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Meadowood Farm Public Meeting

The U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Eastern States (ES) has released a draft Planning Analysis/Environmental Assessment (PA/EA) to assess management alternatives for 800 acres of land on Mason Neck in Fairfax County, known as Meadowood Farm.

“We invite the public to attend this meeting on Wednesday, May 22, at 7 pm at the Gunston Elementary School, 10100 Gunston Road, Lorton, Virginia to discuss and make comments about the Draft PA/EA,” said Mike Nedd, BLM’s Acting State Director. “We value the public’s input and would appreciate hearing comments about the potential impact of Federal management of this land,” Nedd added.

Meadowood Farm is on the Mason Neck Peninsula where the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority manage nearly 5,000 acres for recreation while protecting natural resources. Public lands on Mason Neck provide habitat for migratory and resident waterfowl; bald eagle nesting, feeding, and roosting; and a variety of other wildlife.

The BLM, a bureau in the Department of Interior, manages 264 million surface acres of public land located primarily in the 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM manages an additional 300 million acres of below ground, mineral estate located throughout the country. Originally, the public lands were valued principally for the commodities extracted from them. Today, the public also prizes them for their recreational opportunities and their natural, historical, and cultural resources. The BLM’s Eastern States Office, located in Springfield, Virginia, has responsibility for over 30,000 acres of surface land throughout the 31 states which either border the Mississippi River to the west of lie east of it. It also manages nearly 39 million acres of Federal minerals, maintains more than 9 million historic land-title documents, and conducts the popular wild horse and burro adoption program in the eastern United States. For more information about BLM programs in the East, call 703-440-1713 or visit the web site at www.es.blm.gov.

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