

APPENDIX C—SCOPING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT POSTER, PRESS RELEASE, AND LEGAL NOTICE

SCOPING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT POSTER

BLM Asks for Your Input Revising the Las Vegas Resource Management Plan

Please join the Las Vegas and Pahrump Field Offices in revising our management plan. Your input will help guide long-range management actions and uses for field office lands in Clark and southern Nye Counties.

Attend one of our public open house meetings:

Location	Date	Location/Address
Las Vegas	Tuesday, February 2, 2010	BLM Las Vegas Field Office 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV
Henderson	Wednesday, February 3, 2010	Henderson Convention Center 200 South Water Street, Henderson, NV
Mesquite	Thursday, February 4, 2010	City Hall, Council Chambers 10 E. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite, NV
Pahrump	Monday, February 8, 2010	Bob Ruud Community Center 150 S. Highway 160, Pahrump, NV
Beatty	Tuesday, February 9, 2010	Beatty Community Center 100 A. Avenue S, Beatty, NV
Laughlin	Wednesday, February 10, 2010	Regional Government Center 101 Civic Way, Laughlin, NV
Overton	Thursday, February 11, 2010	Overton Community Center 320 North Moapa Valley Blvd., Overton, NV

Meeting times: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Ten minute informational presentations at 5, 6 and 7 p.m.
Public comments will be accepted at the meetings, or by hard copy or email (see below) through February 28, 2010.

For more information:
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BLM Las Vegas and Pahrump Field Offices to Hold Public Scoping Open House Meetings on Resource Management Plan Revision

Las Vegas -- The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold scoping open house meetings in seven locations the first two weeks in February to encourage public participation in the revision of a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Las Vegas and Pahrump Field Offices. Upon completion, the revised RMP will replace the existing Las Vegas RMP. The RMP will establish land use management policy for multiple resource uses on approximately 3.1 million acres of public land and one million acres of split-estate lands in Clark County and southern Nye County, Nevada. Public input on issues related to these decisions is welcomed.

Scoping meetings will be held in the following locations:

- Tuesday, February 2, 2010 – Las Vegas
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Each open house will begin at 5 p.m. and last until 8 p.m., with 10 minute informational presentations at 5, 6, and 7 p.m. The remainder of the meeting will follow an open house format, where participants can ask questions and visit various resource stations. Open houses will have several information stations that present information on key issues and the planning process. Attendees can learn about the RMP revision, ask questions, or provide written comments. A court reporter will be available to document verbal comments, if individuals want to comment in that manner.

The overall objective of the Las Vegas RMP planning effort is to provide a collaborative planning approach that assists the BLM in revising the management decisions of the current

RMP. As such, early public input is crucial to identify various RMP-level issues that should be addressed in through the revision. The scoping period provides the public an opportunity to learn about the RMP revision and to help identify issues, provide data/information, and propose alternatives to be addressed in the EIS.

The RMP will establish consolidated guidance and updated objectives and management actions for the public lands in the decision area. It will be comprehensive in nature and will address issue categories applicable within the decision area that have been identified through agency, interagency, and public scoping efforts. Preliminary issues for the planning area have been identified by BLM personnel, other State and Federal agencies, and other stakeholders. These issues include:

- Renewable energy development for solar, wind, and geothermal power;
- Management of site-type rights-of-way for renewable energy and other uses;
- Visual Resources Management (VRM) Classes;
- Land tenure adjustments to meet community growth needs;
- Management of split estate lands;
- Evaluation of existing and potential new Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC);
- Wild and Scenic River designation;
- Off-Highway Vehicle designations and Special Recreation Management Areas; and
- Fluid mineral management stipulations to protect sensitive resources.

The public scoping period for the RMP revision began with the publication of the Notice of Intent in the Federal Register on January 5, 2010 and will last until February 28, 2010. Public comments must be provided to the BLM by February 28th in order to be formally analyzed and included in the Scoping Report.

The public may submit comments, request additional information, or request to be put on the mailing list by sending such information to the Las Vegas Field Office, Attn: Carolyn Ronning, RMP Project Lead, Bureau of Land Management, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89130, by submitting comments to SNDO_RMP_Revision@blm.gov, or by visiting the RMP Revision website at www.nv.blm.gov/vegas.

LEGAL NOTICE

Legal Notice—Las Vegas RMP Revision – Scoping Period and Meetings

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Las Vegas and Pahrump Field Offices are initiating a planning effort to revise the Las Vegas Resource Management Plan (RMP). This planning effort involves preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Upon completion, the revised RMP will replace the existing Las Vegas RMP. The RMP will establish land use management policy for multiple resource uses on approximately 3.1 million acres of public land and 1 million acres of split-estate lands in Clark County and southern Nye County, Nevada.

Public input is crucial to this process. Public scoping open houses will be held in the following locations:

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Public comments must be provided to the BLM by February 28th in order to be formally analyzed and included in the Scoping Report. Comments submitted after this date will be informally considered. If you wish to comment, request additional information, or request to be put on the mailing list, you may do so by notifying the Las Vegas Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89130, Attn: Carolyn Ronning, RMP Project Lead, or by submitting information to SNDO_RMP_Revision@blm.gov.

Comments including names and addresses of respondents will be available for public review at the BLM office listed above during regular business hours. If you wish to withhold your name and/or 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.

The legal notice was published in the following newspapers:

Las Vegas Review Journal – January 17, 22 and 27, 2010
Pahrump Valley Times – January 20 and 27, 2010
Mesquite Desert Valley Times – January 15 and 19, 2010
Laughlin Nevada Times – January 20 and 27, 2010
Moapa Valley Progress – January 20 and 27, 2010