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2. Instructions on Commenting on the Proposed ACECs

BLM planning regulations at 43 CFR 1610.7-2 require the BLM to notify the public of proposed ACECs in the **Federal Register** releasing the DRMP/DEIS. While the DRMP/DEIS including the ACEC information has been available for public review and comment, the BLM is providing an additional 60-day review period to ensure the procedural requirements contained in 43 CFR 1610.7-2 are met. Specifically, these regulations require the BLM to specify in a **Federal Register** any resource use limitations, which would occur if an ACEC is designated. The BLM can best use your comments on only the ACEC information presented in the DRMP/DEIS and in this Notice of Supplemental Information if they are received on or before the end of the 60-day comment period following publication of this notice. If any comments received identify new and significant ACEC-related information that has not currently been raised in the planning process, then a Supplemental Proposed Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement may have to be issued and the Record

of Decision on this PRMP and FEIS deferred.

Written comments on the ACECs as proposed in the DRMP/DEIS may be submitted as follows:

1. The Casper RMP Revision Web site at <http://www.blm.gov/rmp/casper/>; the web site allows commenters to submit ACEC-related comments electronically into the Special Designations topic directly onto a comment form posted on the web site.

2. Written comments may be mailed or delivered to the BLM at: Casper RMP/EIS, Bureau of Land Management—Casper Field Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, WY 82604-2968.

3. Comments may be sent by facsimile to (307) 261-7587.

The BLM will only accept comments if they are submitted in the methods described above. To be given consideration by the BLM, comment submittals must include the commenter's name and street address. Whenever possible, please include reference to either the page or section in the DRMP/EIS to which the ACEC-related comment applies. To facilitate analysis of comments and information submitted, it is encouraged to submit comments in an electronic format through the Web site.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: April 2, 2007.

Robert A. Bennett,
State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Availability of Sierra Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA, 43

U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Proposed Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Sierra planning area managed by the Folsom Field Office.

DATES: BLM Planning Regulations (43 CFR 1610.5-2) state that any person who participated in the planning process and has an interest which may be adversely affected, may protest BLM's approval or amendment of an RMP. Protests must be filed within 30 days of the date that the Environmental Protection Agency publishes their Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. Instructions for filing protests are described in the front cover of the Sierra Proposed RMP and Final EIS and in the Supplementary Information section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandra McGinnis, (916) 985-4474, Bureau of Land Management, 63 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630; caformp@ca.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The planning area for the Sierra RMP is the Folsom Field Office's area of management responsibility. The planning area encompasses portions of 15 California counties: Yuba, Sutter, Colusa, Nevada, Placer, El Dorado, Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Sacramento, Stanislaus, and Merced. A total of 230,000 acres of public lands and 300,000 acres of subsurface mineral estate are administered by BLM. The decisions in the RMP will only apply to BLM lands and mineral estate in the planning area. The Sierra Proposed RMP and Final EIS have been developed through collaborative planning and consider four alternatives. Primary issues include: recreation, wild and scenic river recommendations, sensitive natural and cultural resources, livestock grazing, wildland fire risk and fuel reduction, energy and mineral development, land ownership adjustments, and motorized vehicle route designations. The Proposed RMP includes two wild and scenic river suitability recommendations: South Fork American River (8.8 miles—recreational) and North Fork and Main Mokelumne River (13.7 miles—wild, scenic, recreational). The Proposed RMP includes eight new Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs): Pine Hill Preserve (3,236 acres), Cosumnes River Preserve (2,035 acres), Spivey Pond (54 acres), Deadman's Flat (796 acres), Dutch Flat/Indiana Hill proposed Research Natural Area, which is a type of ACEC (320 acres), Bagby Serpentine

(5,775 acres) and North Fork Cosumnes (1,129 acres). Additionally, the Proposed RMP would expand three existing ACECs: Red Hills, Ione Manzanita, and Limestone Salamander ACECs. Use of public lands in these ACECs would vary depending on their individual resources and values but would include limitations on motorized use, mining, and other surface disturbing activities. Copies of the Sierra Proposed RMP and Final EIS have been sent to affected Federal, state, and local government agencies and to interested parties. Copies are available for public inspection on the internet at <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/folsom/nepa2.2.html>. The document is also available at some local libraries, BLM's Folsom Field Office (63 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630) and upon request by emailing or calling BLM (see contact information, above). Comments on the Sierra Draft RMP/EIS received from the public and internal BLM review were incorporated into the proposed RMP. Public comments resulted in corrections, clarifying text, and the proposal to establish a 1,129 acre ACEC along the North Fork Cosumnes River. The public has 60 days from this notice to comment on this ACEC proposal. A final decision on the RMP will not be issued until after this 60 day comment period and until all protests are resolved.

Instructions for filing a protest with the Director of the BLM regarding the Proposed RMP and Final EIS are described in 43 CFR 1610.5-2. A protest may only raise issues that were submitted for the record during the planning process. Emailed and faxed protests will not be accepted as valid protests unless the protesting party also provides the original letter by regular or overnight mail postmarked by the close of the protest period. Under these conditions, BLM will consider the emailed or faxed protest as an advance copy and it will receive full consideration. If you wish to provide BLM with such advance notification, please direct faxed protests to the attention of the BLM protest coordinator at (202) 452-5112, and e-mails to Brenda_Hudgens-Williams@blm.gov.

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The Director will promptly render a decision on any protests. The decision will be in writing and will be sent to the protesting party by certified mail, return receipt requested. The decision of the Director is the final decision of the Department of the Interior.

Dated: March 13, 2007.

William S. Haigh,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Butte Field Office, Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), a Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (DRMP/EIS) has been prepared for public lands and resources administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Butte Field Office in Montana.

DATES: The 90-day public comment period will begin the date the

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes their Notice of Availability (NOA) in the **Federal Register**. Public meetings to gather comments on the draft will be held in Montana at the following locations during the public comment period: Boulder, Bozeman, Butte, Divide, Helena, and Townsend. Comments on the DRMP/EIS must be received on or before the end of the comment period at the address listed below. Public meetings and any other public involvement activities will be announced at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media news releases, newsletter mailings, and on the Butte RMP Web site at http://www.blm.gov/mt/st/en/fo/butte_field_office.html.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods below. Your name and mailing address must be submitted as part of your comments.

- *E-mail:* MT_Butte_RMP@blm.gov.
- *Fax:* (406) 533-7660
- *Mail or hand-deliver to:* Butte RMP

Team, BLM Butte Field Office, 106 North Parkmont, Butte, Montana 59701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim La Marr, Project Manager, BLM, (406) 533-7645.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Butte Field Office RMP planning area is located in southwestern Montana in Beaverhead, Broadwater, Deerlodge, Gallatin, Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Park, and Silver Bow Counties. The planning area contains approximately 302,000 acres of public surface estate and approximately 678,000 acres of federal mineral estate administered by the Butte Field Office. The DRMP/EIS focuses on the principles of multiple use and sustained yield as prescribed by Section 202 of the FLPMA.

The public involvement and collaboration process included invitations to Federal agencies and tribal and local governments to become cooperating agencies. None of the Federal agencies or governments have participated as cooperating agencies. Public scoping included six public meetings in communities throughout the planning area (January 2004), six additional public meetings specifically focused on site-specific travel planning issues (November/December 2004), two additional public meetings to scope the Proposed Planning Scenario (a preliminary draft proposal of management) in June 2005, ten briefings to specific organizations/county governments on the Proposed Planning Scenario (June/July 2005), and release of reports on Wild and Scenic River (WSR) and Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) findings. Community-