

Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in the BLM Upper Snake River District (USRD), which covers south-central and southeast Idaho. At this meeting, topics we plan to discuss include:

- Updates on major planning projects in the USRD
- Review feedback and action items from National RAC videoconference
- Planning for RAC Allotment tours in 2003
- Introduction to RAC of BLM Idaho State Director
- Other items of interest raised by the Council

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Other USRD RAC meetings for 2003 have been planned for June, July and November 2003, and will be announced in a future **Federal Register** Notice and through local media.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Howell, RAC Coordinator, Upper Snake River District, 1405 Hollipark Dr., Idaho Falls, ID 83401. Telephone (208) 524-7559.

Dated: January 28, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### **Notice of Public Meeting: Resource Advisory Council to the Lower Snake River District, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the 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) Lower Snake River District Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held February 18, 2003 at the Lower Snake River District Offices, located at 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho, beginning at 9 a.m. The public comment periods will be held after each topic on the agenda. The meeting is expected to adjourn at 4 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** MJ Byrne, Public Affairs Officer and RAC Coordinator, Lower Snake River District, 3948 Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705, Telephone (208) 384-3393.

**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 southwestern Idaho. At this meeting, the following topics will be discussed:

- Subgroup reports on Sage Grouse Habitat Management, OHV and Transportation Management, River Recreation and Resource Management Plans, and Fire and Fuels Management;
- RAC Members will discuss and prioritize the issues and focus of the Council for 2003, finalize membership on the subcommittees, and plan for hosting a meeting with the other two BLM District RACs;
- A presentation on drought conditions in the Lower Snake River District, across Idaho and the region.
- An update will be given on the two Resource Management Plans under development in the District, and
- Each of the Field Office Managers will provide an update on current activities and issues in each of their field office areas.

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Dated: January 29, 2003.

**Howard Hedrick,**

*Acting District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### **Notice**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that an administrative settlement agreement under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act is available for public comment.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under section 122(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9622(i), notice is hereby given that on October 30, 2002, the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM"), by and through the Department of the Interior and with the concurrence of the Department of Justice, signed a proposed administrative settlement agreement ("Agreement") concerning the Manning Canyon Mill Site ("Site") located near Fairfield, Utah.

The Site comprises public land managed by the BLM and private land owned by Leo Ault, Howard Ault, Louis O. Ault, Leonard Ault, and Virginia A. Coleman (collectively hereinafter the "Ault family"). A milling facility located at the Site produced approximately 720,000 cubic yards of tailings and other mine wastes between 1890 and 1937. These tailings were disposed of in tailings impoundments behind earthen dams that subsequently breached, allowing tailings to migrate down gradient from the Site. BLM and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency conducted a preliminary assessment of the tailings impoundments on-Site as well as downstream areas to which tailings had migrated. BLM completed a site inspection in September, 1999. Sampling results revealed elevated levels of lead, mercury, arsenic and other hazardous substances in the tailings. BLM performed an engineering evaluation/cost analysis ("EE/CA") of response alternatives and, by action memorandum dated May 8, 2001, selected a non-time-critical removal action from among the alternatives