

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, ZRG1-TMP-4.

Date: February 12, 1999.

Time: 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Georgetown Holiday Inn, 2101 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20007.

Contact Person: Jean Hickman, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4194, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1146.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine, 93.306; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393-93-396, 93.837-93.844, 93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: February 10, 1999.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Application

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application.

The following applicant has applied for a permit to conduct certain activities

with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

Permit Number TE007824

Applicant: Wolf Timbers, Bolivar, Ohio (Martin J. Huth, President).

The applicant requests a permit to obtain a captive-bred wolf pup (*Canis lupus*) in interstate commerce. The applicant has applied for a permit to obtain and add this pup to an existing facility for the purpose of conservation education in support of recovery of the species. The proposed transaction is requested to occur between the States of Indiana and Ohio.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056, and must be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056. Telephone: (612/713-5343); FAX: (612/713-5292).

Dated: February 9, 1999.

Frank J. Horvath,

Acting Program Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Southpoint Power Plant, Fort Mojave Indian Reservation, Mojave County, AZ

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of amendment to dates for public comment.

SUMMARY: On January 15, 1999, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 2657) a Notice of Availability, with public comment dates, for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed Southpoint Power Plant, Fort Mojave Indian Reservation, Mojave County, Arizona. The BIA now wishes to amend its public comment dates for this FEIS, to make them

consistent with the comment period for the Notice of Availability for this same FEIS published by the Environmental Protection Agency in the January 22, 1999, **Federal Register** (64 FR 3510).

DATES: Written comments will be accepted through February 23, 1999. The Record of Decision will be issued on or after February 26, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to Mr. Wayne Nordwall, Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Phoenix Area Office, Attn: Environmental Quality Services, P.O. Box 10, Phoenix, Arizona 85001, Telephone 602-379-6750, Fax 602-379-3833.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Amy Heuslein, Environmental Quality Services, Phoenix Area Office, 602-379-6750.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to Section 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and the Department of Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Dated: February 9, 1999.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR 125-09-6334-05; GP9-0094]

Emergency Closure Notice for Public Lands on North Spit

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that effective February 9, 1999, access to all public lands and roads administered by the Bureau of Land Management on North Spit, within T. 25 S., R. 13 W., Secs. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 18 and 19 and all of T. 25 S. R. 14 W., Willamette Meridian, Oregon, will be restricted to authorized personnel only for the duration of the New Carissa incident.

All uses are restricted. This restriction is needed for public safety, to alleviate poor access conditions and to keep the area clear for emergency and salvage operations to the incident site. Personnel authorized by the New

Carissa incident command team are exempt from the restriction.

This closure order is in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (Pub. L. 94-579, 90 stat. 2743, 43 U.S.C. 1701) and 43 CFR, Subpart 8364.

Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this order may be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months [43 CFR 3860.0-7].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Alan Hoffmeister (541) 756-0100.

Dated: February 9, 1999.

M. Elaine Raper,

Acting Umpqua Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-030-99-1610-00]

Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the public comment period for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Draft Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DMP/DEIS) prepared by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is extended.

DATES: Comments must be received by the new deadline of March 15, 1999 at the address below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Killingsworth, Planning Team Leader, Bureau of Land Management, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Planning Office, 337 South Main Street, Suite 010, Cedar City, Utah 84720, telephone (435) 865-5100; E-mail: mkillings@ut.blm.gov; fax number (435) 865-5170.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM, Utah published in the November 12, 1998 issue of the **Federal Register** that comments were to be received by Friday, February 12, 1999. In response to Congressional and public requests, the Administration decided to provide more time for public comment. The new deadline for public comment is now extended to March 15, 1999.

Douglas M. Koza,

Acting State Director, Utah.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-300-1990-00]

Surface Management Regulations for Locatable Mineral Operations; Draft Environmental Impact Availability

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of draft environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces that the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) analyzing proposed changes to BLM's surface management regulations for locatable mineral operations is available for public review and comment. This action is necessary to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. BLM has prepared the DEIS to determine the potential environmental impacts of the various regulatory options under consideration.

DATES: Comments will be accepted until May 10, 1999. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for the dates of public hearings on the DEIS and proposed regulations.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: Bureau of Land Management, Attention: Paul McNutt; Nevada State Office; P.O. Box 12000; Reno, Nevada 89520-0006. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for the electronic access and filing address and for the locations of public hearings. Comments will be available for public review at the BLM Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, Nevada from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Pacific time, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays.

You may obtain a copy of the DEIS by contacting either of the persons identified under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section or by contacting any BLM State office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul McNutt, BLM Nevada State Office, (775) 861-6604, or via e-mail: pmcnutt@nv.blm.gov. An alternate contact is Andrew Strasfogel, BLM Washington Office, (202) 452-7723, or via e-mail: astrasfo@wo.blm.gov.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf may contact Mr. McNutt or Mr. Strasfogel by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

BLM is making available for public comment the DEIS for proposed revisions to its surface management regulations, found at 43 CFR 3809. The proposed rule was published in the **Federal Register** on February 9, 1999. See 64 FR 6421. BLM is amending the regulations to address issues that have developed since the program began in 1981, as well as those identified during the scoping process described below, and to improve BLM's management of locatable mineral operations on public lands. The Proposed Action in the DEIS would be to adopt the proposed regulations at 43 CFR 3809. The proposed regulations address Federal-State coordination, the need for comprehensive performance standards, failure by some operators to perform reclamation, inadequate reclamation bonding for some types of operations, ineffective enforcement provisions, and the need to better assess the cumulative environmental impacts from small operations. In the DEIS, BLM also identifies and analyzes three additional alternatives for regulating locatable mineral operations on public lands administered by BLM. These alternatives are No Action, that is, no change to the existing regulations; State-Based Regulations; and Maximum Protection, Design-Based Regulations. BLM invites interested members of the public to comment on the DEIS.

Scoping Process

BLM published a Notice of Intent to prepare a DEIS in the **Federal Register** on April 4, 1997 (62 FR 16177). BLM then held scoping meetings for the public and interested governmental agencies at 11 locations throughout the Western United States, as well as an additional public meeting in Washington, D.C. Over 1,000 people attended the public meetings. In addition to verbal comments collected at the public meetings, BLM also received more than 1,800 comment letters from individuals and representatives of State and local governments, the mining industry, and citizens' groups.

Public Comment Procedures

BLM asks commenters on the DEIS to be specific, explain the reason for any comment, and reference the specific section or page of the DEIS to which their comment applies. The most useful comments are those supported by quantitative information or studies or include citations to and analyses of applicable laws, regulations, and cases. Commenters should send BLM two