

(a) Habitat management, including management of forest, riparian areas, water courses, reservoirs, wetlands, old farm fields, and meadows;

(b) Wildlife population management, including federally-listed endangered and threatened species, migratory birds, and native mammals and fish;

(c) Public use management, including hunting, fishing, trapping, wildlife observation and photography, environmental education, camping, horseback riding, mountain-bike riding, and snowmobiling;

(d) Cultural resource identification and protection; and

(e) Management of other special uses including military training.

Alternatives that address the issues and management strategies associated with these topics will be included in the environmental document.

We have evaluated and grouped concerns, issues, and opportunities identified by various publics to date in the following categories: Wildlife, wildlife habitat, recreation, and Air Force training. With the publication of this notice, the public is encouraged to send written comments on these and other issues, courses of action that the Service should consider, and potential impacts that could result from CMP implementation on Little Pend Oreille NWR. Comments already received are on record and need not be resubmitted.

The environmental review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), NEPA Regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), other appropriate Federal laws and regulations, Executive Order 12996, and Service policies and procedures for compliance with those regulations.

We estimate that the draft environmental document will be available by October 1997.

Dated: December 6, 1996.

John H. Doebel,

*Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.*

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## Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Availability of the Finding of No Significant Impact and Supporting Environmental Assessment Involving the Proposed Statement Plan Amendment of Land Use Plans in Arizona for Implementation of Arizona Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Administration

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 202 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, an environmental assessment (EA) on the proposed Statewide Plan Amendment for Implementation of Arizona Standards and Guidelines has been prepared. The Proposed Action would amend Arizona BLM land use plans (Resource Management Plans, Management Framework Plans and amendments) containing decisions which conflict with the Proposed Arizona Standards and Guidelines.

The EA was written to assess the impacts associated with changing land use plan decisions. The revised decisions will bring the affected plans and Arizona Standards and Guidelines into conformance. Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts completed to this point, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is anticipated.

**DATES:** Comments on the preliminary FONSI, supporting EA involving the proposed Statewide Plan Amendment for Implementation of Arizona Standards and Guidelines, and the Proposed Arizona Standards and Guidelines will be taken for the next 30 days and must be postmarked by January 13, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this action are to be sent to Ken Mahoney, Standards and Guidelines Team Leader, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ken Mahoney, Team Leader, Arizona State Office, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004, Telephone: (602) 417-9238.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Three alternatives are considered in the EA. The no action alternative (continuation of current management) provides a baseline for comparison with other alternatives. The Proposed Action is to change land use plan decisions which conflict with the Proposed Arizona

Standards and Guidelines. This action affects the Safford and Yuma Resource Management Plans. Alternative A analyzes the effects of decision changes as a result of adopting the Fallback Standards and Guidelines contained in 43 CFR 4100. Alternative A affects the Arizona Strip, Safford, and Yuma Resource Management Plans.

Proposed Arizona Standards and Guidelines were developed in partnership with the Arizona Resource Advisory Council and with other public input.

#### Other Relevant Information

Once the comments are evaluated and appropriate modifications made, the Proposed Plan Amendment, FONSI, and supporting EA will be sent out for a 30-day protest period as required by BLM planning regulations (43 1610.5-2). A future Notice of Availability will be published initiating that protest period.

Copies of the Arizona Strip District, Safford District, and Yuma District Resource Management Plans and the land use plan conformance document can be reviewed in the Public Rooms of the BLM Offices listed:

Arizona State Office, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004

Arizona Strip Field Office, 345 East Riverside Drive, St. George, Utah 84790

Kingman Field Office, 2475 Beverly Avenue, Kingman, Arizona 86401

Lake Havasu Field Office, 2610 Sweetwater Avenue, Lake Havasu City, Arizona 86406

Phoenix Field Office, 2015 West Deer Valley Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85027

Safford Field Office, 711 14th Avenue, Safford, Arizona 85546

Tucson Field Office, 12661 East Broadway, Tucson, Arizona 85748

Yuma Field Office, 2555 Gila Ridge Road, Yuma, Arizona 85365-2240

#### Public Input Requested

Comments on the alternatives and the adequacy of the impact analyses.

Comments are most useful when they address one or more of the following:

- Errors in the analysis;
- New information that would have a bearing on the analysis;
- Misinformation that could affect the outcome of the analysis;
- Requests for clarification;
- A substantive new alternative whose mix of allocations differs from any of the existing alternatives.

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