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A copy of the Protest Resolution Report is available at: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/public-participation/protest-resolution-reports>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Approved RMP Amendment amends the existing 2003 Lakeview RMP. The Lakeview planning area covers approximately 3.2 million acres of public lands in Lake and Harney counties. The Approved RMP Amendment provides management direction for lands with wilderness characteristics; makes planning-area-wide travel and transportation/off-highway vehicle (OHV) allocations of open, limited, and closed; and provides management direction for livestock grazing in areas that fail to meet the BLM's Standards for Rangeland Health and for processing voluntary livestock grazing permit relinquishments.

The Approved RMP Amendment prioritizes the protection of wilderness characteristics in 24 whole units and portions of two units (42,547 acres) as new Section 202 Wilderness Study Areas (WSA). New Section 202 WSAs will be managed as: Visual Resource Management Class I, which allows for very low levels of change to the landscapes' visual character that does not attract attention; Land Tenure Zone 1, where the BLM retains the lands in public ownership for the life of the RMP; exclusion areas for all rights-of-way; and closed for the development and extraction of leasable and saleable minerals, including new mineral material sites.

In addition, the Approved RMP Amendment prioritizes the protection of wilderness characteristics in eight whole units and portions of seven units (373,132 acres) over other multiple uses (Category C). These Category C units will be managed as: Visual Resource Management Class II public lands, which only allows for low levels of

change to the landscapes visual character; Land Tenure Zone 1, where the BLM retains the lands in public ownership for the life of the RMP; exclusion areas for major rights-of-way and commercial renewable energy projects; and avoidance areas for all minor rights-of-ways. In addition, within these Category C units, leasable mineral extraction will be allowed, but subject to a no surface occupancy stipulation. All Category C units will be closed to saleable minerals, including new mineral material sites. Where roads form the boundary of a protected Category C wilderness characteristic unit, a 300-foot management setback from the centerline of paved and gravel roads and a 100-foot setback from the centerline of natural surface boundary roads is established.

Under the Approved RMP Amendment, 12 areas totaling approximately 70,573 acres scattered across the planning area will be managed as open to OHV use; 397,671 acres currently classified as open will be designated as limited to existing routes, resulting in a total of 3,121,499 acres of limited OHV classification in the planning area; and an additional 476 acres of areas open to OHV use will be designated as closed resulting in a total of 11,285 acres closed to OHV.

The Approved RMP Amendment: (1) requires the BLM to consider taking action in areas that are not meeting Standards for Rangeland Health even if existing livestock grazing is not a causal factor for non-attainment of the standard; (2) clarifies that the BLM will not permit increases to animal unit months if analysis finds that doing so could cause negative impacts to other resources in an area where there is either no rangeland health assessment and evaluation or if the evaluation no longer represents the existing resource conditions; and (3) requires the BLM to review the suitability and compatibility of livestock grazing use with other existing resources in the permitted area when a voluntary permit relinquishment is received. If livestock grazing is found to be unsuitable and/or incompatible, the area will become unavailable to grazing and the forage allocation will be made to another resource. If grazing is found to be suitable and/or compatible, then the allocation of forage to livestock grazing use will remain in place. The BLM could authorize grazing use for the area under a grazing permit or designate the area as a reserve common allotment.

The BLM provided the Proposed RMP Amendment/Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a 30-day public protest period starting on

November 7, 2024, and received 15 protests. The BLM Assistant Director for Resources and Planning resolved all valid protests. Responses to protest issues were compiled and documented in a Protest Resolution Report (see **ADDRESSES**). No changes to the Lakeview Proposed RMP Amendment/Final EIS were necessary as a result of protests.

The BLM provided the Proposed RMP Amendment/Final EIS to the Governor of Oregon for a 30-day Governor's consistency review. No inconsistencies with State or local plans, policies or programs were identified during the Governor's consistency review of the Proposed RMP/Final EIS. No changes to the Lakeview Proposed RMP Amendment/Final EIS were necessary as a result of the Governor's consistency review.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.9, 43 CFR 1610.2, 43 CFR 1610.5)

Nada Wolff Culver,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Records of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendments for Greater Sage-Grouse Rangeland Planning

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Records of Decision (RODs) for the Approved Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendments for Greater Sage-Grouse Rangeland Planning in Colorado and Oregon. The BLM's Principal Deputy Director signed the RODs, which constitute the decisions of the BLM to approve the RMP Amendments.

ADDRESSES: The RODs/Approved RMP Amendments are available online at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2016719/510>. Printed copies of the RODs/Approved RMP Amendments can be provided upon request by contacting BLM_HQ_GRSR_Planning@blm.gov.

A copy of the Protest Resolution Report is available at: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/public-participation/protest-resolution-reports>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pat Deibert, BLM National Sage-Grouse Conservation Coordinator; telephone: (720)-447-8107; address: 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, WY, 82009; email: BLM_HQ_GRSG_Planning@blm.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Dr. Deibert. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The RODs/Approved RMP Amendments update how the BLM manages public lands in Colorado and Oregon that support Western communities and enhance conservation for Greater Sage-Grouse and more than 350 other wildlife species. The plan amendments in these two States are part of a rangewide approach, developed with 10 States, Tribes, local communities, and the public to enhance conservation for Greater Sage-Grouse and its habitat. While the Governors of Colorado and Oregon did not identify any inconsistencies with the plans, policies, or programs of their States or potential inconsistencies were resolved, the BLM made minor changes from the Proposed RMP to these RODs/Approved RMP Amendments to resolve potential inconsistencies raised by other States. The BLM made these minor changes to maintain a consistent rangewide approach to Greater Sage-Grouse management and promote coordination between the BLM and the States. The minor changes include clarifying that areas identified as Priority Habitat Management Areas with limited exceptions under the Proposed RMP will be identified only as Priority Habitat Management Areas. A further explanation of this and other changes can be found in the Oregon and Colorado RODs/Approved RMP Amendments.

The States of North Dakota, South Dakota, and California did not submit any administrative protests or identify any inconsistencies with State plans, policies, or programs, so the BLM has completed the administrative process for finalizing those plans, and is prepared to issue RODs for those three States. The BLM continues to work closely with wildlife managers in five other States to finalize decisions to conserve and improve habitat across the Greater Sage-Grouse's range. Until new

RODs are signed, the BLM will continue to manage Greater Sage-Grouse habitat on public lands in those eight States under the 2015 Greater Sage-Grouse RMP decisions.

This Greater Sage-Grouse planning process builds on existing direction related to Greater Sage-Grouse conservation, established in earlier planning efforts, responds to updated scientific information and changing land uses, and provides for consistent and effective rangewide conservation based on biological information that is responsive to locally relevant habitat variability. Upon finalization, these RMP Amendments update or will update goals, objectives, allocations, and management direction in 77 resource management plans in California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

The BLM provided the Proposed RMP Amendments for public protest on November 15, 2024, for a 30-day protest period and received 60 unique protest letters. The BLM resolved all protests, compiling and documenting responses to protest issues in a Protest Resolution Report (see **ADDRESSES**). Through its review, the BLM determined that no changes from the Proposed RMP Amendments/Final EISs were necessary, although the BLM made minor changes for clarification and to improve implementation as described in the Oregon and Colorado RODs/Approved RMP Amendments.

The BLM provided the Proposed RMP Amendments to the Governors of California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming for 60-day Governor's consistency reviews. As discussed above, the Governors of California, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Colorado did not identify any inconsistencies with State plans, policies, or programs. The BLM resolved all potential inconsistencies identified by the Governor of Oregon to the Governor's satisfaction. The BLM is continuing to work with Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming to resolve any remaining asserted inconsistencies.

The BLM's Principal Deputy Director signed the RODs/Approved RMP Amendments, which are in effect upon signature.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6; 43 CFR 1610.5-1)

Nada Wolff Culver,
Principal Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice To Establish a New Recreation Fee Area on Public Lands Managed by the Salmon Field Office, Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Salmon Field Office will establish a fee program for a reservable rental cabin known as Tarpons Roost, constructed on the Continental Divide near Lemhi Pass, in Lemhi County, Idaho.

DATES: Starting July 17, 2025, the BLM will have the option to initiate the proposed fees unless the BLM publishes a **Federal Register** notice to the contrary.

ADDRESSES: Copies of relevant supporting documents for this action may be reviewed at the BLM Salmon Field Office, 1206 South Challis St., Salmon, ID 83467; or the BLM Idaho Falls District Office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83401 and online at: <https://on.doi.gov/3qfe310>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Travis Seaberg, outdoor recreation planner, BLM Salmon Field Office, email: BLM_ID_SalmonOffice@blm.gov; telephone: (208) 756-5400. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM is committed to provide and receive fair value for the use of developed recreation facilities and services in a manner that meets public use demands, provides quality experiences, and protects important resources. The BLM's policy is to collect fees at specialized recreation sites, or where the BLM provides facilities, equipment, or services, at Federal expense, in connection with outdoor use. To meet anticipated demands for services and maintenance at Tarpons Roost, the BLM will establish a fee program for cabin facility use. This fee will be used for the maintenance and yearly operations cost of Tarpons Roost. Starting July 17, 2025,