

The 21 Councils are: Alaska, Alaska Resource Advisory Council; Arizona, Arizona Resource Advisory Council; California, Bakersfield Resource Advisory Council, Susanville Resource Advisory Council, and the Ukiah Resource Advisory Council; Idaho, Lower Snake River Resource Advisory Council, Upper Columbia-Salmon/Clearwater Resource Advisory Council, and Upper Snake River Resource Advisory Council; Montana/North and South Dakota, Butte Resource Advisory Council, Lewistown Resource Advisory Council, Miles City Resource Advisory Council, and Dakotas Resource Advisory Council; Nevada, Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council, Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council, and Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council; New Mexico, New Mexico Resource Advisory Council; Oregon/Washington, John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council, Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council, and Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council; Utah, Utah Resource Advisory Council; Wyoming, Wyoming Resource Advisory Council. The following Councils in Colorado have already been established: Front Range Resource Advisory Council, Northwest Resource Advisory Council, and the Southwest Resource Advisory Council.

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act, as amended, requires the Secretary to establish advisory councils to provide advice concerning the problems relating to land use planning and the management of public lands within the area for which the advisory councils are established. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Councils will provide representative counsel and advice to the BLM on the planning and management of the public lands, as well as advice on other public land resource issues. Council members will be residents of the State in which the Council has jurisdiction and will be appointed by the Secretary.

In a **Federal Register** Notice of August 7, 1995 (60 FR 40191), the Department of the Interior announced the establishment of three Resource Advisory Councils for Colorado. They are the Front Range Resource Advisory Council, the Northwest Resource Advisory Council, and the Southwest Resource Advisory Council.

Concurrent meetings of all 24 Resource Advisory Councils will be held on September 21-22, 1995, in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North/South Dakota, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. The times

and locations of the meetings will be announced in local media for each of the States and the **Federal Register** prior to the meeting. The purpose of the meetings is to discuss the operation, organization, and general goals of the Councils. The meetings will be open to the public. Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meetings or need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the External Affairs Office of the appropriate BLM State Office listed below.

Alaska, 222 W. 7th Avenue #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599
 Arizona, 3707 North 7th Street, PO Box 18563, Phoenix, Arizona 85014
 California, 2800 Cottage Way, E-2841, Sacramento, California 95825-1889
 Colorado, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215-7076
 Idaho, 3380 Americana Terrace, Boise, Idaho 83706
 Montana/North and South Dakota, 222 N. 32nd Street, PO Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800
 Nevada, 850 Harvard Way, PO Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520-0006
 New Mexico, 1474 Rodeo Road, PO Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115
 Oregon/Washington, 1515 S.W. 5th Avenue, PO Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208-2965
 Utah, 324 South State Street, PO Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155
 Wyoming, 2515 Warren Avenue, PO Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Wood, Policy Analyst, Office of the Assistant Director for Resource Assessment and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, room 5558, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240, telephone (202) 208-7013, or Tim Salt, Western Rangelands Lead, Bureau of Land Management, Room 5546, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240, telephone (202) 208-4256.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Councils is to advise the Secretary, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with the management of the public lands. The Councils' responsibilities include: Providing advice to BLM regarding the preparation, amendment, and implementation of land use plans; providing advice on long-range planning and establishing resource management priorities; and assisting the BLM to identify State or regional

standards for ecological health and guidelines for grazing. Council members will be representative of various industries and interests concerned with the management, protection, and utilization of the public lands. These include: (a) Holders of Federal livestock grazing permits and representatives of energy and mining development, the timber industry, rights-of-way interests, off-road vehicle use, and developed recreation; (b) representatives of environmental and resource conservation organizations, archaeological and historic interests, and wild horse and burro groups; and (c) representatives of State and local government, Native American tribes, academia involved in the natural sciences, and the public at large.

Membership will include individuals who have expertise, education, training, or practical experience in the planning and management of public lands and their resources and who have a knowledge of the geographical jurisdiction of the respective Councils.

Certification

I hereby certify that the Alaska, Alaska Resource Advisory Council; Arizona, Arizona Resource Advisory Council; California, Bakersfield Resource Advisory Council, Susanville Resource Advisory Council, and Ukiah Resource Advisory Council; Idaho, Lower Snake River Resource Advisory Council, Upper Columbia-Salmon/Clearwater Resource Advisory Council, and Upper Snake River Resource Advisory Council; Montana/North and South Dakota, Butte Resource Advisory Council, Lewistown Resource Advisory Council, Miles City Resource Advisory Council, and Dakotas Resource Advisory Council; Nevada, Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council, Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council, and Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council; New Mexico, New Mexico Resource Advisory Council; Oregon/Washington, John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council, Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council, and Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council; Utah, Utah Resource Advisory Council; and Wyoming, Wyoming Resource Advisory Council are in the public interest in connection with the Secretary of the Interior's statutory responsibilities to manage the lands and resources administered by the Bureau of Land Management.