

American Wetlands Conservation Council Coordinator is located at Fish and Wildlife Service, Arlington Square Building, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 110, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Byron Kenneth Williams, Coordinator, North American Wetlands Conservation Council, (703) 358-1784.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In accordance with the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (Pub. L. 101-233, 103 Stat. 1968, December 13, 1989, as amended), the North American Wetlands Conservation Council is a Federal-State-private body which meets to consider wetland acquisition, restoration, enhancement and management projects for recommendation to and final approval by the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. Proposals from State, Federal, and private sponsors require a minimum of 50 percent non-Federal matching funds.

Dated: February 13, 1997.

Jay L. Gerst,

Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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Bureau of Indian Affairs

Proposed Road Maintenance Funding Distribution Methodology

ACTION: Notice; Reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: This notice reopens the comment period on the Bureau of Indian Affairs' proposed funding distribution methodology for the road maintenance program. The Bureau is seeking more comments to better enable it to develop and implement a policy that will meet the needs of the tribes.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to the Chief, Division of Transportation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1849 C Street NW, Mail Stop 4058 MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chief, Division of Transportation, Bureau of Indian Affairs at (202) 208-4359.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 19, 1996, we published a notice in the Federal Register at 61 FR 67058 that requested comments on a proposed methodology and formula for distributing the Bureau's road maintenance funds to tribes. The

comment period for the proposal ended on February 3, 1997.

Because we did not receive enough comments, we are reopening the comment period. We will consider the comments that we receive as we develop a policy for determining base funding for each tribe that is eligible for road maintenance funds. Interested persons may submit written comments regarding this proposed methodology and formula to the location identified in the address section of this notice.

Dated: February 18, 1997.

Ada E. Deer,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 U.S.C. § 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the Federal Register, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through her delegated authority, has approved the Tribal-State Compact between the Burns-Paiute Tribe and the State of Oregon, which was executed on December 19, 1996.

DATES: This action is effective February 25, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

George T. Skibine, Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 219-4068.

Dated: February 12, 1997.

Ada E. Deer,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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Bureau of Land Management

[CA-060-07-1990-00]

Notice of Public Meeting

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Public Laws 92-463 and 94-579, that the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Army have scheduled an additional public meeting in Barstow, California on Thursday, March 6 on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Army's

proposed expansion of the National Training Center at Fort Irwin. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Barstow Holiday Inn, located at 1511 East Main Street.

The meeting is scheduled to provide the public who attended the Tuesday, February 18 meeting in Barstow additional opportunity to comment on the DEIS. Army and BLM representatives will present an overview of the DEIS and provide attendees the opportunity to ask questions prior to the formal public meeting. A court reporter will record all comments, which will become part of the record.

Meetings also are scheduled for Thursday, February 20 at 2 p.m. in the Baker Community Center, in Baker and in Sacramento on Monday, February 24 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 915 "I" Street.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Army's proposed Land Acquisition Project for Fort Irwin was released for public comment January 3 and comments will be accepted through April 4. The DEIS addresses the proposed withdrawal of approximately 310,000 acres of public lands currently managed by BLM from entry under public land laws.

Public comments will be accepted through April 4, 1997. Send written comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Attention: Mike Dekeyrel, Project Manager, 150 Coolwater Lane, Barstow, California 92311.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Mike Dekeyrel at (619) 255-8730 or BLM public affairs in Riverside at (909) 697-5215 for more information or to request a copy of the Fort Irwin DEIS, executive summary or technical appendices.

Dated: February 19, 1997.

Jo Simpson,

Assistant District Manager, External Affairs.

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Notice of Realty Action and Plan Amendment; Montana

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is providing notice of a plan amendment of the Judith Valley Phillips Resource Management Plan. The purpose of the amendment is to allow the sale of 80 acres of public land directly to Phillips County, Montana under criterion 2 of section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 (43

U.S.C. 1713). The BLM is also providing notice of the proposed sale of the same public land in Phillips County involving the surface estate to Phillips County.

SUMMARY: Phillips County will use the purchased land as part of a new proposed Malta Airport. The BLM advised state and local officials about the proposed sale. The estimated fair market value is \$12,400. Sale of the public land will occur in May 1997. The 80 acres of described public land is suitable for sale under criterion 2 of section 203 of FLPMA of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1713); T. 30 N., R. 29 E., P.M.M. sec 11, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

DATES, COMMENTS AND PROTESTS: The effective date of this plan amendment decision and proposed sale notice is the publication date of this notice in the Federal Register.

Any person who participated in the Judith Valley Phillips Resource Management Plan amendment process having an interest or adversely affected by the approval or amendment of a resource management plan may protest such approval or amendment as stated in 43 CFR 1610.5-2. The protest shall be in writing and filed within 30 days of the effective date of this notice. Send protests to the: Director (WO-210), Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Brenda Williams 1849 "C" Street NW, Washington, DC 20240.

The protest must contain:

1. The name, mailing address, telephone number and interest of the person filing the protest.
2. A statement of the issue or issues being protested.
3. A statement of the part or parts of the plan amendment being protested.
4. A copy of all documents addressing the issue or issues submitted during the planning process by the protesting party or an indication of the discussion date of the issue(s) for the record.
5. A concise statement explaining why the State Director's decision is believed to be incorrect.

Comments on the proposed sale may occur for 45 days from the date of this notice. Send comments to: Bureau of Land Management, Phillips Resource Area Office, HC 65 Box 5000, Malta, Montana. 59538-0047.

The State Director will weigh adverse comments on the proposed sale and may vacate or change this notice concerning the proposed sale. Without any objections this notice will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information related to the plan amendment, proposed sale and environmental assessment are available

from Richard M. Hotaling, Area Manager, Phillips Resource Area, HC 65 Box 5000, Malta, MT 59538-0047, 406-654-1240.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The publication of this notice segregates the public land described above from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws but not from sale under Section 203 of the FLPMA of 1976. The segregation will end upon issuance of the conveyance document or 270 days from the date of publication of this notice, whichever occurs first. The conveyance of public land is subject to a reservation of a right-of-way for ditches and canals under 43 U. S. C. 945 and a reservation of all federal minerals.

Dated: February 12, 1997.

Richard M. Hotaling,
Area Manager.

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[UT-942-1430-00]

Notice of Intent to Amend Resource Management Plans (RMPs) and Management Framework Plans (MFPS).

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare plan amendments for the following plans located in said Field Office; Richfield District; Henry Mountain MFP and Parker Mountain MFP, Fillmore District; House Range RMP and Warm Springs RMP, Cedar City District; Pinyon MFP, Vermillion MFP, Zion MFP and portions of the Paria MFP and Cedar Beaver Garfield Antimony RMP.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise the public that the Bureau of Land Management is preparing an Environmental Assessment to consider proposed amendments to the above stated land use plans that guide management of the public lands within the Fillmore District and portions of Richfield and Cedar City Districts located within the State of Utah. The proposed amendments would consider additional disposal criteria providing opportunities for land tenure adjustments (excluding sales pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Section 203).

DATES: The comment period for the preliminary issues and planning criteria identified for the proposed plan amendments will commence with publication of this notice. Comments must be submitted on or before March 27, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For the Cedar City District, Beaver River Resource Area, contact Craig Zufelt or Ervin Larson at 176 East D.L. Sargent Dr., Cedar City, Utah 84720 @ 801-586-2401. For the Cedar City District, Kanab Resource Area contact Mike Noel at 318 North First East, Kanab, Utah 84741 @ 801-644-2672. For the Richfield District, Henry Mountain Resource Area contact Rod Lee at 150 East 900 North, Richfield, Utah 84701 @ 801-896-1524. For the Fillmore District, House Range and Warm Springs Resource Areas contact Nancy DeMille at 35 East 500 North, Richfield, Utah 84631 @ 801-896-6811. Existing planning documents describing current management of the above-stated areas are available at the above addresses. Comments on the proposed plan amendments should be sent to the respective addresses listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Richfield District; Henry Mountain Resource Area, Fillmore District; House Range and Warm Springs Resource Areas, and Cedar City District, Beaver River and Kanab Resource Area, BLM, are proposing to amend the above mentioned planning documents, to allow opportunities for land tenure adjustments not previously identified in the current planning documents by adding five new land tenure adjustment criteria.

Preliminary planning issues have been identified and consist of possible adverse impacts to public lands that could be removed from public ownership, socio-economic impacts, and impacts on known sensitive natural resources.

The following preliminary disposal criteria have been identified and would set the parameters under which land tenure adjustments (including acquisitions) may take place:

Public lands, in order to be considered for disposal or exchange within the above-mentioned plans, must meet one or more of the following criteria. The land tenure adjustment;

(1) Is in the public interest and accommodates the needs of State, local or private entities, including needs for the economy, community growth and expansion and are in accordance with other land use goals and objectives and RMP/MFP planning decisions;

(2) Results in a net gain of important and manageable resource values on public lands such as crucial wildlife habitat, significant cultural sites, high quality riparian areas, live water, recreation, threatened & endangered species habitat, or areas key to the maintenance of productive ecosystems;