

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Western Regional Panel Committee. The meeting topics are identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**DATES:** The Panel will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Tuesday, September 26, 2000, and 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 27, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Elihu M. Harris State Building, 1515 Clay Street, Training Rooms B, C, D, 2nd Floor, Oakland, California.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** 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) or Linda Drees, Western Regional Panel Coordinator at 785-539-3473 (ext. 107) or by e-mail at [linda\\_drees@fws.gov](mailto:linda_drees@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 Western Regional Panel Committee. The Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990.

The Panel, comprised of representatives from Federal, State, and local agencies and from private environmental and commercial interests, provides the following: (1) Identifies priorities for the Western Region with respect to aquatic nuisance species; (2) makes recommendations to the Task Force regarding an education, monitoring (including inspection), prevention, and control program to prevent the spread of the zebra mussel west of the 100th Meridian; (3) coordinates with other aquatic nuisance species program activities in the Western region; (4) develops an emergency response strategy for Federal, State, and local entities for stemming new invasions of aquatic nuisance species; and (5) provide advance to public and private individuals and entities concerning methods of preventing and controlling aquatic nuisance species. The focus of this meeting will be to: review Panel activities for the past year and develop priorities for the coming year; develop plans to implement priority actions; and provide updates of ongoing activities including ballast water treatment research, marine exotic species surveys and other emerging issues.

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 will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

Dated: September 5, 2000.

**Cathleen I. Short,**

*Co-Chair, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Assistance Director—Fisheries and Habitat Conservation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Receipt of Application for Approval

The following applicant has applied for approval to conduct certain activities with birds that are protected in accordance with the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 112(4) of the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992, 50 CFR 15.26(c).

*Applicant:* On August 10, 2000 we published a notice of receipt of application for approval (65 FR 49007) from the CITES Management Authority of Argentina, Direccion de Fauna y Flora Silvestre, Buenos Aires. The applicant wishes to establish a scientifically based sustainable management plan for the Blue-fronted amazon parrot (*Amazona aestiva*) in Argentina. The comment for this application is scheduled to end on September 10, 2000. The comment period is hereby extended until October 11, 2000. Comments previously submitted during the comment period need not be resubmitted as they will be incorporated into the public record and will be fully considered in the final determination on this application.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director by October 11, 2000.

Documents and other information submitted with this application are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, 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, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone: (703/358-2104); FAX: (703/358-2281).

Dated: September 5, 2000.

**Andrea Gaski,**

*Acting Chief, Branch of CITES Operations, Division of Management Authority.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

#### MPI Drilling, Inc.; Proposed Cooperative Research and Development Agreement

**AGENCY:** United States Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) negotiations under the Technology Transfer Act of 1986.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is contemplating entering into a CRADA with MPI Drilling, Inc. for the development of improved drilling technology.

**INQUIRIES:** Information on the proposed CRADA is available to the public upon request at the address below. If any other parties are interested in similar activities with the USGS, please contact: Wayne L. Newell, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192; Telephone: 703-648-6991; Internet: [wnewell@usgs.gov](mailto:wnewell@usgs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is to meet the USGS requirement stipulated in the Survey Manual.

**P. Patrick Leahy,**

*Associate Director for Geology.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Indian Gaming

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of approved Tribal-State Compact.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. § 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Tribal-State Compact between the

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and the State of Idaho, executed on February 18, 2000.

**DATES:** This action is effective September 8, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

Dated: August 24, 2000.

**Kevin Gover,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[MT-912-0777-HN-003E]

#### Notice of Special Fire Restrictions—Restrictions and Conditions of Use in the Lewistown, Butte and Dillon Field Offices, MT

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Bureau of Land Management Montana State Director Mat Millenbach has initiated Level 4 fire restrictions, effective 12:01 pm Mountain Daylight Time Tuesday, September 5, 2000, on BLM lands in the Montana counties listed below.

The Level 4 fire restrictions apply to BLM lands in: Carbon, Sweet Grass, Stillwater, Park, Gallatin, Madison, Beaverhead, Jefferson, Broadwater, Meagher, Lewis and Clark east of the continental divide, Cascade, Teton, Pondera, Toole and Glacier counties.

With Level 4 fire restrictions, the following activities are prohibited on BLM-managed lands.

Building, maintaining, attending, or using a campfire or any open fire is prohibited (43 CFR 9212.1(h)). Gas and liquid-fueled stoves and lanterns are still permitted at a signed developed, designated recreation site or campground.

Contained units, campers, trailers, etc. are not restricted to designated areas if cooking within the contained unit. This includes pickups with toppers, but not an open pickup bed. Boats on water are considered a contained unit.

Camping in contained units is confined to areas immediately adjacent to open roads.

Possessing or using motorized vehicles such as, but not limited to cars, trucks, trail bikes, motorcycles and all terrain vehicles off of cleared roads is

prohibited except for persons with a grazing, oil and gas or mining permit performing activities in accordance with their permit. Cleared roads are defined as roads cleared of vegetation shoulder to shoulder (43 CFR 9212.1(h)).

Travel via foot or bicycle will be allowed on roads that have been closed due to the extreme fire danger.

Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building; at an improved place of habitation; at a developed, designated recreation site or campground; or while stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is cleared of all flammable material, is prohibited (43 CFR 9212.1(h)).

Use of chainsaws or other equipment with internal combustion engines for felling, bucking, skidding/wood cutting, road-building, and other high fire risk operations is prohibited. Exceptions are helicopter yarding and earth moving on areas of cleared and bare soil. Sawing incidental to loading operations on cleared landings is not necessarily restricted (43 CFR 9212.1(h)).

Welding, blasting (except seismic operations confined by ten or more feet of soil, sand or cuttings), and other activities with a high potential for causing wildland fires are prohibited (43 CFR 9212.1(h)).

A patrol is required for a period of two hour following the cessation of all work activity. The patrolperson's responsibilities include checking for compliance with required fire precautions.

These restrictions are in addition to the following area closures: Departure Point Campground at Holter Lake T14 N, R 3 W, Sec 23, NE 1/4; Sleeping Giant Area including BLM lands along west shore of Holter Lake from Jackson Peak to the southern boundary across from Mann Gulch and east to I-15; Scratch Gravel Hills, near Helena.

Exemptions to the above prohibitions are allowed only for any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue, firefighting force or law enforcement in the performance of an official duty, or persons with a permit or written authorization allowing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

Authority for these prohibitions is pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701, *et seq.*), Sections 302(b) and 301(a); and Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 9210 (Fire Management), Subpart 9212 (Wildfire Prevention). These restrictions will become effective at 12:01 pm, Mountain Daylight Time, Tuesday, September 5, 2000, and will remain in effect until rescinded or revoked.

Violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or both.

**DATES:** Restrictions go into effect at 12:01 pm (noon) on Tuesday, September 5, 2000, and will remain in effect until further notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to BLM Montana State Director, Attention: Pat Mullaney, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pat Mullaney, Fire Management Specialist, 406-896-2915.

Dated: September 5, 2000.

**Roberta A. Moltzen,**

*Acting State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[MT-912-0777-HN-003E]

#### Notice of Special Fire Restrictions—Restrictions and Conditions of Use in the Missoula and Butte Field Offices, Montana.

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 9212.2, the following acts are prohibited on all Bureau of Land Management lands administered by the Missoula Field Office in Missoula, Granite, and Powell counties and all lands administered by the Butte Field Office in Deer Lodge, west Silver Bow, and west Lewis and Clark counties. These restrictions are in addition to those enumerated in 43 CFR 9212.1 and become effective as of 12 p.m. (noon), Mountain Daylight Time on September 5, 2000. They will remain in effect until rescinded or revoked. They replace the restrictions enacted on August 11, 2000, which are hereby terminated.

Building, maintaining, attending, or using a campfire or any open fire except at a developed, designated recreation site or campground (43 CFR 9212.1(h)).

Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building; at an improved place of habitation; at a developed, designated recreation site or campground; or while stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is cleared of all flammable material (43 CFR 9212.1(h)).

Use of chainsaws or other equipment with internal combustion engines for