

Assessment provide different levels of wildlife management and visitor services opportunities. The Environmental Assessment will be used to determine whether the implementation of the selected alternative would have a significant impact upon the quality of the human environment.

The Comprehensive Management Plan for the Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge was integrated into and coordinated with the update of the 1986 Management Plan for the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR). The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) administers the National Estuarine Research Reserve System. NOAA requires that each NERR have an approved written management plan that is periodically updated. The Comprehensive Management Plan is the first update of the 1986 Tijuana River NERR Management Plan.

**DATES:** Written comments should be postmarked or electronically-mailed no later than June 21, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** There are three options for submitting comments on the Tijuana Slough EA and CMP, mail, fax, or electronic mail. Mail or fax your comments to Dean Rundle, Manager, San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 2736 Loker Avenue West, Suite A, Carlsbad, CA 92008, phone (760) 930-0168, facsimile (760) 930-0256. You may submit comments by electronic mail (e-mail) to: r1planning-guest@fws.gov. Submit comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption, and enter "Tijuana Slough NWR CMP/EA" in the subject line.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Availability of Documents**

Individuals who want copies of the Comprehensive Management Plan for the Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge and Associated Environmental Assessment, should immediately contact Charles Houghten, Acting Chief, Division of Refuge Planning, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232, telephone (503) 231-2231, facsimile (503) 231-6161. These documents will also be available for viewing on the following Fish and Wildlife Service webpage [www.r1.fws.gov/plnhome.html](http://www.r1.fws.gov/plnhome.html).

**Background Information**

The Tijuana Slough Refuge provides habitat for several endangered, threatened, and migratory species. The salt marsh, tidal channels, mudflats, sand beaches, and dunes provide habitat

for the endangered light-footed clapper rail, endangered California least tern, endangered brown pelican, endangered salt marsh bird's beak, threatened western snowy plover, State-endangered Belding's savannah sparrow, and many species of migratory shorebirds and waterfowl. The riparian woodlands provide habitat for the endangered least Bell's vireo, endangered southwestern willow flycatcher, and many species of migratory birds.

Two alternatives are analyzed in the Environmental Assessment. Alternative A (preferred alternative) would implement increased levels of both wildlife management and visitor services at the Tijuana Slough Refuge. Alternative B (no action) would implement existing levels of wildlife management and visitor services at the Tijuana Slough Refuge. The Environmental Assessment also analyzes the environmental effects of (1) predator management for the recovery of endangered and threatened species, (2) construction of new office and classroom space, (3) acquisition of additional lands along Sea Coast Drive, (4) annual sand dune maintenance, (5) relocation of damaged trails in the Tijuana River floodplain, and (6) emergency dredging of the mouths of Oneonta Slough and Tijuana River.

The environmental review of the Refuge Comprehensive Management Plan and associated Environmental Assessment will be conducted in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd *et seq.*), other appropriate Federal laws and regulations, and Service policies and procedures for compliance with those regulations.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice for Publication; AA-6652-G; Alaska Native Claims Selection**

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is

hereby given that a decision to issue conveyance under the provisions of Sec. 14(a) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(a), will be issued to Far West, Inc. for approximately 5,839 acres. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Chignik, Alaska.

**Seward Meridian, Alaska**

T. 46 S., R. 58 W.,

Secs. 14, 15, and 16;

Secs. 20 to 23, inclusive;

Secs. 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, and 34.

A notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the *Anchorage Daily News*. Copies of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 ((907) 271-5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government or regional corporation, shall have until June 21, 1999 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

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**Collection, Storage, Preservation and Scientific Study of Fossils From Federal and Indian Lands**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a public meeting regarding the collection, storage, preservation and scientific study of fossils from federal and Indian lands will be held on June 21, 1999, in Reston, Virginia at the U.S. Geological Survey auditorium. The Department of the Interior will hold a one day public