

tree planting; harvesting and yarding of timber; construction, maintenance and use of logging roads and landings; quarrying of stone and gravel for use in those roads and landings; and cellular phone and radio repeater tower sites.

The Services will conduct an environmental review of the Plan and prepare an environmental document (environmental assessment or environmental impact statement). The environmental review will analyze the proposal as well as a full range of reasonable alternatives, and the associated impacts of each. The Services are currently in the process of developing alternatives for analysis. There are four alternatives proposed thus far. Under Alternative A (no action alternative) no Permit is issued and take will be avoided for any and all threatened and endangered species on the property. Alternative B (preferred alternative) involves issuing a Permit for six threatened and endangered species on the property (bald eagle, peregrine falcon, marbled murrelet, northern spotted owl, grizzly bear, gray wolf) with provisions for approximately 20 unlisted species. The Plan would have minimization and mitigation measures for six threatened and endangered species and approximately 20 unlisted species on the property. Alternative C involves issuing a Permit for northern spotted owl and marbled murrelet only, with provisions for approximately 20 unlisted species. The Plan would have minimization and mitigation measures for northern spotted owl and marbled murrelet and approximately 20 unlisted species. Alternative D involves a Candidate Conservation Agreement with minimization and mitigation measures for anadromous salmonids and bull trout and take avoidance for any and all threatened and endangered species on the property.

Comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties to ensure that the full range of issues related to this proposed action are addressed and all significant issues identified. Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the environmental review should be directed to the Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service at the addresses provided above.

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.*), and implementing regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), other appropriate Federal laws and regulations, and policies and procedures of the Services for compliance with those regulations. It is

estimated that the draft environmental document will be available by January 1998.

Dated: August 12, 1998.

**Thomas Dwyer,**

*Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon, Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Western Regional Panel, a geographic committee of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. The meeting is open to the public. Meeting topics are identified in the **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION.**

**DATES:** The Western Regional Panel will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 1998, and 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Thursday, September 24, 1998. Committees of the Panel will meet late Wednesday afternoon and early Thursday morning.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at U.S. Bureau of Reclamation offices, Building 67, Denver Federal Center, 6th and North Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80225.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Max Haegele, Chair, Western Regional Panel at 303-445-2801, Linda Drees, Coordinator, Western Regional Panel at 785-539-3474, extension 20, 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, this notice announces a public meeting of the Recreation Activities Committee of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. The Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990.

Topics to be covered during the meeting: nonindigenous species policy and legislative developments, including the proposed Executive Order on Invasives, the Western Governors' Association Resolution on Undesirable Aquatic and Terrestrial Species, the proposed Plant Protection Act, and national voluntary ballast water regulations; the Washington State and

Colorado River basin ANS management plans; a proposed ballast water outreach program; purple loosestrife management; proposed amendment of Panel procedures and its geographic structure; additional tribal representation on the Panel's Executive Committee; review of accomplishments under the Panel's current work plan, committee reports and recommendations for the Panel's 1999 work plan; and proposed Panel actions.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Coordinator, Western Regional Panel, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 315 Houston Street, Suite E, Manhattan, Kansas 66502, and Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 851, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622. They will be available for public inspection at these locations during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, within 30 days following the meeting.

Dated: August 17, 1998.

**Hannibal Bolton,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Closure of Public Lands

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Malta Field Office.

**ACTION:** Notice of permanent closure.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that effective immediately, all non-permitted uses such as, but not limited to, hunting, shooting and camping on public land within the townsites of Landusky and Zortman and the public lands surrounding the Zortman Elementary school are prohibited. Authorized personnel of the Bureau of Land Management, state and local Law Enforcement, and other emergency services are exempt from this closure. The public lands in the townsite of Landusky are located in T. 25 N., R. 24 E., sec. 22 and 27, block 1, block 2 school reserve, block 3 lots 10, 13 and 18, block 4 and block 8. The public lands in the townsite of Zortman are located in T. 25 N., R. 25 E., sec. 16 and 17, block 1, block 3, block 5, block 6 lot 9, block 7, block 8 lots 3, 4 and 8, block 9, block 11, block 14 lots 1 through 4, inclusive, block 15 lots 1 through 4, inclusive, block 16, lots 1 through 4