

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to solicit nominations from the public for the elected official vacancy on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Arizona Resource Advisory Council currently assisting BLM. Established and authorized in 1995 by the Secretary of the Interior, the council provides advice and recommendations to BLM on management of the public lands in Arizona, and those portions of California and Utah under the jurisdiction of Arizona BLM. Public notice begins with the publication date of this notice. Public nominations will be considered for 45 days. The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of lands administered by BLM. Section 309 of FLPMA directs the Secretary to select 10 to 15 member citizen-based advisory councils that are established and authorized consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). As required by the FACA, Resource Advisory Council members appointed to the council must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands. These include three categories:

- Category 1—holders of federal grazing permits, representatives of energy and mining development, timber industry, off-road vehicle use and developed recreation;
- Category 2—representatives of environmental and resource conservation organizations, archaeological and historic interests, and wild horse and burro groups;
- Category 3—representatives of State and local government, Native American tribes, academicians involved in natural sciences, and the public-at-large.

The vacancy currently open on the Arizona Resource Advisory Council is for the elected official position in Category 3 which includes representatives of State and local government positions.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees must be an elected official of general purpose government and a resident of the States within the geographic jurisdiction of the Council. Nominees will be evaluated based on their education, training, and experience of the issues and knowledge of the geographical area of the Council. Nominees should have demonstrated a commitment to collaborative resource decision making. All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference

from represented interests or organizations, a completed background information nomination form, as well as any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

The nomination period will also be announced through press releases issued by the BLM Arizona offices. Nomination forms for this Resource Advisory position are available from all BLM offices. Nominations should be sent to Joanie Losacco, Deputy of External Affairs, Arizona State Office, P.O. Box 16563, Phoenix, AZ 85011-6563.

DATES: All nominations should be received by Joanie Losacco, Deputy of External Affairs, by August 1, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Stevens, Arizona External Affairs, Arizona State Office, P.O. Box 16563, Phoenix, AZ 85011-6563, 602/650-0504.

Dated: June 10, 1996.
Joanie Losacco,
Deputy of External Affairs.
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Fish and Wildlife Service**Issuance of Permit for Incidental Take of Threatened Species**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

On April 25, 1996, a notice was published in the Federal Register (61 FR 18407) that an application had been filed with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) by the Smead Manufacturing Company for a permit to incidentally take, pursuant to Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), threatened Utah prairie dog (*Cynomys parvidens*) in conjunction with otherwise legal activities including manufacturing facility construction and operation, in Cedar City, Iron County, Utah pursuant to the Implementation Agreement that implements the Habitat Conservation Plan prepared by the Smead Manufacturing Company.

Notice is hereby given that on May 29, 1996, as authorized by the provisions of the Act, the Service issued an incidental take permit (permit number PRT-814008) to the above-named party subject to certain conditions set forth therein. The permit was granted only after it was determined that it was applied for in good faith, that by granting the permit it will not be to the

disadvantage of the threatened species, and that it will be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in the Act, as amended.

Additional information on this permit action may be obtained by contacting the Assistant Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Utah Field Office, 145 East 1300 South Street, Suit 404, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84115, telephone (801) 524-5001, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Dated: June 6, 1996.
Ralph O. Morgenweck,
Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
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National Park Service**Proposal To Award Concession Permits; Public Notice**

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award twenty-one (21) concession permits authorizing continued operation of canoe rental, shuttle and related services for the public at Buffalo National River for a period of five (5) years from November 1, 1996, through October 31, 2001.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 16, 1996.

ADDRESS: Interested parties should contact the Superintendent, Buffalo National River, P.O. Box 1173, Harrison, Arkansas 72602-1173, to obtain a copy of the prospectus describing the requirements of the proposed permits.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This permit renewal has been determined to be categorically excluded from the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act and no environmental document will be prepared.

The existing concessionaires have performed their obligations to the satisfaction of the Secretary under existing permits which expire by limitation of time on October 31, 1996, and therefore pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of October 9, 1965 (79 Stat. 969; 16 U.S.C. 20), each existing concessioner is entitled to be given preference in the renewal of the permit and in the negotiation of a new permit, providing that the existing concessioner submits a responsive offer (a timely offer which meets the terms and conditions of the Prospectus). This means that the permit will be awarded to the party submitting the best offer,