

adverse impact on the maintenance and management of the preserve system. Under Alternative 4, the no action alternative, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would not issue an incidental take permit. Under this alternative, development within the Natomas Basin Habitat Conservation Plan area would occur with individual development projects mitigating for their impacts independently in an unstructured manner. The current process of individual consultation on each development project has resulted in mitigation which is fragmented over the landscape and is likely to be of limited long-term value in providing for the conservation of species such as the giant garter snake.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act regulations and section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act. If it is determined that the requirements are met, a permit will be issued for the incidental take of the listed species. The final permit decision will be made no sooner than 45 days from the date of this notice.

Dated: January 7, 1997.

Thomas J. Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project

AGENCIES: Forest Service, USDA; Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Revised notice of intent to prepare environmental impact statements.

SUMMARY: Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project (ICBEMP). The purpose for this revised notice of intent is to provide public notice of the changed completion schedule for the ICBEMP's environmental impact statements (EIS).

This Federal Register notice revises the schedule published in the September 11, 1996 Federal Register (61 FR 47859) for the completion of the EISs. The Executive Steering Committee (ESC), at its meeting from December 2-4, 1996, took the important step of approving the alternatives for inclusion in the draft EISs. The ESC also directed changes to the draft EISs to improve them and address specific concerns raised in its earlier internal review of the draft documents. The directed changes focus on clarification of the objectives and standards for the alternatives. Based on the amount of time to implement these changes and then to prepare and print the document, the draft EISs are now planned to go to the printer in April, with a scheduled release for public comment in June 1997. Release of the final EISs and Records of Decision is anticipated approximately one year later.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dated: January 6, 1997.

Robert W. Williams,

Regional Forester.

Dated: January 6, 1997.

Elaine Y. Zielinski,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Hearing

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

SUMMARY: A public hearing on the use of helicopters in wild horse roundup activities will be held at the White Mountain Library, Grace Gasson Room. **DATE:** February 19, 1997, 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: White Mountain Library, 2935 Sweetwater Drive, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michelle Chávez, District Manager, Rock Springs District Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming, (307-352-0200).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda will be limited to:

1. Introduction and opening remarks.

2. Review of the Wild Horse Management Plan.

3. Use of helicopters in the Plan.

4. Film presentation of roundup activity.

5. Public comment period.

The meeting is open to the public and interested persons may make statements on the subject.

All statements will be recorded.

Michelle Chávez,

District Manager.

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Notice of Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Upper Columbia—Salmon Clearwater Districts, Idaho.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the meeting of the Upper Columbia—Salmon Clearwater District Resource Advisory Council (RAC) on Friday, January 31, 1997. The meeting will be held via telephone conference.

The purpose of the meeting is for the RAC members to discuss and make recommendations to the District Manager, State Director and Secretary of the Interior concerning the procedures and implementation schedule for the proposed rangeland standards and guidelines. Other administrative issues may be discussed as time permits. The RAC will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (PST). The public may address the Council during the public comment period starting at 10:00 a.m. at BLM's Coeur d'Alene Field Office, 1808 N. Third St., Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All Resource Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to the Council, or written statements may be submitted for the Council's consideration. Depending on the number of persons wishing to make oral statements, a per-person time limit may be established by the District Manager.

The Council's responsibilities include providing long-range planning and establishing resource management priorities; and assisting the BLM to identify state standards for rangeland health and guidelines for grazing.