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BLM Seeks Public Comments on Land Withdrawal Extension for Sacramento Pass Area

Ely, Nev.—The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Schell Field Office is seeking public comments on a proposed 20-year extension of an existing withdrawal of 464.93 acres of public land for the Sacramento Pass Recreation Area. The withdrawal excludes the area from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws.

The withdrawal extension is being proposed to continue the protection of the resource value and capital investment made by the BLM in developing and improving the area for outdoor recreation and for public health and safety.

The withdrawal notice was published in the Federal Register on Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2013, starting a 90-day public comment period, providing the public with an opportunity to comment on the proposal or to request a public meeting. Comments and requests for a public meeting will be accepted until **Jan. 27, 2014**. If a public meeting is held, notice will be provided at least 30 days prior to the meeting date in local newspapers and on the BLM website at: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/ely_field_office.html.

The Sacramento Pass Recreation Area was initially withdrawn in 1994 for 20 years by Public Land Order No. 7060. That withdrawal will expire on June 2, 2014, unless a withdrawal extension is approved.

Mail written comments and requests for a public meeting to: Field Manager, BLM Schell Field Office, HC 33 Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. In Fiscal Year 2012, activities on public lands generated \$4.6 billion in revenue, much of which was shared with the States where the activities occurred. In addition, public lands contributed more than \$112 billion to the U.S. economy and helped support more than 500,000 jobs.

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