

Henry Whipple Federal Building, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, MN 55111; telephone: (612) 713-5142, facsimile: (612) 713-5290; or Ms. Elyse LaForest, National Park Service, 15 State Street, Boston, MA 02109, telephone: (617) 223-5190, facsimile: (617) 223-5164; Mr. Doug Erickson, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division, P.O. Box 30444, Lansing, MI 48909-7944; telephone: (517) 335-4316, facsimile: (517) 373-6705.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The approximately 115 acre State owned tract with NPS and GSA interest contains the South Fox Island Lighthouse facilities that are either listed or may be eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places and other historical or archeological resources may be present. The National Historic Preservation Act and other laws require these properties and resources be identified and considered in project planning. The public is requested to inform the FWS of concerns about archeological sites, buildings and structures, historic events, sacred and traditional areas, and other historic preservation concerns. Under the Proposed Action, the specific lands containing the lighthouse and associated buildings are not intended to be traded out of public ownership.

The NPS tract also includes proposed critical habitat for the federally endangered piping plover. The tract also contains federally threatened Pitcher's thistle, which is also present at other locations on the island. The deed will be subject to a conservation easement, if the portion of the southern tip containing these two federally listed species is traded.

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians has unresolved claims to title and other property rights on the island. There is a cemetery on private land, which under the proposed action, would move to public ownership with guaranteed access.

There have been ongoing conflicts over trespass on both public, and private land parcels on the island. The ability of the public to access all land currently in State ownership is an ongoing issue.

The Service estimates that the draft EIS will be made available to the public by late 2001.

Dated: May 3, 2001.

**William F. Hartwig,**

*Regional Director, Region 3, Fort Snelling, MN.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Weber Dam Repair and Modification Project, Lyon and Mineral Counties, NV

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), with the cooperation of the Walker River Paiute Indian Tribe (Tribe), intends to gather information necessary for preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Weber Dam Repair and Modification Project on the Walker River Paiute Reservation, Lyon and Mineral Counties, Nevada. The purpose of the project is to correct unsafe conditions at Weber Dam in order to protect health and welfare needs of the Walker River Paiute and the citizens of the two counties. Details on the project location, proposed action, alternatives, and initial area of environmental concern to be addressed in the EIS are provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. This notice also announces public meetings on the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS.

**DATES:** Comments on the scope and implementation of this proposal must arrive by June 18, 2001. The public scoping meetings will be held on June 5, 2001, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and on June 6, 2001, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** You may mail or hand carry written comments to Amy L. Heuslein, Regional Environmental Protection Officer, Western Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Environmental Quality Services, P.O. Box 10 (400 N. 5th Street, 14th floor), Phoenix, Arizona, 85001; or to Chuck O'Rourke, Natural Resources Officer, Western Nevada Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1677 Hot Springs Road, Carson City, Nevada, 89706. (See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for E-mail options.)

The June 5, 2001, public meeting will be held at the Walker River Paiute Tribal Hall, #1 Hospital Road, Schurz, Nevada. The June 6, 2001, public meeting will be held at the Casino West Convention Center, 11 N. Main Street, Yerington, Nevada.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy Heuslein, (602) 379-6750, or Chuck O'Rourke, (775) 887-3550.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Weber Dam is located on the Walker River, northwest of the town of Schurz,

Nevada, and upriver from Walker Lake. Walker Lake is a desert lake located at the terminus of the Walker River, which once supported naturally-reproducing, indigenous, Lahontan cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki henshawi*) (LCT). LCT are currently listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1531-44. The lake fishery is maintained by hatchery production. Weber Dam is one of many structures on the Walker River that prevents LCT from migrating from the lake to a historical habitat in the Walker River basin.

Construction of Weber Dam, which is an earthen structure, began in 1934. It was completed in 1937. The dam serves to store water for irrigation of farmland on the Walker River Paiute Reservation. Because it sits on an earthquake fault and has been leaking for many years, the BIA has determined, under the Indian Dams Safety Act, 25 U.S.C. 3801-04, that Weber Dam is a high hazard dam. This means that if the dam should fail, there is a potential for loss of human life downstream. The BIA has therefore assigned Weber Dam the highest priority for modification due to its unsafe condition.

On September 30, 1991, the Tribe entered into a contract with BIA pursuant to Public Law 93-638, under which the Tribe will carry out the BIA's responsibilities for repair and modification of Weber Dam pursuant to the Indian Dams Safety Act, including the preparation of environmental compliance documents. In this case, after completing an Environmental Assessment in 1994 and Supplemental Assessment in 1998, the BIA, in consultation with the Tribe, determined that an EIS is needed in order to analyze the effects of the proposed project on the human environment. The design and specifications for the repair and modification were provided by the Bureau of Reclamation.

The proposed action to be addressed in the EIS is the repair and modification of Weber Dam, pursuant to the Indian Dams Safety Act. Alternatives to the proposed action include no action, relocating a section of the dam from an existing earthquake fault, renovating the outlet works, reestablishing a wetlands area and removing the impediment to upstream and downstream passage for LCT. The effect of the proposed action on LCT is a primary area of environmental concern to be addressed in the EIS.

#### Public Comment Solicitation

As an alternative to submitting written comments regarding the content of the EIS to the locations identified in the **ADDRESSES** section, interested

persons may instead comment via the Internet to AmyHeuslein@bia.gov or to ChuckO'Rourke@bia.gov. Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. If you do not receive confirmation from the system that your Internet message was received, contact Amy Heuslein at (602) 379-6750, or Chuck O'Rourke at (775) 887-3550.

Comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the mailing addresses shown in the **ADDRESSES** section, during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

#### Authority

This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508), implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.1.

Dated: April 12, 2001.

#### James H. McDivitt,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs (Management).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AK-962-1410-HY-P; F-19557]

#### Alaska Native Claims Selection

**Authority:** 43 CFR 2650.7(d)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to the Heirs, Devisees, and/or Assigns of Evans Egowa for lands in T. 1 S., R. 1 W., Fairbanks Meridian, located in Fairbanks, Alaska. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner.

**DATES:** The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until June 15, 2001 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

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.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jerri Sansone (907) 271-3231.

Jerri Sansone,

*Land Law Examiner.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CO-700-01-1220-AL-1784]

#### 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 July, 2001 in Montrose, Colorado.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, July 12, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** For additional information, contact Roger Alexander, Bureau of Land Management, 2465 South Townsend Avenue, Montrose, Colorado 81401; phone 970.240.5335; e-mail roger\_alexander@co.blm.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The July 12, 2001 meeting will be held at the

Delta-Montrose Electric Association building, 11925 6300 Road, in Montrose, Colorado. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and end no later than 4:30 p.m. The agenda will include an update on BLM Colorado's travel management planning process, a presentation on the land health assessment process, and discussions on off-highway vehicle issues and oil and gas issues. General public comment is scheduled for 9:15 a.m.

Summary minutes for Council meetings are maintained at BLM's Western Slope Center office in Montrose and on the internet at [www.co.blm.gov/swrac/swrac.htm](http://www.co.blm.gov/swrac/swrac.htm) and are available for public inspection and reproduction within thirty (30) days following each meeting.

Dated: May 7, 2001.

Roger Alexander,

*Public Affairs Specialist.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-030-1610-DU]

#### Notice of Availability, Public Meeting, and Protest Period for the Proposed Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Navy Natural Resource Management Plan for Federal Lands in Churchill County, NV

**AGENCIES:** Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Carson City Field Office in partnership with the Department of Defense, U.S. Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability, public meeting, and protest period for a proposed amendment to the Lahontan Resource Management Plan (RMPA) for the Bureau of Land Management, Carson City Field Office (BLM) based on specific direction within Public Law 106-65, section 3014 (Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999). In addition, as a personnel and cost-saving stratagem, the RMPA was prepared jointly with the Naval Air Station Fallon (Navy) to comply with Department of Defense requirements for an Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan (INRMP) in accordance with the Sikes Act Amendment Act (1997), Public Law 105-85.

**SUMMARY:** The BLM and Navy determined that combining the two agencies' planning processes is the appropriate means to serve as the analysis and basis for decisions on lands