

**RETRIEVABILITY:**

Records are retrieved by a manual or computer search on the number of originations, default, and defaults and claims from the Early Warnings menu option, by computer search on the counts in the Loss Mitigation—Current Defaults Reported display from the Servicing menu option, and by accessing the Late Endorsement, Pipeline/Uninsured, the Default Report by Servicer queries. Entering an FHA Case Number from the Case Status Query feature also retrieves case level detail.

**SAFEGUARDS:**

Automated records are maintained in secured areas. Access is limited to authorized personnel.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

Neighborhood Watch retains up to 13 quarter end dates of two years of summary originations data, and three quarter end dates of loan level data.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Director, Quality Assurance Division, HULQ, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:**

For information, assistance, or inquiry about the existence of records, contact the Privacy Act Officer at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC. Written requests must include the full name, Social Security Number, date of birth, current address, and telephone number of the individual making the request.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

The Department's rules for contesting the contents of records and appealing initial denials, by the individual concerned, appear in 24 CFR part 16. If additional information or assistance is needed, it may be obtained by contacting: (i) in relation to contesting contents of records, the Privacy Act Officer at the appropriate location. A list of all locations is given in appendix A; (ii) in relation to appeals of initial denials, the HUYD Department Privacy Appeals Officer, Office of General Counsel Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Information may be collected from HUD, program participants, and subject individuals.

**EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:**

None.

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

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**Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Imperial Irrigation District's Desert Southwest Transmission Line Project, California**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C 4321-4347, and title 40 CFR part 1500, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby gives notice that the draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Imperial Irrigation District's (IID) Desert Southwest Transmission Line Project is available for public review and comment. This project may involve an amendment to the applicable BLM land use plan: The California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan of 1980, as amended.

**DATES:** Comments will be accepted until 90 days have elapsed after publication of a notice of availability of this document, in the **Federal Register**, by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ADDRESSES:** If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any of several methods. You may mail comments to: James G. Kenna, Field Manager; Bureau of Land Management, Palm Springs—South Coast Field Office, P.O. Box 581260, North Palm Springs, CA 92258.

You may also comment via the Internet to [dgomez@ca.blm.gov](mailto:dgomez@ca.blm.gov). Please include in the subject line: "Draft EIS/EIR, Desert Southwest Transmission Line Project" and your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation that we have received your Internet message, contact Diane Gomez at (760) 251-4852. You may also hand-deliver comments to: Bureau of Land Management, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, 690 W. Garnet Avenue, North Palm Springs, CA 92258.

Oral comments will be accepted at any of three public meetings to be held during the month of November 2003. These meetings will be held in El Centro, Blythe, and North Palm Springs, California. Notices published in local media will be provided at least 15 days prior to the scheduled public meetings.

Individuals may request confidentiality with respect to their name, address, and phone number. If you wish to have your name or street address withheld from public review, or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, the first line of the comment should start with the words 'CONFIDENTIALITY REQUESTED' in uppercase letters in order for BLM to comply with your request. Such request will be honored to the extent allowed by law. Comment contents will not be kept confidential. All submissions from organizations or 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:** Diane Gomez at (760) 251-4852 or e-mail: [dgomez@ca.blm.gov](mailto:dgomez@ca.blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A copy of the draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Imperial Irrigation District's Proposed Desert Southwest Transmission Line Project is available for review via the Internet at <http://www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings>. Electronic (on CD-ROM) and paper copies may also be obtained by contacting Diane Gomez at the aforementioned addresses and phone number.

The IID is proposing to construct a 230 or 500 kilovolt (kV) electrical transmission line located parallel and adjacent to Interstate Highway 10 between North Palm Springs and Blythe, California, a distance of approximately 118 miles. Four alternatives to the proposed project are being considered in this EIS/EIR. These alternatives are consistent with the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan of 1980, as amended, with the exception of Alternative B. This alternative is located partially outside of designated utility corridors under the CDCA Plan and would, if selected, require an amendment to this land use plan.

The BLM, together with the IID, have jointly prepared this draft EIS/EIR. The BLM is the lead Federal agency for the preparation of this EIS/EIR in compliance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act

(NEPA). The IID is the lead State of California agency for the preparation of this EIS/EIR in compliance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Dated: September 29, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Intent To Prepare a Resource Management Plan for the Butte Field Office and Associated Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** Butte Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Butte Field Office and associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

**SUMMARY:** This document provides notice that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to prepare an RMP with an associated EIS for the Butte Field Office. The planning area is located in Beaverhead, Broadwater, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Park, and Silver Bow Counties, Montana. 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, and national needs and concerns. The public scoping process will identify planning issues and develop planning criteria, including an evaluation of the existing RMP in the context of the needs and interests of the public.

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public scoping process. Formal scoping will end February 17, 2004; however, collaboration with the public will continue throughout the process. Comments on issues and planning criteria can be submitted in writing to the address listed below. All public meetings will be announced through the local news media, newsletters, and the BLM Web site (<http://www.mt.blm.gov/bdo>) at least 15 days prior to the event. 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 they expressed.

**Public Participation:** Public meetings will be held throughout the plan scoping and preparation period. In order to ensure local community participation and input, public meeting locations will be rotated among the towns of Boulder, Bozeman, Butte, Helena, Townsend, and Wise River. Early participation is encouraged and will help determine the future management of the Butte Field Office public lands. In addition to the ongoing public participation process, formal opportunities for public participation will be provided upon publication of the BLM Draft RMP/EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to Bureau of Land Management, Ruth Miller, RMP Project Manager, Butte Field Office, 106 North Parkmont, Butte, MT, 59701; Fax:—(406) 533-7660. Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Butte Field Office. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Butte Field Office during regular business hours 7:45 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 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 comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. 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:** Ruth Miller, on (406) 533-7645, Bureau of Land Management, RMP Project Manager, Butte Field Office, 106 North Parkmont, Butte, MT, 59701.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The lands within the Butte Field Office are currently being managed according to the 1984 Headwaters RMP. In 1983, while the Headwaters RMP was being developed, the Butte and Lewistown Districts (now called Field Offices) adjusted their jurisdictional boundaries (as well as the Dillon Resource Area and Headwaters Resource Area within the Butte District). This resulted in lands covered by the Headwaters RMP being managed by both Districts.

The BLM lands in the following areas are now being managed by the Lewistown Field Office and will not be covered in the Butte RMP process:

Pondera, Teton, Cascade, Meagher, and the north half of Lewis and Clark County. Also, the BLM lands within Silver Bow and Deerlodge Counties (and a small portion of Beaverhead County along the Big Hole River) were included in the Dillon Resource Area Management Framework Plan (MFP) of 1979 and will now be covered in this Butte RMP revision.

Because this RMP will follow the existing Butte Field Office boundary, the name of the RMP will be the Butte RMP. This will help separate the new document from the existing Headwaters RMP, and from the Lewistown portion that will still be managed under the Headwaters RMP until its revision.

The RMP revision to be prepared for the public lands administered by the Butte Field Office will identify goals, objectives, standards and guidelines for management of a variety of resources and values. The plan will specify actions, constraints, and general management practices necessary to achieve desired conditions. The plan will also identify any areas requiring special management such as ACECs. The scope of the RMP will be comprehensive. Certain existing standards and guidelines and other BLM plans will be incorporated into the RMP.

The changing needs and interests of the public necessitate a revision to the Butte Field Office RMP. Preliminary issues and management concerns have been identified by BLM personnel, other agencies, and in meetings with individuals and user groups. They represent the BLM's knowledge to date on the existing issues and concerns with current management. The major issue themes that will be addressed in the RMP effort include: (1) Management of vegetation; (2) conservation and recovery of special status species; (3) water quality, quantity, and aquatic species; (4) travel management and access to public lands; (5) management of areas with special values; (6) availability and management of public lands for commercial uses; and (7) land tenure adjustments.

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 for each issue placed in categories two or three. In addition to these major issues, a number of management questions and concerns will be addressed in the plan.