

development, operation, and management over the next 15 years.

The alternatives considered in the EA are:

1. *No Action* This alternative reflects the status quo, allowing current conditions and trends of management, public use, and land use to continue. No substantial increases in funds or staff would be required. Public use opportunities, facilities, and access would remain the same at minimal development.

2. *Implement the Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge Comprehensive Management Plan* This alternative would establish an overall management direction. The Refuge is envisioned as a major contributing member in a coalition of partners actively working together to protect and restore a 60,000 acre complex of diverse habitat types for people to enjoy.

The Service's preferred alternative is the second alternative.

The FONSI is based on the following findings:

1. The Refuge will add economic diversity and stability to the local area as visitor use increases.

2. Acquisition of lands has been and will continue to be from willing sellers only.

3. Annual Revenue sharing payments are made to the counties to help off-set potential impacts to the tax base.

4. Cultural resource surveys are planned based on the CMP.

5. This action will not have an adverse impact on threatened and endangered species.

6. Drainage networks and floodplains will not be affected.

The Comprehensive Management Plan, FONSI, and EA will be available to the public on May 15, 1997. The deadline for public comments is June 16, 1997. During this 30-day period the FONSI will not be final, nor will the Service implement the selected alternative. A final decision will be made on whether to carry out the alternative selected at the conclusion of the 30-day period.

Dated: May 1, 1997.

**Stephen D. Wilds,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** As provided in Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Service announces a meeting designed to foster partnerships to enhance recreational fishing and boating in the United States. This meeting, sponsored by the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (Council), is open to the public and interested persons may make oral statements to the Council or may file written statements for consideration.

**DATES:** June 2, 1997, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the JW Marriott Hotel, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, Salon S, Washington, DC 20004-1796, telephone (202) 393-2000.

Summary minutes of the conference will be maintained by the Coordinator for the Council at 1033 North Fairfax Street, Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22314, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours within 30 days following the meeting. Personal copies may be purchased for the cost of duplication.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Doug Alcorn, Council Coordinator, at 703/836-1392.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Partnership Council will hear a briefing by representatives from the American League of Anglers and Boaters (ALAB) on ALAB's consensus position on the proposed language for reauthorizing the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration (Wallop-Breaux) Program, to be considered by the Congress later this year. The Partnership Council will also hear briefings on two initiatives recommended by recreational fisheries stakeholders: (1) To address fish habitat through an amendment to the Clean Water Act, and (2) to catalyze state-led outreach efforts for recruiting and maintaining a strong constituency of anglers. The Partnership Council's Technical Working Group for boating issues will give a status report on the Recreational Lakes Initiative and the status of the Boating Initiative assigned to the Working Group in October 1996. The Partnership Council's Technical Working Group for recreational fisheries issues will present annual findings from its evaluation of Federal agency activities for providing and enhancing recreational fishery resources, pursuant to the President's 1995 Executive Order (Number 12962) for Recreational Fisheries. The topic of discussion will be the Technical Working Group's objective assessment of how well Federal agencies have implemented their respective strategic plans to accomplish goals established one year

ago in the nationally-comprehensive Recreational Fishery Resources Conservation Plan. Based on the Technical Working Group's findings, the Partnership Council will make recommendation for consideration by the National Recreational Fisheries Coordination Council, also established by the President in Executive Order 12962. The Partnership Council will also consider comments from the public before closing.

Dated: April 30, 1997.

**Jay L. Gerst,**

*Acting Deputy Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Realty Action; Classification of Public Land for Conveyance Under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act

**SUMMARY:** The following described land in Riverside County, California, has been examined and found suitable for conveyance under provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 869. The lands were previously classified as suitable for leasing under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act in 1963.

#### San Bernardino Meridian, California

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Sec. 26: All.

Containing 640 acres, more or less.

**DATES:** On or before June 30, 1997, interested parties may submit comments concerning the classification and conveyance to the District Manager at the California Desert District Office, 6221 Box Springs Blvd., Riverside, CA 92507. Objections will be reviewed by the State Director, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Detailed information concerning this action is available at the California Desert District Office, 6221 Box Springs Blvd., Riverside, CA 92507.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Riverside County Waste Resource Management District has applied to acquire title to the above described public lands. These lands were previously leased to the Riverside