

Dr. Bernard Goldstein, UMDNJ,
EOHSI
10 AM Break
10:30 AM Conclusions and
Recommendations
Summary of Plenary Sessions
Breakout Group Reports
Open Discussion
1 PM Wrap-Up and Closing Remarks
Dr. George Lucier, NIEHS
1:15 PM Workshop Adjourns

To register or for additional information, please access the NIEHS homepage at <http://www.niehs.nih.gov> or contact Anna Lee Sabella at (919) 541-4982 or e-mail to sabella@niehs.nih.gov.

Dated: August 23, 1999.

Kenneth Olden,

Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

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Front Range Resource Advisory Council, Northwest Resource Advisory Council, and Southwest Resource Advisory Council (State of Colorado); Renewal

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Front Range Resource Advisory Council, Northwest Resource Advisory Council, and Southwest Resource Advisory Council (State of Colorado)—Notice of renewal.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the renewal of the Bureau of Land Management's Front Range Resource Advisory Council, Northwest Resource Advisory Council, and Southwest Resource Advisory Council by the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972, 5 U.S.C. Appendix. The Secretary has determined the Councils are necessary and in the public interest. Copies of the Council charters will be filed with the appropriate committees of Congress and the Library of Congress in accordance with Section 9(c) of FACA.

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act, as amended, requires the Secretary to establish advisory councils to provide advice concerning the problems relating to land use planning and the management of public lands within the area for which the advisory councils are established. The

Councils will provide representative counsel and advice to BLM on the planning and management of public lands as well as advice on public land resource issues. Council members will be residents of the State(s) in which the Councils have jurisdiction and will be appointed by the Secretary.

The purpose of the Councils is to advise the Secretary, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with the management of the public lands. The Council responsibilities include providing advice to BLM regarding the preparation, amendment, and implementation of land use plans; providing advice on long-range planning and establishing resource management priorities; and assisting the BLM in identifying State or regional standards for ecological health and guidelines for grazing.

Council members are representative of various industries and interests concerned with the management, protection, and utilization of the public lands. These include (a) holders of Federal grazing permits and representatives of energy and mining development, the timber industry, rights-of-way interests, off-road vehicle use, and commercial recreation; (b) representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historic interests, dispersed recreation, and wild horse and burro groups; and (c) representatives of State, county, and local government, employees of a State agency responsible for management of natural resources, Native American tribes, academia involved with natural sciences, and the public-at-large.

Membership will include individuals who have expertise, education, training, or practical experience in the planning and management of the public lands and their resources and who have a knowledge of the geographical jurisdiction(s) of the Councils.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melanie Wilson, Intergovernmental Affairs (640), Bureau of Land Management, 1620 L Street, NW., Room 406 LS, Washington, DC 20240, telephone (202) 452-0377.

Certification Statement

I hereby certify that the renewals of the Front Range Resource Advisory Council, Northwest Resource Advisory Council, and Southwest Resource Advisory Council are necessary and in the public interest in connection with the Secretary of the Interior's responsibilities to manage the lands, resources, and facilities administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: August 20, 1999.

Bruce Babbitt,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Updated Policy Regarding Harvest of Migratory Birds in Alaska Between March 10 and September 1

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is updating the 1988 policy regarding subsistence harvest of migratory birds in Alaska. The policy is a statement regarding enforcement priorities the Service follows in Alaska to conserve waterfowl between March 10 and September 1. The original policy concentrated enforcement efforts on violations that have the most serious impacts on the resource, with particular emphasis on the protection of four diminished populations of geese: cackling Canada geese, emperor geese, Pacific white-fronted geese, and black brant. Due to the status of some elder populations, this updated policy also includes spectacled and Steller's eiders in this first priority protection. In addition, the policy prohibits wasting any migratory bird, using private and charter aircraft to assist in hunting, and possessing lead shot while hunting waterfowl.

In 1997, the United States Senate gave its advice and consent to ratification of two protocols amending, respectively, the 1916 Convention for the Protection of Migratory Birds in Canada and the United States (the "Canada Treaty") and the 1936 U.S.-Mexico Convention for the Protection of Migratory Birds and Game Mammals (the "Mexico Treaty") (together the "Protocols"). These Protocols provide for legal, regulated spring subsistence hunting in Alaska. In particular, the Protocol with Canada provides in Article II that:

In the case of the United States * * * [m]igratory birds and their eggs may be harvested by the indigenous inhabitants of the State of Alaska. Seasons and other regulations implementing the non-wasteful taking of migratory birds and the collection of their eggs by indigenous inhabitants of the State of Alaska shall be consistent with the customary and traditional uses by such indigenous inhabitants for their own nutritional and other essential needs.

Similarly, Article I of the Protocol with Mexico provides that: