Desert District. Council members serve without compensation except for reimbursement of travel expenditures incurred in the course of their duties. Members serve three-year terms and may be nominated for reappointment for an additional three-year term.

Section 309 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of BLM administered lands. The Secretary also selects council nominees consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), which requires nominees appointed to the council be balanced in terms of points of view and representative of the

various interests concerned with the management of the public lands.

The Council also is balanced geographically, and BLM will try to find qualified representatives from areas throughout the California Desert District. The District covers portions of eight counties, and includes 10.4 million acres of public land in the California Desert Conservation Area and 300,000 acres of scattered parcels in San Diego, western Riverside, western San Bernardino, Orange, and Los Angeles Counties (known as the South Coast).

Any group or individual may nominate a qualified person, based upon their education, training, and knowledge of BLM, the California Desert, and the issues involving BLM-administered public lands throughout southern California. Qualified individuals also may nominate themselves.

Nominations must include the name of the nominee; work and home addresses and telephone numbers; a biographical sketch that includes the nominee's work and public service record; any applicable outside interests or other information that demonstrates the nominees qualifications for the position; and the specific category of interest in which the nominee is best qualified to offer advice and council. Nominees may contact the BLM California Desert District External Affairs staff at (909) 697–5220 or write to the address above and request a copy of the nomination form.

All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from represented interests, organizations, or elected officials supporting the nomination. Individuals nominating themselves must provide at least one letter of recommendation. Advisory Council members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, generally in late January or early February.

Dated: December 9, 2004.

Linda Hansen,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

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Notice of Application for Disclaimer of Interest; Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The State of Montana has submitted an application for a recordable disclaimer of interest pursuant to section 315 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1745) and the regulations contained in 43 CFR 1864. A recordable disclaimer, if issued, will confirm that the United States has no valid interest in the subject lands. This notice is intended to inform the public of the pending application and the state's grounds for supporting it.

DATES: A final decision on the merit of the application will not be made until 90 days after the date of publication of this notice. During the 90-day period, interested parties may submit comments on the state's application, with a reference to serial No. MTM 93823.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: Cindy Staszak, Chief, Branch of Land Resources, BLM Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dee Baxter, BLM Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101; 406–896–5044.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 30, 2003, the State of Montana, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, filed an application for disclaimer of interest for the lands described as follows:

Principal Meridian, Montana,

T. 26 N., R. 59 E.,

Sec. 5, portion of the SW¹/₄SE¹/₄; and

Sec. 8, portion of the N¹/₂NE¹/₄.

Dr. Ray Breuninger, PhD, geologist, performed on-site research, literature review, and aerial photography review of islands, sand bars, and adjacent floodplains to produce a geologic analysis of the origin of land along the Missouri River in Richland County, northwest of Sidney, Montana. The data sources include the Missouri River Commission Survey of 1891, the 1901 meander map and field notes, a 1947 resurvey, and the 1958 resurvey, field notes, and related correspondence. He also analyzed aerial photos for 11 separate years between 1937 and 1997.

Based upon Dr. Breuninger's investigation, a review of the records and reports in the BLM Cadastral Survey office, and the investigation of Cadastral Survey Riparian Specialist, Mr. Frank Hardt, the State of Montana has proven its case by a preponderance of evidence. The BLM survey conducted in 1958 erred in surveying all of the lands in question as normal accretions to the Federal uplands. The lands encompassed by the above description, and now designated as tracts 37 and 38