

6.5 miles in length); 2 natural gas supply pipelines (one approximately 3.5 miles in length and the other approximately 32 miles in length); and a 7-mile-long electrical transmission line.

Construction of the Power Project and associated facilities would result in short-term, long-term, and permanent disturbances to desert tortoise and Mohave ground squirrel habitat. The Power Project would disturb approximately 630.2 acres of habitat, with approximately 244.1 acres of short-term disturbance and 386.1 acres of long-term and/or permanent disturbance.

The Applicant proposes to minimize and/or mitigate for impacts associated with the Power Project, in part, by conducting pre-construction surveys of proposed work areas and construction zones, and by developing an employee and contractor education program that would describe allowable practices when constructing in desert tortoise and Mohave ground squirrel habitat area. The Applicant would revegetate habitat disturbed during construction, operation, maintenance, and/or decommissioning activities in accordance with an approved plan. As compensation for impacts to habitat on private land, the Applicant would ensure the protection in perpetuity of 1,242.8 acres of off-site mitigation lands or habitat credits, having habitat value for both desert tortoises and Mohave ground squirrels that is at least as great as the value of the habitat being impacted. The number of compensation acres was developed based on an agency-approved formula which assesses the categories of previous and potential disturbance, the condition and classification of the impacted habitat, and potential impacts to adjacent habitat. To mitigate for impacts to desert tortoise and Mohave ground squirrel associated with construction and operation of this gas pipeline, the Applicant proposes that funding for restoration activities may be provided either in lieu of or in combination with the purchase of compensation lands or habitat credits.

In addition to issuance of an incidental take permit by the Service, High Desert Power Project Limited Liability Company has requested other federal authorizations for the proposed project. The company seeks Nationwide Permit No. 12 authorizations by the Army Corps of Engineers, pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, for pipeline crossings of waters of the United States. The company also seeks a right-of-way grant from the Bureau of Land Management pursuant to Section

28 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, to authorize construction, operation and maintenance of the 32-mile natural gas pipeline. The U.S. Air Force has Federal land management authority over the lands located within the former George Air Force Base. The High Desert Power Project Limited Liability Company and Victor Valley Economic Development Authority have jointly requested that the Air Force act to supplement its prior environmental record and to authorize specifically the uses of the former George Air Force Base lands proposed for the High Desert Power Project by way of an addendum to an existing lease agreement between the Air Force and Victor Valley Economic Development Authority. Additionally, the High Desert Power Project Limited Liability Company has requested that the Air Force grant easements authorizing the use of certain Federal lands adjacent to the former George Air Force Base for the construction, operation and maintenance of linear features of the High Desert Power Project.

On December 30, 1998, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 71940) announcing that the Service would take the lead in preparing an Environmental Impact Statement addressing the Federal actions associated with the High Desert Power Project. The Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Air Force and the Army Corps of Engineers may use this Environmental Impact Statement as the basis for their separate Federal decisions.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement analyzed the potential environmental impacts that may result from the Federal actions requested in support of the proposed development of the High Desert Power Project, and identified various alternatives, including the No Action Alternative (no incidental take permit), the Combined Cycle Power Plant with Dry Cooling Alternative, and various alternatives proposing the power plant be located in different locations. Several of these alternatives would reduce the amount of habitat disturbance and levels of take of threatened and endangered species compared to the Proposed Project Alternative but would have potentially greater adverse effects on other resources such as air quality, land use, views, and geological hazards. Five comment letters, totaling 16 individual comments, were received on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. A response to each comment has been included in Final Environmental Impact Statement.

The analysis provided in the Final Environmental Impact Statement is

intended to accomplish the following: inform the public of the proposed action; address public comments received on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement; disclose the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental effects of the proposed actions; and indicate any irreversible commitment of resources that would result from implementation of the proposed action.

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Deputy Manager, Region 1, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice for Publication; F-19155-4 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(e) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1613(e), will be issued to Doyon, Limited. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Fort Yukon, Alaska.

Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska

T. 18 N., R. 14 E.,

Secs. 29 and 32, those lands formerly within Native allotment F-14713 Parcel B.

Containing approximately 40 acres.

A notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the *Fairbanks Daily News Miner*. 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 19, 2000 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.

Stephanie Clusiau,

Land Law Examiner, Branch of ANCSA Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Amendment to the Meeting of the California Desert District Advisory Council

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Public Laws 92-463 and 94-579, that the California Desert District Advisory Council to the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, will participate in a field tour of the BLM-administered public lands within the West Mojave Management Planning area on Friday, June 9, 2000, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and meet in formal session on Saturday, June 10, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Saturday meeting will be held at the Kerr-McGee Center, located at 100 West California Avenue, Ridgecrest, California. To reach the Center, turn west onto California from China Lake Boulevard and follow the road to the Center.

The Council and interested members of the public will assemble for the field tour at the Best Western China Lake Inn parking lot at 7:15 a.m. and depart at 7:30 a.m. Tour stops will include the Desert Tortoise Natural Area, the Rand Mountains, and the Jawbone Canyon Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area. Members of the public are welcome to participate in the tour, but should plan on providing their own transportation, drinks, and lunch.

The Council will meet in formal session on Saturday. Discussions will focus on issues being addressed in the West Mojave Coordinated Management Plan. Council members also will hear a presentation and accept public comment on the development of BLM's National Off-Highway Vehicle Management Strategy. The presentation is scheduled to begin at 10:15 a.m.

The national strategy will be developed with substantial input from off-highway vehicle (OHV) user groups, environmental organizations, State and local agencies, and the general public. The strategy will address land-management issues prompted by the growing popularity of OHV recreation. The strategy will recognize the interests

of OHV users while protecting environmental sensitive areas on BLM-managed public lands.

BLM will accept written and oral comments at the June 10 meeting. The Council Chair will determine the time allotment for each speaker, based on the number of people who register to comment. Written comments also may be submitted to Mark Conley, BLM OHV Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-1834, Sacramento, CA 95825.

All Desert District Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Time for public comment may be made available by the Council Chairman during the presentation of various agenda items, and is scheduled at the beginning of the meeting for topics not on the agenda.

Written comments may be filed in advance of the meeting for the California Desert District Advisory Council, c/o Bureau of Land Management, Public Affairs Office, 6221 Box Springs Boulevard, Riverside, California 92507-0714. Written comments also are accepted at the time of the meeting and, if copies are provided to the recorder, will be incorporated into the minutes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doran Sanchez at (909) 697-5220, BLM California Desert District External Affairs.

Dated: May 15, 2000.

Tim Salt,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Correction; John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Vale District, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Meeting of John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council: Enterprise, Oregon, May 23 & 24, 2000.

SUMMARY: Correction to the second day meeting location published May 3, 2000 in the **Federal Register**. On May 24, 2000 the meeting will be held next door to Wallowa-Whitman National Forest office, 88401 Hwy 82, at the Best Western Rama Inn conference room, Enterprise, Oregon from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Juan

Vale District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, Oregon 97918, Telephone (541) 473-3144.

Juan Palma,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission Two Hundred and Twenty-Eight Meeting; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770 U.S.C. App 1, section 10), that a meeting of the Cape Code National Seashore Advisory Commission will be held on Friday, June 2, 2000.

The Commission was reestablished pursuant to Public Law 87-126 as amended by Public Law 105-280. The purpose of the Commission is to consult with the Secretary of the Interior, or his designee, with respect to matters relating to the development of Cape Code National Seashore, and with respect to carrying out the provisions of sections 4 and 5 of the Act establishing the Seashore.

The Commission members will meet at 1 p.m. at Headquarters, Marconi Station, Wellfleet, Massachusetts for the regular business meeting to discuss the following:

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting—March 17, 2000
3. Report of Officers
4. Subcommittee Reports
 - Personal Watercraft Subcommittee
 - Nickerson Fellowship Committee
5. Superintendent's Report:
 - Highlands Center
 - News from Washington
 - Fort Hill burn results
 - Penniman House renovations
 - Horseshoe Crabs
 - USGS Water Study
6. Old Business
 - Advisory Committee Handbook
7. New Business
8. Agenda and date for next meeting
9. Public comment
10. Adjournment

The meeting is open to the public. It is expected that 15 persons will be able to attend the meeting in addition to Commission members. Interested persons may make oral/written presentations to the Commission during the business meeting or file written statements. Such requests should be made to the park superintendent at least