

entries on Tuesday, November 3, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in the Department of the Interior Auditorium. This year's judging will be held from November 4–5, 1998, beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 4, and continuing at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 5.

The following five eligible species for the 1998 duck stamp contest are as follows:

- (1) American Green-winged Teal
- (2) Black Duck
- (3) Greater Scaup
- (4) Northern Pintail
- (5) Ruddy Duck

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Jamie Rappaport Clark,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Notice of Intent To Adopt the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Coos Bay District Final Proposed Resource Management Plan (PRMP)/ Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Dated September 1994, as the Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the 5,410 Acre Coquille Forest.

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is considering adopting the BLM's Final PRMP/EIS as the resource management plan and environmental impact statement for management of the 5,410 acre Coquille Forest. A description of the proposal is provided below. The BIA will make an independent analysis of the Final PRMP/EIS to determine its adequacy to meet the BIA's responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 40 CFR 1506.3(a).

The Coquille Restoration Act (P.L. 101–42), as amended by P.L. 104–208 of September 30, 1996, (110 STAT. 3009–537; 25 U.S.C. 715c) provides that “* * * the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, acting on behalf of and in consultation with the [Coquille] Tribe, is authorized to initiate development of a forest management

plan for the Coquille Forest.” Section 501.(a)(d)(5) of the Act requires that the Secretary shall manage the Coquille Forest “* * * under applicable State and Federal forestry and environmental protection laws, and subject to critical habitat designations under the Endangered Species Act, and subject to the standards and guidelines of Federal forest plans on adjacent or nearby Federal lands, now and in the future.” Consultation meetings with the Coquille Tribe and its members will be scheduled and carried out until February 1998.

A summary of public involvement associated with the Coos Bay District's Draft and Final Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement can be found on page ROD–5 of the BLM's Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan of May 1995, and is hereby incorporated by reference. A summary of public involvement associated with the July 1993 Draft and February 1994, Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement on Management of Habitat of Late-Successional and Old-Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl is included on pages 58–73 of the April 1994 interagency Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Additional public input, issue identification, and scoping efforts are described on pages S–17 and 1–6 of the Coos Bay District Final Proposed Resource Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement of September 1994, and are hereby incorporated by reference.

DATES: Written comments may be submitted through January 26, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to Stanley Speaks, Portland Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, The Federal Building, 911 NE, 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Varner, Siletz Agency, P.O. Box 569, Siletz, Oregon 97380, telephone 541–444–2679. For information regarding the Bureau of Land Management, Coos Bay District Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, contact the Coos Bay District at 541–756–0100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coquille Forest has been created pursuant to P.L. 104–208 from existing federal lands managed by the BLM, Coos Bay District, in North Bend,

Oregon. For purposes of management direction set forth in the law, the surrounding BLM lands are the “adjacent or nearby Federal lands.” The BLM's Final PRMP/EIS will define the objectives, scope and direction for managing the natural resources of the Coquille Forest. In addition, specific tribal goals, objectives, and cultural interests will be incorporated through consultation between the BIA and the Coquille Indian Tribe.

Dated: December 12, 1997.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Environmental Impact Statement; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period for the Imperial Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Imperial Project Proposed Gold Mining/Processing Operation, Imperial County.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the comment period of the joint Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Impact Report (DEIS/EIR) prepared by the Bureau of Land Management and the County of Imperial for an additional 30-days.

DATES: Written comments must be postmarked no later than February 26, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written 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 end of comment period as noted in the Draft EIS/EIR for the Imperial Project DEIS/EIR was January 27, 1998. The comment period is now extended to February 26, 1998.

Dated: December 19, 1997.

Thomas F. Zale,

Acting Area Manager.

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