

surveys on the Applicant's property did not reveal habitat occupied by ABM; however, the Applicant is seeking compliance with the Act in an abundance of caution. The Applicant's property does not contain designated critical habitat for the ABM.

Construction of the Project may result in the death of, or injury to, ABM. Habitat alterations due to condominium placement and subsequent human habitation of the Project may reduce available habitat for food, shelter, and reproduction.

The EA considers the environmental consequences of several alternatives. One action proposed is the issuance of the ITP based upon submittal of the HCP as proposed. This alternative provides for restrictions that include conserving almost 75 percent of the Project's dune fields (essentially primary and secondary dunes), establishment of one walkover structure across primary and secondary dune features, a prohibition against housing or keeping pet cats, ABM competitor control and monitoring measures, scavenger-proof garbage containers, restoration of dune systems, the creation of educational and information brochures on ABM conservation, and the minimization and control of outdoor lighting. Further, the HCP proposes to provide an endowment of \$17,773 to acquire ABM habitat offsite or otherwise perform some other conservation measure for the ABM. The HCP provides a funding source for these mitigation measures, as well as monitoring of the HCP, should an ITP be issued by the Service. Another alternative is consideration of a different project design that might result in more impacts to the ABM and its habitat. A third alternative is no-action, or deny the request for authorization to incidentally take the ABM.

As stated above, the Service has made a preliminary determination that the issuance of the ITP is not a major Federal action significantly effecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(C) of NEPA. This preliminary information may be revised due to public comment received in response to this notice and is based on information contained in the EA and HCP. An appropriate excerpt from the FONSI reflecting the Service's finding on the application is provided below:

Based on the analysis conducted by the Service, it has been determined that:

- Issuance of the ITP will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of survival and recovery of the effected species in the wild.

- The HCP contains provisions which sufficiently minimize and/or mitigate the impacts of issuing the ITP.
- Issuance of the ITP would not have significant effects on the human environment in the project area.
- The proposed take is incidental to an otherwise lawful activity.
- Adequate funding will be provided to implement the measures proposed in the submitted HCP and authorizing ITP.

The Service will also evaluate whether the issuance of a Section 10(a)(1)(B) ITP complies with Section 7 of the Act by conducting an intra-Service Section 7 consultation. The results of the biological opinion, in combination with the above findings, will be used in the final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the ITP.

Dated: September 24, 1997.

H. Dale Hall,

Acting Regional Director.

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Commission water supply initiative; (3) an update on subbasin planning; (4) a report from National Marine Fisheries Service and Siskiyou County regarding the Five Counties Coho Initiative and Plan; (5) a report on the American Heritage Rivers Initiative; (6) private landowner awards; and (7) an update on scoping of the Klamath River Basin Instream Flow Incremental Methodology (IFIM) flow study.

For background information on the TF, please refer to the notice of their initial meeting that appeared in the **Federal Register** on July 8, 1987 (52 FR 25639).

Dated: September 22, 1997.

Thomas J. Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Meetings of Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Vale District, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is given that there will be meetings of the Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council.

DATES: The Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council meetings will begin at 8:00 a.m. and run to 5:00 p.m. October 27, 1997. Public comments are scheduled from 12:00 noon to 12:15 p.m., October 27, 1997. On October 28, 1997, the meeting will run from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. At an appropriate time, the council will recess for approximately one hour for lunch. Topics to be discussed during the meeting are administrative activities of the Council, the workload for fiscal year 1998, noxious weeds, fuels and prescribed fire, water quality issues, and such other issues as to properly come before the Council.

ADDRESSES: The Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council meetings will take place at the Malheur National Forest Headquarters, Federal Building, 431 Patterson Bridge Road, John Day, Oregon 97845.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jonne Hower, Bureau of Land Management, Vale District, 100 Oregon

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force, established under the authority of the Klamath River Basin Fishery Resources Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 460ss *et seq.*). The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force (TF) will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 1997 and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 16, 1997.

PLACE: The meeting will be held in the Windmill Ashland Hills Inn (2525 Ashland Street), Ashland, Oregon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Ronald A. Iverson, Project Leader, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1006 (1030 South Main), Yreka, California 96097-1006, telephone (916) 842-5763.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The principal agenda items at this meeting will be (1) A decision on whether or how to proceed with the Upper Basin Amendment and assignments; (2) an update on Klamath Compact