

writing, the Service will hold public meetings concerning the issue.

Dated: June 17, 1997.

Jay L. Gerst,

Acting Director.

[FR Doc. 97-16519 Filed 6-23-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4310-55-P

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-340-1110-00]

Hunting Closure on Identified Public Lands, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Hunting Closure on Identified Public Lands, California.

SUMMARY: In cooperation with the California Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the Regents of the University of California, the Quail Ridge Wilderness Conservancy, and the Quail Ridge Association, and under authority of 43 CFR 8364.1, the Clear Lake Resource Area of the Bureau of Land Management is designating as closed to hunting approximately 558.38 acres of BLM lands. These public lands are located within the Quail Ridge Reserve at Lake Berryessa in Napa County, California and are cooperatively managed by the above agencies and organizations as the Quail Ridge Reserve. The 558.38 acres of BLM lands closed to hunting are legally described as:

- Township 7 North, Range 3 West, MDM,
 - Sec. 1, W $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 2 in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 38.38 acres;
 - Sec. 1, W $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 1 in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 40 acres;
 - Sec. 2, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 40 acres.
- Township 8 North, Range 3 West, MDM,
 - Sec. 25, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 360 acres;
 - Sec. 26, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 40 acres;
 - Sec. 35, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, 40 acres.

This is a permanent year-round hunting closure until and unless the Management Team for the Quail Ridge Reserve agrees to rescind or modify the closure. An exception to this closure are special hunts agreed upon by the Management Team as necessary to control the proliferation of nonnative game species i.e. feral pigs. Any special hunts will be coordinated by the California Department of Fish and Game.

A map depicting BLM lands to be closed to hunting is available upon request from the Clear Lake Resource Area office of the BLM in Ukiah, California.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This closure will become effective upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phil Damon, Acting Clear Lake Resource Area Manager at 707-468-4000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This closure applies to BLM lands located within the Quail Ridge Reserve (QRR) at Lake Berryessa in Napa County, California. In a Cooperative Agreement approved in 1992 between the Regents of the University of California and the Bureau of Land Management, the BLM agreed to provide to the University of California the use of the above-described public lands for teaching, research, and other educational purposes. In this agreement the BLM also agreed to support a hunting closure on these lands primarily to avoid potential conflicts with animal population studies, but also to decrease the safety hazards to researchers and visitors during hunting seasons.

QRR includes lands owned and managed by the agencies and organizations listed in the above Summary of this Notice. With the exception of the BLM, all lands owned and managed by these agencies and organizations have already been closed to all hunting. The Department of Fish and Game has not enforced the hunting closure on DFG-administered lands because it is very difficult to determine common boundaries between the BLM lands and DFG lands on the ground. In the absence of a hunting closure on BLM lands, the integrity of the cooperative management of QRR by agencies and organizations which already have hunting closures in place will be compromised. Implementing the hunting closure on BLM lands is necessary to complete the final link in the cooperative goal of closing lands within QRR to hunting. As stated, the BLM has signed cooperative agreement to support a hunting closure.

Phil Damon,

Acting Clear Lake Resource Area Manager.

[FR Doc. 97-16478 Filed 6-23-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4310-40-M

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-360-1020-00]

Resource Advisory Council Meeting, Ukiah (Northwest California) Redding, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The U. S. Bureau of Land Management's Ukiah (Northwest California) Resource Advisory Council will meet Thursday and Friday, July 24 and 25, 1997, at the Victorian Inn, 1709 Main Street (Highway 299), Weaverville, CA. The meeting will include a business session and field tour.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Thursday, July 24 meeting begins at 10 a.m. in the conference room of the Victorian Inn. Agenda items include a review of the BLM-California draft environmental impact statement on Standards for Healthy Rangelands and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing. The council will also hear a subcommittee report on the proposed Yahi-Ishi National Conservation Area, and a subcommittee report on recreation user fees. Public comments will be taken at 1 p.m. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, a time limit could be imposed.

On Friday, July 25, the members will convene at 8 a.m. the Victorian Inn and depart immediately for a field tour of conservation projects in the BLM's Redding Resource Area. Members of the public are invited on the tour. They must provide their own four-wheel-drive transportation and lunch. The tour will conclude at 3 p.m.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Chuck Schultz, BLM Redding Resource Area Manager, (916) 224-2100.

Joseph J. Fontana,

Public Affairs Officer.

[FR Doc. 97-16477 Filed 6-23-97; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4310-40-P

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Bay-Delta Advisory Council Meetings

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Bay-Delta Advisory Council (BDAC) will meet to discuss several issues including: an overview and discussion of the process to evaluate and narrow the program alternatives; an update on the activities of the Ecosystem Restoration program and the Ecosystem Roundtable subcommittee; an update from the fact finding BDAC work groups (finance, ecosystem restoration and assurances); and other issues. The Ecosystem Roundtable (a subcommittee of the BDAC) will meet to discuss the following issues: the evaluation and selection process for the 1997 Category III Request for Proposals; contract