

refuge goals, long-range objectives, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes. Public input into this planning process is encouraged. The CMP will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions for the Refuge and how the Service will implement management strategies.

The Nisqually NWR was established in 1974, “* * * for use as an inviolate sanctuary, or for any other management purpose, for migratory birds” (16 U.S.C. 715d). A CMP is needed to update the 1978 Nisqually NWR Conceptual Plan and facilitate potential changes in habitat management and associated public uses, with full public participation. Until the CMP is completed, Refuge management will be guided by official Refuge purposes; Federal legislation regarding management of national wildlife refuges; the Nisqually NWR Conceptual Plan and other legal, regulatory and policy guidance. The major issues to be addressed in the CMP include habitat protection and enhancement, boundary expansion and completion of the Refuge, riparian and tidal restoration, control of invasive and exotic vegetation, future flooding, compatibility of secondary uses, jurisdiction over navigable waters within the Refuge, public access and accessibility, and hunting and fishing. The plan will include the following topics:

(a) Habitat management, including management of forest, freshwater, estuarine, tidal and riparian areas, water courses, wetlands, old farm fields, and meadows;

(b) Wildlife population management, including federally-listed endangered and threatened species, migratory birds, and native mammals and fish;

(c) Public use management, including hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, environmental education and interpretation, hiking, biking;

(d) Cultural resource identification and protection; and

(e) Expansion of partnerships, community outreach and volunteers.

Alternatives (and their effects) that address the issues and management strategies associated with these topics will be included in the environmental document. With the publication of this notice, the public is encouraged to send written comments on these and other issues, courses of action that the Service should consider, and potential impacts that could result from CMP implementation on Nisqually NWR. Comments already received are on record and need not be resubmitted.

The environmental review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), NEPA Regulations (40 CFR 1500–1508), other appropriate Federal laws and regulations, Executive Order 12996, and Service policies and procedures for compliance with those regulations. We estimate that the draft environmental document will be available by Fall 1998.

Dated: September 25, 1997.

Thomas J. Dwyer,

Acting, Regional Director, Region I, Portland Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Ruffe Control Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Ruffe Control Committee, a committee of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. The purposes of the upcoming meeting are to: (1) Review current information on ruffe populations; (2) review progress on implementation of the eight components of the Ruffe Control Program; and (3) review the status of the Ruffe Control Program and the Committee. Products of the meeting will be: (1) material for a report to the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force on 1997 activities; and (2) recommendations from the Committee to the Task Force regarding the future of the Ruffe Control Program and the Committee. An optional field trip is planned to trawl for ruffe in Duluth-Superior Harbor.

DATES: The Ruffe Control Committee will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 29, 1997, and 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon on Thursday, October 30, 1997. The optional field trip will begin at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 29, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Days Inn, 110 East Second Street, Superior, Wisconsin. The optional field trip will leave from the Days Inn.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Busiahn, Chair, Ruffe Control Committee, at 715-682-6185, or Bob Peoples, Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, at 703-358-2025.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 Ruffe Control Committee, a committee of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force established under the authority of the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4701-4741). Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 840, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622, and the Chair, Ruffe Control Committee, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Fishery Resources Office, 2800 Lake Shore Drive East, Ashland, Wisconsin 54806, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, within 30 days following the meeting.

Dated: October 3, 1997.

Gary Edwards,

Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance, Species Task Force Assistant Director—Fisheries.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Final Environmental Impact Statement, Florida Canyon Mine Proposed Expansion and Comprehensive Reclamation Plan

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement addressing the Florida Canyon Mine Proposed Expansion and Comprehensive Reclamation Plan, and the initiation of a 30-day review period

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, notice is given that the Winnemucca Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared, by third party contractor, a Final Environmental Impact Statement on Florida Canyon Mining Incorporated's Florida Canyon Mine Expansion and Comprehensive Reclamation Plan. The mine is located on public and private lands in Pershing County, Nevada, approximately 35 miles northeast of Lovelock and 38 miles southwest of Winnemucca. This document will become available to the public for a 30-day review period before issuance of a Record of Decision.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)