

ACTION: Notice of extension of deadline for submission of Required Certification for FY 1997 notice of funding availability (NOFA) for Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program Coordinators.

SUMMARY: This notice extends the due date for submission of the Public Housing Agency and Indian Housing Authority (HAs) required certification for FY 1997 funding for FSS Program Coordinators under the Section 8 Rental Voucher and Rental Certificate Programs.

DATES: The certification deadline for the FSS Program Coordinators is extended to September 2, 1997. Certifications must be received in the HUD State or Area Offices or in the HUD Office of Native American Programs (hereinafter "HUD Office") by 3:00 p.m. local time on September 2, 1997. The above-stated deadline is firm as to date and hour. HUD will treat as ineligible for consideration any certification that is not received before the deadline. Applicants should take this practice into account and make early submission of their materials to avoid any risk of loss of eligibility brought about by unanticipated delays or other delivery-related problems. HUD will not accept certifications sent via facsimile (FAX) transmission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gerald J. Benoit, Director, Operations Division, Office of Rental Assistance, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, room 4220, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410-8000, telephone number (202) 708-0477. Hearing or speech impaired individuals may call HUD's TTY number (202) 708-4594. (These numbers are not toll-free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 1, 1997, HUD published a NOFA announcing the availability of up to \$15 million in FY 1997 to fund Section 8 FSS Program Coordinators (62 FR 23912). The HA certification due date given in that publication was June 2, 1997. The unusually short response time did not allow, in many cases, HAs to obtain the necessary information required for the HA's certification.

In the interest of fairness, HUD has decided to extend the deadline for an additional 30 day-period. All HAs that received funding for FSS program coordinators under the FY 1995 and FY 1996 NOFAs and that wish to receive funding under the FY 1997 NOFA must complete a certification in the format described in paragraph III of the May 1, 1997 NOFA and submit it to the HUD Office by the new extension date

specified in the "Dates" paragraph of this extension notice. Funding under the NOFA will be automatic for FY 1996 funded HAs and for FY 1995 HAs that did not receive FSS program coordinator funding in FY 1996, provided the HA furnishes the certification referenced herein and the HUD Office determines that the HA has made progress in implementation of the FSS program.

Dated: July 28, 1997.

Kevin Emanuel Marchman,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora; Results of Tenth Regular Meeting; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: With this notice the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announces a public meeting to discuss the results of the tenth regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

DATE: The public meeting will be held on August 28, 1997, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in Room 7000 of the Department of the Interior, 18th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. Please note that the room is accessible to the handicapped. Persons planning to attend the meeting who require interpretation for the hearing impaired should notify the Office of Management Authority as soon as possible.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth B. Stansell or Dr. Susan S. Lieberman, Office of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; telephone 703/358-2093; fax: 703/358-2280; E-mail: r9oma_cites@mail.fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, hereinafter referred to as CITES or the Convention, is an

international treaty designed to monitor and regulate international trade in certain animal and plant species which are or may become threatened with extinction, and are listed in Appendices to the treaty. Currently 139 countries, including the United States, are CITES Parties. CITES calls for biennial meetings of the Conference of the Parties which review its implementation, make provisions enabling the CITES Secretariat (in Switzerland) to carry out its functions, consider amending the list of species in Appendices I and II, consider reports presented by the Secretariat, and make recommendations for the improved effectiveness of the Convention. The tenth regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (COP10) was held in Harare, Zimbabwe, from June 9 to 20, 1997.

A series of **Federal Register** notices and two public meetings already held, provided the public with an opportunity to participate in the development of U.S. negotiating positions for COP10. A **Federal Register** notice concerning possible U.S. submissions of amendments to the CITES Appendices and resolutions for consideration at COP10 (with a request for public comments) was published on March 1, 1996 (61 FR 8019). A **Federal Register** notice announcing a public meeting to discuss an international study of the effectiveness of CITES was published on June 14, 1996 (61 FR 30255). A **Federal Register** notice requesting information on the Service's consideration of amendments to the CITES Appendices was published on August 28, 1996 (61 FR 44324). A **Federal Register** notice concerning the provisional agenda of COP10 as well as proposed resolutions and agenda items being considered was also published on August 28, 1996 (61 FR 44332). A public meeting soliciting comments on proposed U.S. submissions of species amendments, resolutions, and agenda items for consideration at COP10 was held October 3, 1996. A **Federal Register** notice concerning resolutions and documents submitted by the United States for consideration at COP10 was published on March 27, 1997 (62 FR 14689). A **Federal Register** notice concerning proposals to amend the CITES Appendices submitted by the United States for consideration at COP10 was published on April 16, 1997 (62 FR 18559). A **Federal Register** notice concerning proposed U.S. negotiating positions on proposals to amend the CITES Appendices submitted by other Parties for consideration at COP10 was published on April 17, 1997

(62 FR 18731). A **Federal Register** notice concerning proposed U.S. negotiating positions on agenda items and resolutions submitted by other Parties for consideration at COP10 was also published on April 17, 1997 (62 FR 18777). A public meeting allowing for discussion of U.S. positions on species amendments and resolutions submitted by other CITES Parties, and agenda items leading up to COP10, was held on April 25, 1997. A **Federal Register** notice concerning decisions by the Service on negotiating positions to be taken by the United States with regard to proposals to amend the CITES Appendices submitted by other Parties for consideration at COP10 was published on June 6, 1997 (62 FR 31054). Finally, a **Federal Register** notice concerning final U.S. negotiating positions on agenda items and resolutions submitted by other Parties for consideration at COP10 was published on June 6, 1997 (62 FR 31127).

The Service participated in COP10, and by this notice announces a public meeting to discuss the results of that meeting.

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Dated: July 23, 1997.

John G. Rogers,

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

[**Notice:** Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); tenth regular meeting; public meeting to discuss the results of the meeting]

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-020-1220-00]

Nevada: Closing of Certain Public Lands in the Winnemucca District for the Management of Lands Located Around the Burning Man Festival

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (Interior).

ACTION: Temporary motorized vehicle closure of certain Public Lands in Washoe and Pershing Counties from August 27 to September 2, 1997 adjacent to the Burning Man Event.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Certain lands in the Winnemucca District, Pershing and Washoe Counties, Nevada

would be temporarily closed to motorized vehicles from August 27 to September 3, 1997. This closure is being made to protect the unknown resources on public lands that can be found to the east and south of the proposed location of an event known as the Burning Man Festival. This event is expected to attract at least 12,000 visitors this year. While pedestrians and bicycles are acceptable in the area, it is unknown as to the amount of damage motorized vehicles would create.

A second reason for the temporary closure is for the health and protection of visitors to the area. This region has a number of sandy and silty areas in which it is easy to become stuck. Parking for the participants is being established in safe areas on private property.

The public lands to be closed to motorized vehicle use are on the playa of Hualapai Flat and the sandy dunes to the south and east within the area described below:

- T. 34 N., R. 23 E.,
 Sec. 12: S¹/₂NE¹/₄; W¹/₂SW¹/₄; SE¹/₄NW¹/₄; SE¹/₄
 Sec. 13: E¹/₂; E¹/₂W¹/₂
 Sec. 24: NE¹/₄; SE¹/₄NW¹/₄; N¹/₂SE¹/₄; SE¹/₄SE¹/₄
 Sec. 25: E¹/₂E¹/₂ (area north of County Road 34)
- T. 34 N., R. 24 E.,
 Sec. 4: NW¹/₄ (area south of road only); SW¹/₄; SE¹/₄ (area west of road only); SW¹/₄NE¹/₄ (area west of road only)
 Sec. 5: N¹/₂N¹/₂; S¹/₂NE¹/₄; SE¹/₄; S¹/₂SW¹/₄
 Sec. 6: E¹/₂; E¹/₂NW¹/₄; NE¹/₄SW¹/₄
 Sec. 7: Entire section except N¹/₂NW¹/₄
 Sec. 8: All
 Sec. 9: All
 Sec. 10: W¹/₂ (area west of road only)
 Sec. 15: NW¹/₄NE¹/₄ (area west of road only); NW¹/₄ (area west of road commonly known as the Soldier Meadows Road only); W¹/₂SW¹/₄ (area west of road commonly known as the Soldier Meadows Road only)
 Sec. 16-20: All
 Sec. 21: W¹/₂; NE¹/₄; SE¹/₄ (area west of road commonly known as the Soldier Meadows Road only)
 Sec. 22: NW¹/₄ (area west of road commonly known as the Soldier Meadows Road only)
 Sec. 28: NE¹/₄ (area west of road commonly known as the Soldier Meadows Road only); W¹/₂; SE¹/₄ (area west of road commonly known as the Soldier Meadows Road only)
 Sec. 29: N¹/₂; SW¹/₄ (area north of County Road 34 only); SE¹/₄
 Sec. 30: N¹/₂; S¹/₂ (area north of County Road 34 only)
 Sec. 32: NE¹/₄ (area north of County Road 34 and the road commonly known as the Soldier Meadows Road only)
 Sec. 33: N¹/₂N¹/₂ (area north of road commonly known as the Soldier Meadows Road)

The lands involved are located in the Mount Diablo Meridian and located northeast of Gerlach, Nevada. A map showing the temporary closure area is available from the following BLM office: Winnemucca Field Office, 5100 East Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, Nevada 89445, (702) 623-1500.

Any person who fails to comply with this closure notice issued under 43 CFR part 8364 may be subject to the penalties provided for in 43 CFR 8360.0-7.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Bilbo, 5100 East Winnemucca Blvd. Winnemucca, Nevada, 89445 (702) 623-1500.

Dated: July 23, 1997.

Ron Wenker,

District Manager, Winnemucca.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-067-7122-6606; CACA-35511]

Imperial Project Gold Mining Operation, Imperial County, CA; Environmental Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Withdrawal of the Imperial Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Intent to Prepare Environmental Impact Statement on the Imperial Project Proposed Gold Mining/Processing Operation, Imperial County.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has withdrawn the Imperial Project, Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), distributed for public review November, 1996. Based on a review of public comment received, it was determined that it was necessary to withdraw the DEIS and to prepare and circulate a new DEIS. The comments received on the DEIS will be treated as scoping comments, however, new comments may be submitted.

DATES: Written scoping comments must be received no later than September 2, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written scoping comments should be addressed to the Area Manager, Attn: Imperial Project, El Centro Resource Area, 1661 South Fourth St., El Centro, California 92243.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Romoli (909) 697-5237.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The comments submitted on the withdrawn