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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude have submitted an application for an art project on the Arkansas River entitled "Over The River" (OTR). They propose to hang fabric panels over about 7 miles of a 45 mile stretch of the river, west of Canon City, Colorado. The translucent fabric panels would be attached to approximately 1,000 cables stretched across the river; they would cover the river but not the side slopes; hang from 10 to 24 feet above the water; be strong enough to withstand high winds; be porous enough to let rainwater pass through; and be displayed for a two-week period in early August. The earliest that the project would be exhibited is in 2010. During the two-week project, an estimated 250,000 visitors are expected to visit the Arkansas River to view the art. All recoverable materials would be recycled after the project.

On August 2, 2005, following several years of inactivity, the BLM, Royal Gorge Field Office and Colorado State Parks representatives met with Christo and Jeanne-Claude, to determine where the proposal is in the NEPA/approval process and to establish a logical timeline. BLM will review the contractor prepared EIS. If the proposal is approved, Colorado State Parks will issue a permit under the Cooperative Management Agreement between the agencies for the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area. The artists have and will continue to cover all of BLM's costs associated with this project (100% cost recovery). Oversight of the project is through a Permit Planning Team, consisting of Federal, state and local agencies that will review the permit request. Other agencies and entities participating in the project review include: CO State Parks, CO Dept. of Transportation, CO State Patrol, CO Division of Wildlife, Army Corps of Engineers, Fremont County Commissioners and Sheriff, Chaffee County Commissioners and Sheriff, and the cities of Canon City and Salida.

Through public scoping, the BLM expects to identify various issues and concerns, potential impacts and mitigation measures, and alternatives to the proposed action. At present, the BLM has identified the following issues and concerns: Impacts on the environment, particularly on wildlife, including but not limited to bighorn sheep, bald eagles and waterfowl; socio-economic impacts on local citizen's travel and commercial trucks from

restrictions as a result of heavy tourist traffic; safety of those people traveling Highway 50 and using the Arkansas River for boating, fishing and viewing the project; and the response time of emergency service vehicles such as police, fire, search and rescue and ambulance due to heavy traffic.

The BLM will analyze the proposed action and no action alternatives, as well as other possible alternatives. Your comments concerning the OTR project as proposed and feasible alternatives, possible mitigation measures, and any other information relevant to the project are encouraged.

Sally Wisely,

Colorado State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting, Western Montana Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Western Montana Resource Advisory Council will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The next regular meeting of the Western Montana RAC will be held September 7, 2006 at the Dillon Field Office, 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, Montana beginning at 8 a.m. The public comment period for the meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting is expected to adjourn at approximately 3 p.m. BLM will host RAC members at a field trip to the Dillon area on September 6.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For the Western Montana RAC, contact Marilyn Krause, Resource Advisory Council Coordinator, at the Butte Field Office, 106 North Parkmont, Butte, Montana 59701, telephone 406-533-7617.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in western Montana. At the

September 7 meeting, topics we plan to discuss include: An update on the Recreation RACs and the White Sandy Campground, any follow-up discussion from the field trip, a discussion on a possible cooperative weed project and an update on the Butte RMP.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided below.

Dated: June 12, 2006.

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Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces that the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board will conduct a meeting on matters pertaining to management and protection of wild, free-roaming horses and burros on the Nation's public lands.

DATES: The Advisory Board will meet Monday, July 17, 2006, from 8 a.m., to 5 p.m., local time. This will be a one day meeting.

ADDRESSES: The Advisory Board will meet at the Red Lion Hotel, Salt Lake Downtown, 161 West 600 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84101. The Red Lion Hotel's phone number is (801) 521-7373.

Written comments pertaining to the Advisory Board meeting should be sent to: Bureau of Land Management, National Wild Horse and Burro Program, WO-260, Attention: Ramona DeLorme, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, Nevada, 89502-7147. Submit written comments pertaining to the Advisory Board meeting no later than close of business, July 12, 2006. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access and filing address.