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Subject Your NOI

My apologies for not getting this back to you sooner. Here are my comments/edits. They are primarily formatting things, plus I had to insert the "new" confidentiality wording. Also, your briefing paper is not the correct briefing paper template - the one you used is for a Director's briefing, not a Federal Register notice briefing paper. Below is an example of a FRN briefing paper. Call if you need anything else.



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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 Clear Creek Management

Area and associated Environmental Impact Statement

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ACTION: Notice of Intent.

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SUMMARY: The California Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Hollister Field Office,

intends to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) with an associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA) and by this notice is announcing public scoping meetings. The RMP will replace the existing planning decisions for the CCMA contained in the 1984 Hollister RMP and the associated CCMA RMP Amendments (1986, 1995, 2006).

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DATES: The BLM will announce public scoping meetings to identify relevant issues through

local news media, newsletters, and the BLM web site

http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/hollister/CCMA_RMP.html at least 15 days prior to the first meeting.

BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft RMP/EIS.

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ADDRESSES: You may submit written scoping comments by any of the following methods:

- Email: cahormp@ca.blm.gov
- Fax: (831) 630-5055

• Mail: Hollister Field Office
20 Hamilton Court
Hollister, CA 95023

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Hollister Field Office

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information and/or to have your name added

to our mailing list, contact Sky Murphy, Telephone (831) 630-5039; email

Sky_Murphy@blm.gov

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document provides notice that the BLM Field

Office, Hollister, California intends to prepare a RMP with an associated EIS for the Clear Creek Management Area and announces public scoping meetings.

The planning area is located in southern San Benito and western Fresno counties. This planning activity encompasses approximately 63,000 acres of public land. 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 purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis and EIS alternatives. These issues also guide the planning process. You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing to the BLM at any public scoping meeting, or you may submit them to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the "ADDRESSES" section above. To be most helpful, you should submit formal scoping comments within 30 days after the last public meeting. The minutes and list of

attendees for each scoping meeting will be available to the public and open for 30 days after the meeting to any participant who wishes to clarify the views he or she expressed. 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 in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, are available for public inspection in their entirety.

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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 regarding the existing issues and concerns with current land management.

The major issues that will be addressed in this planning effort include: impacts to public safety and human health from naturally occurring asbestos and past mining activities; designation and management of special management areas; ecosystem management and desired conditions; wildland and prescribed fire management; livestock grazing; motorized and non-motorized recreation management; lands available for disposal or of interest for acquisition; and potential for energy development.

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After public comments as to what issues the plan should address are gathered, they will be placed in one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the plan;
2. Issues to be resolved through policy or administrative action; or

3. Issues beyond the scope of this plan.

The BLM will provide an explanation in the EIS as to why we placed an issue in category two or three. In addition to these major issues, a number of management questions and concerns will be addressed in the RMP. The public is encouraged to help identify these questions and concerns during the scoping phase.

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Preliminary planning criteria are:

1. The RMP will be developed in compliance with with FLPMA, all other applicable laws, regulations, executive orders, and BLM supplemental program guidance.
2. The planning process will include an EIS that will comply with NEPA standards.
3. Economic and social baselines and consequences will be developed in coordination with local and county governments.
4. Initiate government to government consultation, including Tribal interests.
5. Consider the extent to which the revised plan reduces airborne asbestos emissions and minimizes asbestos exposure and addresses public health impact of the Hazardous Asbestos Area. (Ref; Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Atlas Superfund Site Record of decision (ROD), Appendix 2, pg. 14)
6. Consider the extent to which the revised plan reduces accelerated erosion and offsite transport of asbestos fibers on vehicles and clothes due to off-highway vehicle use. (Ref; EPA Atlas Superfund Site ROD, Appendix 2, pg. 14)
7. All new data collected will have information about the data (metadata) stored in a data base. All metadata will meet the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) standards.

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8. The RMP/EIS will incorporate by reference the *Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management*.

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9. The RMP will result in determinations as required by special program and resource specific guidance detailed in Appendix C of the BLM's Planning Handbook (H-1601-1).

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10. Decisions in the RMP will strive to be compatible with the existing plans and policies of adjacent local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies as long as the decisions are in conformance with legal mandates on management of public lands.

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11. Resource allocations must be reasonable and achievable within available technological and budgetary constraints.

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The BLM will use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the RMP in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Specialists with expertise in the following disciplines will be involved in the planning process: rangeland management, minerals and geology, outdoor recreation, archaeology, botany, wildlife and fisheries, lands and realty, hydrology, soils, sociology and economics.

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Rick Cooper

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Hollister Field Office Manager

DATE: July 10, 2007

BRIEFING FOR THE DIRECTOR } Wrong briefing paper format (this isn't a Director's briefing).

SUBJECT: Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) and associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the BLM Hollister Field Office (HFO) Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA).

Reason for Notice: The BLM intends to prepare a RMP and associated EIS for the HFO CCMA and initiate the public scoping process as required by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and BLM planning regulations (43 CFR 1610.2). The CCMA RMP will address land use planning decisions for approximately 63,000 acres of BLM public lands in southern San Benito and western Fresno counties.

Reasons for Timing: The CCMA RMP Amendment and Route Designation (2006) discussed the available studies at the time of publication on naturally occurring asbestos in the CCMA. At the same time, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was conducting an asbestos exposure evaluation study in the Clear Creek Management Area. The study was designed to provide further information on the exposure levels from various types of activities in the CCMA. Initial results from the EPA study indicated that an environmental impact statement would be necessary to consider the new information and a range of management options for the CCMA. Accordingly, BLM agreed to work with EPA and the public to appropriately respond to the new information and expeditiously initiate a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review to consider the new information and potential management responses at the CCMA in light of any new findings. Timely publishing and announcement of the NOI is a critical step in the planning process to maintain schedule and stay within budget.

Relation to Policy, Priority, or Controversy: The CCMA RMP will be prepared primarily to address the results of the asbestos exposure evaluation study recently completed by the EPA. The CCMA RMP will also address land tenure adjustments, recreation, livestock grazing, and protection of sensitive resources in the CCMA. The RMP will also incorporate national policies regarding energy and mineral development and other priorities such as wildland fire management. The CCMA RMP will be developed with public involvement and is likely to generate controversy.

Coordination with State/Tribal/Local Government: BLM will sign a formal cooperating agency agreement with the EPA and possibly the California State Department of Toxic Substances Control. In addition, all levels of government in the planning area will be contacted at various points during the planning process. In the development of the Draft RMP/EIS, BLM will also work with the following entities: Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District; California Department of Fish and Game, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection; CA State and Regional Water Quality Control Boards; U.S. Geological Survey; and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Maps for Reviewers: General planning area map is attached.

FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE BRIEFING PAPER

April 6, 2007

What is the title of this notice?

Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Kemmerer Field Office Draft Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DRMP/DEIS), Wyoming.

What is the date that the Field Office forwarded this notice to Washington?

April 6, 2007

What is the reason for this notice?

This action is a NOA for release of the Kemmerer DRMP/DEIS. The notice announces publication of the subject document and its availability for a 90-day public review and comment period.

What are the reasons for the timing of the notice and the consequence, if any, of delaying or not issuing the release?

Any significant delay would set back the established schedule for release of the Approved Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision (November 2008).

We request that this notice be published by the Office of the Federal Register on or before July 6, 2007.

Does the notice relate to an Administration policy or priority, or a controversial issue, and if so, how?

The Kemmerer RMP revision was one of the major BLM land use planning projects targeted for initiation in Fiscal Year 2003. The DRMP/DEIS is consistent with the National Energy Policy Act of 2005, the National Fire Plan, and the Healthy Forest Initiative. Key issues addressed in this RMP revision include: 1) Energy and mineral resource exploration and development; 2) livestock grazing and vegetation management, including management of non-native and invasive species; 3) management of habitat for threatened, endangered, candidate and sensitive species, and wildlife habitat; 4) management of cultural properties, visual resources, paleontological resources, recreation activities, and off-road vehicles; 5) land ownership adjustments, access, and transportation; and 6) special designations, including ACECs. This RMP will likely be controversial due to the combination of energy and other multiple use and related resource issues.

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Does the action described in this notice require coordination with State/tribal/local government?

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Yes, both the Council on Environmental Quality and BLM planning guidance require close coordination with other Federal agencies, State and local governments, and tribes. To date, cooperating agencies include; the Bureau of Reclamation, the State of Wyoming, and Lincoln, Uinta, and Sweetwater Counties, in addition to three local conservation districts.

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Formal consultation with the tribes has occurred in the past and will continue. The tribes have also been invited to become cooperating agencies in the RMP revision process. The planning effort does not apply to any Native American reservations.

Would a map enable the reviewer to better understand the impact or intent of the notice?

No.

Does this notice affect National Monuments or National Conservation Areas?

No.

Is there any additional pertinent information that reviewers need to know?

Please refer to the notice for additional information.


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Subject Re: Planning schedules 

I just talked to folks in Calif. and here is info. on Clear Creek. Carrizo Plain National Monument also started this year, so that is listed below too. Please be aware that Clear Creek's info. is from an administrative draft of the Pre-Plan, so dates could be subject to change:

Clear Creek

Scoping/NOI: June 2007
Draft RMP/EIS: May 2008
Proposed RMP/FEIS: January 2009
ROD: June 2009

Carrizo


Scoping/NOI: March 2007
Draft RMP/EIS: October 2007
Proposed RMP/FEIS: June 2008
ROD: October 2008

Mary Beth - what is this information for?

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Subject Re: Planning schedules 

Here is South Coast (this is from an administrative draft of the Pre-Plan, so I hope sending this along isn't "jumping the gun"):

Scoping/NOI: May 2007
Draft RMP/EIS: Dec. 2008
Proposed RMP/FEIS: June 2009
ROD: September 2009

I have not seen a Pre-Plan for Clear Creek ... will have to check with Calif.

Mel Meier/WO/BLM/DOI