

settlement money. The MOU established a Trustee Committee consisting of representatives from DOI and the State of Utah to plan and direct restoration activities.

The Trustee Committee outlined the following project goals: (1) to restore, replace, enhance, or acquire appropriate natural, functioning habitats along the Jordan River corridor for the benefit of identified trust resources; (2) to ensure that funds are utilized to provide maximum benefits for trust resources; and (3) to ensure the provision of benefits to trust resources in perpetuity. Restoration alternatives to meet these goals were identified. These alternatives included: (a) no-action or natural recovery, (b) restoration on the Sharon Steel/Midvale Slag sites, and (c) Jordan River Corridor replacement/enhancement of habitat for trust resources. Due to its protective and relatively cost effective nature, replacement/enhancement of resources in the Jordan River corridor was chosen as the preferred alternative for enhancement of wetland and riparian migratory bird habitats.

The primary steps towards achievement of project restoration objectives were subsequently identified as: (1) definition of restoration targets in terms of species and habitats, (2) development of criteria to consider when identifying and ranking projects, (3) identification of restoration tools or activities and solicitation of cooperative project proposals, (4) identification and ranking of specific restoration projects (cooperative proposals) and/or sites, (5) implementation of selected project(s), and (6) monitoring of the project(s) to ensure long-term viability.

The Sharon Steel Damage Settlement Restoration Plan: A Concept Document was subsequently issued which lent guidance to the restoration project selection process. The Draft Sharon Steel Restoration Plan identifies restoration projects selected for funding through cooperative agreements that will be implemented through partnerships with State or Federal agencies, county or local governments, or nonprofit organizations. Close cooperation among all programs in the Jordan River corridor (e.g., Central Utah Project, Jordan River Parkway plans, Jordan River Sub-basin Watershed Management Council, etc.) will insure cost-effective expenditure of public funds, increase success of all programs, and provide maximum benefits to the Jordan River ecosystem.

Management in perpetuity for wildlife will be assured by Restoration Plan stipulations which require land/wildlife management plans for each project

proposal, and deed restrictions, which stipulate future land uses and return of lands to DOI or the State of Utah if cooperative agreements and management plan objectives are not upheld. Monitoring of sites will be performed by the Service to document project progress, assure compliance with management objectives and deed restrictions, and to measure timely success in the restoration of trust resources.

Interested members of the public are invited to review and comment on the Draft Restoration Plan. In Utah, copies are available for review at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Ecological Services Office in Salt Lake City (145 East 1300 South, Suite 404, Salt Lake City), the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Environmental Response and Remediation (168 North 1950 West, Salt Lake City), and the Salt Lake City Library.

A public informational meeting will be held to describe the restoration projects proposed in the Restoration Plan and to answer questions. The meeting will be held November 20, 1997, at Midvale City Hall at 7:30 p.m. All written and public meeting comments will be considered and addressed in the final Restoration Plan.

Dated: November 6, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Resource Advisory Council Meeting

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Northeast California Resource Advisory Council, Susanville, California.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Northeast California Resource Advisory Council will meet Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1997, at the BLM's Eagle Lake Field Office, 2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA 96130.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting begins at 10 a.m. in the conference room of the BLM office. Members will discuss development of BLM-California's Environmental Impact Statement for Healthy Rangeland Standards and Guidelines, and discuss progress on phase one fire management

planning in the Alturas, Eagle Lake and Surprise Resource Areas. Public comments will be taken at 1 p.m. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak a time limit could be established.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Contact Jeff Fontana, public affairs officer, (530) 257-5381.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Arizona: Closure of All Public Lands Within the La Posa Plain Camping Closure Area to Overnight Occupation, Identification of Five "Fourteen-Day Camping Areas," and Restriction of Native Wood Collection

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of closure of all public lands within the La Posa Plain Camping Closure Area to overnight occupation, identification of five "Fourteen-Day Camping Areas," and restriction of Native Wood Collection.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that all types of camping and night-time occupation must occur within designated camping areas within the La Posa Plain Area, and that native wood collection is prohibited on the public land within the La Posa Plain Camping Closure Area. The area affected by the closure contains 121,500 acres more or less.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Bureau of Land Management, Yuma Field Office, La Posa Interdisciplinary Management Plan specified that no overnight occupation or collection of native wood shall be permitted within the closure area. This closure of public land within this area to overnight occupation and firewood collection is being implemented to resolve natural resource impacts resulting from unauthorized dumping of solid and liquid waste, disturbance of native soils, and depletion of native wood resources. Camping and occupation of public land within this area is restricted to five designated 14-day camping areas and the La Posa Long-Term Visitor Area (LTVA). The five 14-day camping areas are: Plomosa Road located 5 miles north of Quartzsite, Arizona, on the north and south sides of Plomosa Road; Dome