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BLM Seeks Comments on Resource Plan Amendment and Proposed Land Sale of Public Lands in Caribou County, Idaho

POCATELLO, ID — The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Pocatello Field Office is seeking comments to identify issues associated with a proposed land sale that would require amending the Pocatello Resource Management Plan (RMP). This action will be analyzed as part of an environmental impact statement (EIS) currently being developed for the proposed mine and reclamation plan for the Dairy Syncline phosphate mine. The notice of intent and realty action published in today's *Federal Register* announces the beginning of the issue scoping process.

The RMP amendment is being considered to clarify whether this parcel meets the sales criteria in Section 203 of the Federal Land Management and Policy Act (FLPMA). Clarification of the Pocatello RMP would not increase the number of acres previously determined to be eligible for disposal.

In addition to initiating scoping for the RMP amendment, this notice segregates public lands being considered for sale from appropriation during the development of the Dairy Syncline Mine Plan and RMP amendment. The segregation of the public lands being considered for sale would be for a period of two years.

As part of the proposed mine development, a 1,142-acre parcel of public land in Caribou County, Idaho, is being considered for direct sale under the provisions of FLPMA, at no less than the appraised fair market value. The proposed land sale would accommodate a tailings pond that is a component of the mine and reclamation plan for the proposed Dairy Syncline mine.

Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until September 9, 2015. Written comments can be submitted by letter to the address below, or by email to: blm_id_dairysynclineEIS@blm.gov. Please include "Pocatello RMP Amendment Notice of Realty Action: Proposed Sale of Public Lands," in the correspondence. More information on the Dairy Syncline project can be found at:

<http://1.usa.gov/1gtejJG>.

Attention: Dairy Syncline EIS
c/o BLM Pocatello Field Office
4350 Cliff Drive
Pocatello, Idaho 83401

Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in any comments, be aware that the entire comment—including personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. Requests to withhold personal identifying information from public review can be submitted, but the BLM cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so. The BLM will not consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

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