

a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30345 (Attn: David Dell, Permit Biologist). Telephone: 404/679-7313; Fax: 404/679-7081.

Dated: April 4, 1997.

Noreen K. Clough,

Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Adaptive Harvest Management Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (hereinafter Service) will conduct an open meeting on April 22, 1997, to discuss potential regulatory alternatives for setting duck-hunting seasons.

DATES: April 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The Adaptive Harvest Management Meeting will be held at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Building, 4301 Wilson Boulevard, Room CC2, Arlington, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul R. Schmidt, Chief, Office of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, ms 634—ARLSQ, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20240, (703) 358-1714.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Representatives from the Service, the Service's Migratory Bird Regulations Committee, Flyway Council Chairmen, and Flyway Council Consultants will meet on April 22, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. to discuss issues involving potential regulatory alternatives for setting duck-hunting seasons. Topics scheduled for discussion include recent Flyway Council recommendations that have broad-scale implications on harvest management and harvest distribution and the implications of possible regulatory solutions.

In accordance with Departmental policy, these meetings are open to public observation. Members of the public may submit written comments on the matters discussed to the Director.

Dated: April 7, 1997.

Gary Edwards,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Receipt of Petition for Federal Acknowledgment of Existence as an Indian Tribe

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

This is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 83.9(a) (formerly 25 CFR 54.8(a)) notice is hereby given that the

Powhatan Renape Nation

Rankokus Indian Reservation, P.O. Box 225, Rancocas, New Jersey 08073-0225

has filed a petition for acknowledgment by the Secretary of the Interior that the group exists as an Indian tribe. The petition was received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on April 12, 1996, and was signed by members of the group's governing body.

This is a notice of receipt of petition and does not constitute notice that the petition is under active consideration. Notice of active consideration will be sent by mail to the petitioner and other interested parties at the appropriate time.

Under Section 83.9(a) (formerly 54.8(d)) of the Federal regulations, interested parties may submit factual and/or legal arguments in support of or in opposition to the group's petition. Any information submitted will be made available on the same basis as other information in the BIA's files. Such submissions will be provided to the petitioner upon receipt by the BIA. The petitioner will be provided an opportunity to respond to such submissions prior to a final determination regarding the petitioner's status.

The petition may be examined, by appointment, in the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Acknowledgment and Research, Room 3427-MIB, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240, Phone: (202) 208-3592.

Dated: April 7, 1997.

Ada E. Deer,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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 gaming on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through her delegated authority, has approved the Tribal State Gaming Compact between Choctaw Nation and the State of Oklahoma, which was executed on December 6, 1996.

DATES: This action is effective April 15, 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: April 3, 1997.

Ada E. Deer,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-020-07-1220-00]

Notice of Intent To Amend a Resource Management Plan

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA), to consider a proposed amendment to the Box Elder Resource Management Plan (RMP). The proposed amendment would consider alternatives for Off-Highway Vehicle use in Box Elder County.

DATES: The comment period for identification of issues for the proposed plan amendment will commence April 15, 1997. Comments must be submitted on or before May 30, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leon Berggren, Resource Advisor, Bureau of Land Management, Salt Lake District, 2370 South 2300 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84119, telephone (801) 977-4350. Existing planning documents and information are available at the above address or telephone number.

Comments on the proposed plan amendment should be sent to the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Salt Lake District, BLM, is proposing to amend the Box Elder RMP management prescriptions for Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use in Box Elder County. The BLM is in partnership with the county and a citizen's group to determine OHV usage in the county. An environmental assessment (EA) will be prepared to analyze the impacts of this proposal and alternatives. Public participation is being sought at this initial stage in the planning process to ensure the RMP amendment addresses all issues, problems and concerns from those interested in the management of lands within the Salt Lake District.

Douglas M. Koza,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ES-030-07-1430-01; WIES-047060]

Notice of Realty Action: Sale of Public Land in Bayfield County, Wisconsin; Correction

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Correction.

SUMMARY: This notice corrects the information published beginning on page 53236 in the issue of Thursday, October 10, 1996, (Vol. 61, No. 198). On page 53237, the first column should read as follows:

The following land has been found suitable for sale under authority of the Act of August 24, 1954 (68 Stat. 789) as a claim to omitted lands resurveyed in 1980. The land will not be offered for sale until at least 60 days after the date of this notice.

Fourth Principal Meridian,

T.43N., R.7W.

Sec. 17, Lot #7

Containing 22.00 acres.

The remainder of the notice is correct as printed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry Johnson, Realty Specialist, Milwaukee District, (414) 297-4413.

Dated: April 9, 1997.

Judy A. Patterson,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-030-1020-04-WEED]

Proposed Supplementary Rules for Use of Certified Noxious Weed-Free Forage, Straw, and Mulch in the Rawlins District, WY

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior

ACTION: Notice of proposed supplementary rules to require the use of certified noxious weed-free forage, straw, and mulch on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administered lands in the Rawlins District, Wyoming.

SUMMARY: The District Manager of the Rawlins District BLM in Wyoming is proposing a requirement that all BLM visitors and permittees in the Rawlins District use certified noxious weed-free hay, straw, or mulch when visiting BLM administered lands in the District. This requirement will affect visitors who use hay or straw on the BLM administered lands in the Rawlins District such as: recreationists using pack and saddle stock, ranchers with grazing permits, outfitters, and contractors who use straw or other mulch for reseeding purposes. These individuals or groups would be required to purchase certified noxious weed-free forage products, or use other approved products such as processed grains and pellets while on BLM administered lands in the District.

DATES: Comments concerning the proposal should be received on or before May 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments concerning the Wyoming requirement to: District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 1300 North Third Street, Rawlins, Wyoming 82301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, Rawlins District Office, Attn: Susan Foley, 1300 North Third Street, Rawlins, WY 82301, or telephone 307-328-4200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Noxious weeds are a serious problem in the western United States. Estimates of the rapid spread of weeds in the west include 2,300 acres per day on BLM administered lands and 4,600 acres per day on all western public lands. Species like Leafy Spurge, Spotted Knapweed, Russian Knapweed, Musk Thistle,

Dalmatian Toadflax, Purple Loosestrife, and many others are alien to the United States and have no natural enemies to keep their populations in balance. Consequently, these undesirable weeds invade healthy ecosystems, displace native vegetation, reduce species diversity, and destroy wildlife habitat. Widespread infestations lead to soil erosion and stream sedimentation. Furthermore, noxious weed invasions weaken reforestation efforts, reduce domestic and wild ungulates' grazing capacity, occasionally irritate public land users by aggravating allergies and other ailments, and threaten Federally protected plants and animals.

To curb the spread of noxious weeds, a growing number of Western States have jointly developed noxious weed-free forage certification standards, and, in cooperation with various Federal, State, and County agencies, passed weed management laws. Because hay and other forage products containing noxious weed seed are part of the infestation problem, Wyoming has developed a State hay inspection-certification-identification process, participates in a regional inspection-certification-identification process, and encourages forage producers in Wyoming to grow noxious weed-free products. The Weed and Pest Districts of Albany, Carbon, Fremont, and Laramie Counties have documented that, in 1996, 74 growers in these counties produced approximately 15,000 acres of certified forage for sale including grass hay, alfalfa hay, a mixture of grass and alfalfa hay, as well as straw.

Region Two of the United States Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, implemented a similar policy for National Forest lands in Wyoming and surrounding States in 1994. The BLM in Wyoming implemented a standard stipulation on all Special Recreation Permits in 1992 requiring holders of those permits to use certified weed-free products. This proposal will provide a standard regulation for all users of BLM lands in Wyoming and will provide for coordinated management with National Forest lands across jurisdictional lines.

In cooperation with the State of Wyoming and the U.S. Forest Service, the BLM is proposing, for all BLM administered lands within the Rawlins District, a ban on hay, straw, or mulch that has not been certified. This proposal includes a public information plan to ensure that:

1. This ban is well publicized and understood; and