

On Thursday, January 16, 1997, the Service published a notice in the Federal Register announcing the Final Revised Procedures for implementation of NEPA (NEPA Revisions), (62 FR 2375-2382). The NEPA revisions update the Service's procedures, originally published in 1984, based on changing trends, laws, and consideration of public comments. Most importantly, the NEPA revisions reflect new initiatives and Congressional mandates for the Service, particularly involving new authorities for land acquisition activities, expansion of grant programs and other private land activities, and increased Endangered Species Act permit and recovery activities. The revisions promote cooperating agency arrangements with other Federal agencies; early coordination techniques for streamlining the NEPA process with other Federal agencies, Tribes, the States, and the private sector; and integrating the NEPA process with other environmental laws and executive orders. Section 1.4 of the NEPA Revisions identify actions that may qualify for Categorical Exclusion. Categorical exclusions are classes of actions which do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment. Categorical exclusions are not the equivalent of statutory exemptions. If exceptions to categorical exclusions apply, under 516 DM 2, Appendix 2 of the Departmental Manual, the departmental categorical exclusions cannot be used. Among the types of actions available for a Categorical Exclusion is for a "low effect" HCP/incidental take permit application. A "low effect" HCP is defined as an application that, individually or cumulatively, has a minor or negligible effect on the species covered in the HCP [Section 1.4(C)(2)].

The Service may consider the Applicant's project and HCP such a Categorical Exclusion, since the project's habitat currently contains only a single RCW. The Service is soliciting for public comments on this determination. The Service is announcing the availability of the EA since the project's environmental documents were finalized shortly after the NEPA Revisions were released. However, the Service may make a final determination that this action is categorically excluded.

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Klamath Fishery Management Council; Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Klamath Fishery Management Council, established under the authority of the Klamath River Basin Fishery Resources Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 460ss *et seq.*). The Klamath Fishery Management Council makes recommendations to agencies that regulate harvest of anadromous fish in the Klamath River Basin. The purpose of this meeting will be to develop a range of options for the 1997 fishery management season for discussion with the Salmon Advisory Subpanel of the Pacific Fishery Management Council. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Klamath Fishery Management Council will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 2, 1997.

PLACE: The meeting will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, Lloyd Center, 1000 N.E. Multnomah, Portland, OR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Ronald A. Iverson, Project Leader, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1006 (1215 South Main), Yreka, California 96097-1006, telephone (916) 842-5763.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For background information on the Klamath Council, please refer to the notice of its initial meeting that appeared in the Federal Register on July 8, 1987 (52 FR 25639).

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Bureau of Land Management

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Shooting Closure on Public Lands in San Ysidro, NM

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Shooting Closure in Rio Salado Riparian Perea Nature Trail.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Rio Puerco Resource Area is closing approximately

320 acres of public lands in the Rio Puerco Resource Area, located in Sandoval County, New Mexico, to the discharge of firearms (including black powder and antique arms). This action will provide the necessary public safety and will also decrease potential conflicts with recreational users. Unrestricted discharge of firearms in this area by visitors hiking the Perea Nature trail and the people that live in the village of San Ysidro in close proximity to the area. State Highway No. 44 has heavy traffic throughout the year which borders the east and north sides of the area. The subject lands are contiguous to private lands and in close proximity to business establishments and residential dwellings. Neo-tropical migrant birds and other birds are disturbed by indiscriminate shooting in the area, excluding the Rio Grande Retrievers. The Rio Grande Retrievers practice in the area with blank cartridges, which have no potential conflict on the visitors.

The public lands closed to discharging of firearms under this closure will be posted with signs at the most prominent points of public access.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Notice is hereby given that effective February 13, 1997, shooting on public lands is prohibited on approximately one section of public lands in Sandoval County, New Mexico.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public lands affected by this closure are described as follows:

New Mexico Principal Meridian
T. 15 N., R. 1 E.,
Secs. 12, NW¼, NE¼;
Containing approximately 320 acres.

The purpose of this action is to enhance visitors safety on public lands and allow the public to enjoy the nature trail and observe wildlife in the area free from the shooting hazard. This designation remains in effect until further notice. This closure order is in accordance with the provisions of 43 CFR 8364.1, and applies to all persons.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joe Jaramillo, Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management, Rio Puerco Resource Area, 435 Montano, NE., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107, (505) 761-8779.

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