

broaden the definition of a coastal barrier, and approved a series of maps entitled "Coastal Barrier Resources System" dated October 24, 1990. These maps identify and depict those coastal barriers located on the coasts of the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, and the Great Lakes and in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands that are subject to the Federal funding limitations outlined in the Act. The 1990 Act also approved a related series of maps depicting otherwise protected areas (OPA) along the same coastlines. In full System units most forms of Federal subsidies are prohibited. In OPAs only Federal flood insurance is prohibited.

The Act also defines our responsibilities regarding the System and OPA maps. We have official custody of these maps and prepare and distribute copies of them. We published a notice of the filing, distribution, and availability of the maps dated October 24, 1990, in the **Federal Register** on June 6, 1991 (56 FR 26304-26312). We have announced all subsequent map revisions in the **Federal Register**.

Revisions to a System Unit and OPA in North Carolina

Section 1(a) of Public Law 106-16, enacted on November 29, 1999, requires us to replace 7 maps relating to the System with 14 new maps. These changes affect a Coastal Barrier Resources System Unit (designated as L03) and an OPA (designated as NC-03P) in Dare County, North Carolina. The changes to the Cape Hatteras NC-03P are designed to coincide with the boundary of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The changes to Hatteras Island Unit L03 are designed to meet the original intent of Congress.

How To Get Copies of the Maps

The Service has given copies of the revised System and OPA maps to the House of Representatives Committee on Resources and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, and will be sending copies to the House of Representatives Committee on Banking and Financial Services and each appropriate Federal, State, and local agency having jurisdiction over the areas in which the modified units are located.

You can purchase copies of System and OPA maps from the U.S. Geological Survey, Earth Science Information Center, P.O. Box 25286, Denver, Colorado 80225. The cost is \$4.00 per map, plus a \$3.50 shipping and handling fee for the entire order. Maps can also be viewed at the following Fish and Wildlife Service offices:

Washington Office—all System and OPA maps.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,
Division of Habitat Conservation,
4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 400,
Arlington, Virginia 22203, (703)
358-2201

Southeast Regional Office—all System and OPA maps for Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

Region 4, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Blvd.,
Atlanta, Georgia 30345, (404) 679-7125

Field Office—System and OPA maps for North Carolina.

Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Raleigh Field Office 551-F Pylon Drive, P.O. Box 33726, Raleigh, NC 27636-3726, (919) 856-4520

Dated: March 23, 2000.

Jamie Rappaport Clark,

Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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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 TE 024653

Applicant: Mark Hove, Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota.

The applicant requests a permit to take (collect) the following endangered species from the St. Croix River, from river miles 0-150 in Minnesota and Wisconsin: Winged mapleleaf (*Quadrula fragosa*) and Higgins' eye pearlymussel (*Lampsilis higginsii*). Activities are proposed for the enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

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 this application 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: March 29, 2000.

T.J. Miller,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

[CO-170000]

Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Public Scoping; San Juan Basin, Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, USDI, and U.S. Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and conduct public scoping; San Juan Basin, Colorado. Also, the action proposes to amend both the BLM's San Juan and San Miguel Resource Management Plan (RMP) of 1985, and the Colorado Oil and Gas Leasing and Development Final EIS of 1991.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), as joint lead agencies, are initiating the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) with associated public scoping, on the proposed continued development of Fruitland Coalbed Methane (CBM) gas. The EIS analysis area (106,000 acres) generally encompasses land north of the Southern Ute Line and within the San Juan Basin, and is bordered on the north, west, and east by the Fruitland Outcrop. The east side of the analysis area dips south at the San Juan National Forest boundary and includes all San Juan National Forest lands within the Basin, south of the Southern Ute line. This EIS will be undertaken in cooperation with La Plata County, Colorado. The proposed action, within the analysis area, is for the development

of additional Fruitland CBM wells and associated facilities on multi-jurisdictional lands (BLM, USFS, and non-federal) within the San Juan Basin of southwestern Colorado. The EIS will address environmental impacts and mitigation measures associated with drilling, production and eventual abandonment of these additional Fruitland CBM wells. The EIS will also disclose direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of projected CBM development on non-federal land within the described area.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted until June 1, 2000. Two public scoping meetings will be held, one beginning at 4:00 p.m. on May 16, 2000 at the BLM/USFS Public Lands Center, Durango, Colorado and the other beginning at 5:00 p.m. on May 17, 2000 at the Bayfield High School, in Bayfield, Colorado.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, San Juan Field Office Manager, 15 Burnett Court, Durango, Colorado 81301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ilyse Auringer, Jim Powers, or Paul Peck (970) 247-4874.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The objectives of the EIS will be to study and assess the impacts of additional Fruitland CBM drilling and development within the described area of southwestern Colorado. Potential impacts of the proposed action involve various natural and human resources including, geology, water resources, biological (e.g., threatened and endangered species) wildlife, cultural, visual, land use, suburban interface and subdivisions, socioeconomic and others that are identified through the scoping process.

The proposed action will involve federal jurisdictions of the BLM and Forest Service. Two Record of Decisions, one by the BLM and one by the Forest Service will be issued. Much of the BLM jurisdiction is split estate land (where the mineral owner is not the same as the surface owner). Because of the large proportion of private mineral and surface estate contained in the proposed action, La Plata County will participate on this EIS as a Cooperating Agency. The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission will be an active, though informal, contributor. A memorandum of agreement is anticipated between the BLM, USFS, and La Plata County.

The BLM and Forest Service will issue interim criteria for those proposed Applications for Permit to Drill (APDs) received prior to the completion of the EIS and the two Record of Decisions

(ROD's). The interim criteria will define those actions that would not limit the choice of reasonable alternatives and thus may be approved; as well as define those actions that may preclude future options and therefore may not be approved during preparation of the EIS and ROD's. The interim criteria will be subject to their own 30-day public comment period.

It is anticipated that the EIS process will take 24 months to complete and will include public information and meetings. Publication of the two ROD's is anticipated in March 2002. Public information, scoping meetings, and request for input on the EIS will begin with publication of this notice. Written comments must be submitted on or before June 1, 2000.

Dated: March 27, 2000.

Calvin N. Joyner,

San Juan Field Office Manager, BLM, Colorado, and Forest Supervisor, San Juan National Forest, USFS, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Southwest Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; Southwest Resource Advisory Council Meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Resource Advisory Council (Southwest RAC) will meet in May, 2000 in Gunnison, Colorado.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2000.

ADDRESSES: For additional information, contact Roger Alexander, Bureau of Land Management, Southwest Center, 2465 South Townsend Avenue, Montrose, Colorado 81401; phone 970-240-5335; TDD 970-240-5366; e-mail Roger_Alexander@co.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The May 11, 2000 meeting will be held at the Gunnison County Fairgrounds Multipurpose Building, 275 South Spruce Street in Gunnison, Colorado. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and at approximately 4:30 p.m. The morning agenda will focus on the implementation of BLM Colorado Standards for public land health and Guidelines for livestock grazing and the Gunnison Sage Grouse Conservation Plan. General public comment is

scheduled for 9:15 a.m. A field trip to nearby grazing allotments is scheduled during the afternoon session. The public is invited to accompany the RAC on the field trip but will need to provide their own transportation; a four wheel drive vehicle is recommended.

Summary minutes for Council meetings are maintained in the Southwest Center Office and on the World Wide Web at http://www.co.blm.gov/mdo/mdo_sw_rac.htm and are available for public inspection and reproduction within thirty (30) days following each meeting.

Dated: March 23, 2000.

Roger Alexander,

Public Affairs Specialist.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Lower Snake River District, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Meeting Notice.

SUMMARY: The Lower Snake River District Resource Advisory Council will meet in Boise. Potential agenda topics are the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Plan, the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan for the U.S. Air Force Enhanced Training in Idaho project, sage grouse habitat management, implementation of rangeland standards and guidelines, proposed land exchanges and other land management issues.

DATES: May 3, 2000. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. Public comment periods will be held at 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Lower Snake River District Office, located at 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barry Rose, Lower Snake River District Office (208-384-3393).

Dated: March 29, 2000.

Katherine Kitchell,

District Manager.

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