

Section 103(b) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 3103(b)) establishes authority for the Secretary of the Interior to make minor boundary adjustments to the Wildlife Refuges created by the Act. Under this authority, and following due notice to Congress, the Secretary, acting through the Regional Director, Region 7, of the Fish and Wildlife Service, has used this authority to adjust the boundaries of the Kenai Refuge to include the 71.84-acre parcel described above. This adjustment modifies the boundary previously described in the **Federal Register** (48 FR 7955, Feb. 24, 1983).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Call for Nominations for the Bureau of Land Management's California Desert District Advisory Council

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management's California Desert District is soliciting nominations from the public for five members of its District Advisory Council to serve the 1999-2001 three-year term. Council members provide advice and recommendations to BLM on the management of public lands in southern California. Public notice begins with the publication date of this notice. Nominations will be accepted through August 31, 1998. The three-year term would begin January 1, 1999.

The five positions to be filled include:

- One elected official representative (representing county government);
- One nonrenewable resources representative;
- One public-at-large representative;
- Two recreation representatives.

Council members serve three-year terms and may be nominated for reappointment for an additional three-year term. Four council members are eligible for reappointment. The elected official representative, who represents county government interests on the council, will retire December 31, 1998.

The California Desert District Advisory Council is comprised of 15 private individuals who represent different interests and advise BLM officials on policies and programs concerning the management of 10 million acres of public land in southern California. The Council meets in formal

session three to four times each year in various locations throughout the California Desert District. Council members serve without compensation except for reimbursement of travel expenditures incurred in the course of their duties.

Section 309 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of BLM administered lands. The Secretary also selects council nominees consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), which requires nominees appointed to the council be balanced in terms of points of view and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands.

The Council also is balanced geographically, and BLM will try to find qualified representatives from areas throughout the California Desert District. The District covers portions of eight counties, and includes 10 million acres of public land in the California Desert Conservation Area and 300,000 acres of scattered parcels in San Diego, western Riverside, western San Bernardino, Orange, and Los Angeles Counties (known as the South Coast).

Any group or individual may nominate a qualified person, based upon their education, training, and knowledge of BLM, the California Desert, and the issues involving BLM-administered public lands throughout southern California. Qualified individuals also may nominate themselves.

Nominations must include the name of the nominee; work and home addresses and telephone numbers; a biographical sketch that includes the nominee's work and public service record; any applicable outside interests or other information that demonstrates the nominees qualifications for the position; and the specific category of interests in which the nominee is best qualified to offer advice and council. Nominees may contact the BLM California Desert District public affairs staff at (909) 697-5217/5220 or write to the address below and request a copy of the nomination form.

All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from represented interests, organizations, or elected officials supporting the nomination. Individuals nominating themselves must provide at least one letter of recommendation. Advisory Council members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, generally in late January or early February.

Nominations should be sent to the District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District, 6221 Box Springs Boulevard, Riverside, California 92507.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: BLM California Desert District External Affairs: Carole Levitzky, (909) 697-5217 or Doran Sanchez, (909) 697-5220.

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Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council—Notice of Meeting Locations and Times

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Resource Advisory Council Meeting Locations and Times.

DATES: Date is August 10, 1998 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will reconvene on August 11, 1998 from 5 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. The public comment period will begin at 2:30 p.m., August 10, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The Council will meet in the Oasis Hotel in Mesquite, Nevada, (702) 346-5232.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Philip L. Guerrero, Las Vegas Field Office, Public Affairs Officer, telephone: (702) 647-5046.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C., the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), council meeting of the Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will be held as indicated above. The agenda includes a public comment period, and discussion of public land issues.

The Resource Advisory Council develops recommendations for BLM regarding the preparation, amendment, and implementation of land use plans for the public lands and resources within the jurisdiction of the council. For the Mojave-Great Basin RAC this jurisdiction is Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln and Nye counties in Nevada. Except for the purposes of long-range planning and the establishment of resource management priorities, the RAC shall not provide advice on the allocation and