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#### Authority

The authority for this action is the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*).

Dated: February 18, 2000.

**Elizabeth H. Stevens,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Ballast Water and Shipping Committee

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Ballast Water and Shipping Committee of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. The meeting topics are identified in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

**DATES:** The Committee will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., on Wednesday, March 1, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Coast Guard Headquarters, Room 2415, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, D.C.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** LT Mary Pat McKeown, U.S. Coast Guard, Chair, Ballast Water and Shipping Committee, at 202-267-0500 or by email at [mmckeown@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:mmckeown@comdt.uscg.mil) or Sharon Gross, Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force at 703-358-2308 or by e-mail at [sharon\\_gross@fws.gov](mailto:sharon_gross@fws.gov)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Ballast Water and Shipping Committee. The Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and

Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4701-4741).

Topics to be addressed at this meeting include briefings and updates on the inaugural meeting of the National Invasive Species Committee, a discussion of the efforts to address environmental soundness of technologies, and a discussion of how aquatic nuisance species removal efficiency values will be developed.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 851, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622, and the Chair of the Ballast Water and Shipping Committee at the Environmental Standards Division, Office of Operations and Environmental Standards, U.S. Coast Guard (G-MSO-4), 2100 Second Street, SW, room 1309, Washington, D.C. 20593-0001. Minutes for the meetings will be available at these locations for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

Dated: February 23, 2000.

**Rowan Gould,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[OR-130-1020-XU; GP0-0136]

#### Notice of Meeting of the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council

**ACTION:** Meeting of the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council; March 16, 2000, in Spokane, Washington.

**SUMMARY:** A meeting of the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council will be held on March 16, 2000. The meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m., at the Spokane District Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 1103 N. Fancher Road, Spokane, Washington, 99212-1275. The meeting will adjourn upon conclusion of business, but no later than 4:00 p.m. Public comments will be heard from 10:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. If necessary to accommodate all wishing to make public comments, a time limit may be placed upon each speaker. At an appropriate time, the meeting will adjourn for approximately one hour for lunch. Topics to be discussed include: Status of the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project, Central

Washington Land Exchange and several Forest Service issues such as the reorganization of the Colville and Okanogan National Forests and the roadless initiatives.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District Office, 1103 N. Fancher Road, Spokane, Washington, 99212; or call 509-536-1200.

Dated: February 23, 2000.

**Gary J. Yeager,**

*Acting District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[UT-030-00-1610-00]

#### Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Approved Management Plan and Record of Decision

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (40 CFR 1550.2), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) provides notice of the availability of the Approved Management Plan and Record of Decision (ROD) for GSENM. The Approved Management Plan/ROD was signed by the Secretary of the Interior on November 15, 1999 and will be in effect upon publication of this notice. This Approved Management Plan/ROD supersedes the existing Vermilion Management Framework Plan (MFP), Escalante MFP, and the Paria MFP and other related documents for managing BLM-administered lands within GSENM. GSENM is responsible for management of BLM-administered lands and minerals within the boundaries of the Monument in Kane and Garfield Counties, Utah and is administratively responsible for approximately 1,870,800 acres. The major management emphases in the Approved Plan includes: (1) Management of uses to protect and prevent damage to Monument resources. (2) Facilitation of appropriate scientific research activities. (3) Designation of a transportation system for the Monument and prohibition of all cross-country vehicle travel. (4) Identification of protection measures for special status

plant and animal species, riparian areas, and other special resources. (5) Identification of measures to ensure water is available for the proper care and management of objects in the Monument. (6) Accommodation of recreation by providing minor recreation facilities for visitors. Major visitor facilities will be located in surrounding communities in order to protect resources and promote economic development in the communities. (7) Establishment of a Monument Advisory Committee (chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act) to advise managers via an adaptive management strategy for implementing the Plan. (8) Commitments to work with local and State governments, Native American Indian tribes, organizations, and Federal agencies to manage lands or programs for mutual benefit consistent with other Plan decisions and objectives. (9) Recommendation of approximately 252 miles of river segments as suitable for designation as Wild and Scenic Rivers (WSR).

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Approved Management Plan/ROD are available upon request from the GSENM Office, 180 W 300 N, Kanab, UT 84741, (435) 644-4300; Information Access Center (4th Floor), Utah BLM State Office, 324 S. State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84111; Cedar City District Office, 176 East DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City, Utah 84720; GSENM Office, Escalante, Utah 84726; or on the Internet at <http://www.ut.blm.gov/monument>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kate Cannon, Monument Manager, GSENM, 180 W 300 N, Kanab, UT 84741 or by telephone at (435) 644-4300.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The GSENM Approved Management Plan/ROD is similar to the Proposed Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (PMP/FEIS) that was completed in July, 1999. The **Federal Register** notice for the PMP/FEIS was dated July 29, 1999, Volume 64, Number 145, Pages 41129-41130.

The following modifications to the Proposed Plan are a result of protests BLM received to the Proposed Plan or as a result of recommendations made during the Governor's consistency review. (1) The Proposed Plan stated that recreation allocations would not be used in the Frontcountry Zone since it is the focal point for visitation. This decision has been modified to allow for allocations in the Frontcountry Zone in limited circumstances where other tools to protect resources prove ineffective. Since the Frontcountry Zone is the focal point for visitation, social encounters

would not trigger such action. (2) The fuelwood cutting policy has been revised to clarify access provisions for this activity. As stated in the Proposed Plan, access off of designated routes will generally be allowed within 50 feet of the designated route, in designated fuelwood cutting areas. However, because fuelwood cutting is controlled by a permit and permits are issued to further overall management objectives, the BLM could authorize access on administrative routes and, in some cases, in areas more than 50 feet away from designated routes. These areas/provisions would be delineated in the permit prior to its issuance. (3) The Wildlife Services (Animal Damage Control) decisions in the Plan were clarified to emphasize that such provisions do not diminish the responsibility and authority of the State of Utah for management of fish and wildlife as required by the Proclamation. The provisions in the Plan apply to the operations of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (Wildlife Services) agency and are taken under the terms of the National agreement between the BLM and Wildlife Services, which states that "Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)—Animal Damage Control (ADC) shall conduct activities on BLM lands in accordance with APHIS—ADC policies, wildlife damage management plans, applicable State and Federal laws and regulations, and consistent with BLM Resource or Management Framework Plans." Control actions taken by the State of Utah, or actions taken under State law by private citizens, are not affected by this provision. (4) The WSR provisions in the Plan have been clarified with respect to the management of streams found suitable for recommendation to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (NWSRS). Streams recommended as suitable will be managed for protection of the resources associated with the stream. Such action will not entail any additional State water rights and will not result in a Federal reserved water right unless and until the Congress acts to officially designate the stream or stream segment as part of the NWSRS. Upon such designation, if any, the Federal reserved water right thus established would, by law, be established with the priority date of the designation and would be junior to all preexisting water rights, in accordance with the existing State priority. Senior rights in any stream designated would be unaffected. In addition, if an agreement on water is reached between the BLM and the State

of Utah similar to the agreement reached with Zion National Park, or if any other water agreement is reached with the State, segments of the rivers determined suitable for WSR designation in this Plan would be managed in accordance with this agreement. (5) The utility rights-of-way and water provisions in the Plan were modified with regard to the Town of Henrieville's culinary water supply, because the Town accesses upstream lands within the Monument for its culinary water. There is an existing small-scale diversion of groundwater out of the Monument for domestic water supply for Henrieville.

The Plan does not prohibit the continuation of this diversion, nor its expansion, if necessary, to meet the municipal needs of population growth in Henrieville. Any proposed new groundwater diversion to meet Henrieville's municipal needs could be approved consistent with the Plan if the BLM and the State water engineer complete a joint analysis to determine that such development would not adversely impact springs or other water resources within the Monument, and the BLM completes the required NEPA analysis. Exceptions could be considered for other local community culinary needs if the applicant could demonstrate that the diversion of water will not damage water resources within the Monument or conflict with the objectives outlined in the Plan. (6) During the protest period, several requests were made to modify decisions for specific routes. Every route mentioned was reviewed and reevaluated by the BLM. The following modifications were made as a result of this review: (a) Grand Bench route (Route 262, approximately 3 miles)—will be open to the public for street legal motorized vehicle use to access the open route on Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (GCNRA) and associated destinations. (b) Sooner Rocks route (approximately 1 mile)—will be open to the public for street legal motorized vehicle use to access the camping destinations at Sooner Rocks. (c) Chimney Rock route (approximately 3 miles)—will be open to the public for street legal motorized vehicle use to access the destination of Chimney Rock. (d) Allen Dump route (off of the Egypt route, approximately 2 miles)—will be open to the public to GCNRA boundary for street legal motorized vehicle use. This route will be open to allow the public to access the National Park Service trailhead on GCNRA. (e) Timber Mountain loop (approximately 7 miles)—a loop off of the Timber Mountain road will be open to the

public for motorized use, including all terrain vehicles (ATVs). This is consistent with the desire to provide appropriate "loop" ATV routes in the Outback Zone. (f) Horse Canyon (approximately 1 mile)—a mapping error was corrected to show the route open to motorized use up to the choke point in the canyon. The remainder of the route will continue to be available for administrative use only.

The Grand Bench route, the Sooner Rocks route, the Allen Dump route, and the Horse Canyon route were identified as open to administrative use only in the Proposed Plan. The Chimney Rock route and the Timber Mountain loop were not identified for motorized use in the Proposed Plan, but will now be open as described above. The discussion of R.S. 2477 assertions in footnote 1 of Chapter 2 of the Approved Plan has also been clarified to emphasize that nothing in the Plan extinguishes any valid existing rights-of-way in GSENM. Nothing in this Plan alters in any way any legal rights the Counties of Garfield and Kane or the State of Utah has to assert and protect R.S. 2477 rights, and to challenge in Federal court, or any other appropriate venue, any BLM road closures that they believe are inconsistent with their rights. (7) A clarification has been made that authorizations for overnight camping and exceptions to group size limits could be provided for in valid grazing permits if the activity does not involve outfitter and guide operations or special events. These provisions may be necessary for the proper operation of a valid grazing permit and are more appropriately authorized within the terms of that permit rather than in recreational visitor permits. Campfire restrictions and other zone provisions will apply. (8) As in the Proposed Plan, new water developments are restricted in the Approved Plan to the following purposes: for better distribution of livestock when deemed to have an overall beneficial effect on Monument resources or to restore or manage native species or populations. The Proposed Plan also stated that such developments could be done "only when there is no other means to achieve the above objectives." For clarification purposes, this wording has been modified in the Approved Plan to state that developments could be done when "a NEPA analysis determines this tool to be the best means of achieving the above objectives." (9) Filming provisions have been changed from allowing filming, by permit, that meets the "minimum impact" standards to allowing filming, by permit, if it complies with zone

requirements and other Plan provisions. The zone requirements have restrictions that are similar to the minimum impact standards, and thus are the appropriate means of managing filming within the Monument. This treats filming similarly to other activities with similar resource impacts.

#### Wild and Scenic Rivers

Through this planning effort approximately 252 miles of river segments have been determined suitable and will be recommended for Congressional designation into the NWSRS. The suitable river segments include: Escalante River 1, 2, 3; Harris Wash; Lower Boulder Creek; Slickrock Canyon; Lower Deer Creek 1, 2; The Gulch 1, 2, 3; Steep Creek; Lower Sand Creek and tributary Willow Patch Creek; Mamie Creek and west tributary; Death Hollow Creek; Calf Creek 1, 2, 3; Twenty-five Mile Wash; Upper Paria River 1, 2; Lower Paria River 1, 2; Deer Creek Canyon; Snake Creek; Hogeeye Creek; Kitchen Canyon; Starlight Canyon; Lower Sheep Creek; Hackberry Creek; Lower Cottonwood Creek; and Buckskin Gulch.

#### Transportation and Access

The Approved Plan designates the route system for the Monument. Cross-country motorized travel will be prohibited in accordance with 43 CFR 8340 Off-Road Vehicle (OHV) regulations. Vehicles may pull off routes no more than 50 feet for parking and camping where allowed. No off-highway vehicle (OHV/ATV) play areas will be designated in the Monument. Use of bicycles is limited to designated routes and cross-country travel is not allowed. Street legal motorized vehicles, including four-wheel-drive and mechanized vehicles (including bicycles), will be allowed on approximately 908 miles of routes designated open. Non-street legal ATVs and dirt bikes will be allowed on approximately 553 miles of the 908 miles of routes designated open to street legal vehicles. Non-street legal all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and dirt bikes will be restricted to those routes designated as open for their use.

The Director's office has issued final decisions, dismissing or resolving, each of the 111 protests received, thus allowing for immediate implementation of the Approved Management Plan.

#### Sally Wisely,

State Director, Utah.

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## OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), agencies are required to publish a Notice in the **Federal Register** notifying the public that the Agency is preparing an information collection request for OMB review and approval and to request public review and comment on the submission. Comments are being solicited on the need for the information, its practical utility, the accuracy of the Agency's burden estimate, and on ways to minimize the reporting burden, including automated collection techniques and uses of other forms of technology. The proposed form under review is summarized below.

**DATE:** Comments must be received on or before April 29, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the subject form and the request for review prepared for submission to OMB may be obtained from the Agency Submitting Officer. Comments on the form should be submitted to the Agency Submitting Officer.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

*OPIC Agency Submitting Officer:*  
Carol Brock, Records Manager, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20527; 202/336-8563.

#### SUMMARY OF FORM UNDER REVIEW:

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Title:* Self-Monitoring Questionnaire for Investment Fund Projects.

*Form Number:* OPIC-217.

*Frequency of Use:* Annually.

*Type of Respondents:* Business or other individuals.

*Standard Industrial Classification Codes:* All.

*Description of Affected Public:* U.S. companies assisted by OPIC.

*Reporting Hours:* 3 hours per form.

*Number of Responses:* 190 per year.

*Federal Cost:* \$5,700 per year.

*Authority for Information Collection:* Sections 231(k)2, of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended.

*Abstract (Needs and Uses):* The questionnaire is completed by OPIC-assisted investors annually. The questionnaire allows OPIC's assessment of effects of OPIC-assisted fund projects on the U.S. economy and employment, as well as on the environment and economic development abroad.